



Town of Rensselaerville

The Hamlets of Cooksburg, Medusa, Potter Hollow, Preston Hollow, and Rensselaerville

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January 2010 Town Board Minutes Summary

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 14th day of January at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Dermody and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Marie Dermody, Councilman Gary Chase, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilwoman Dale Dorner, Councilman John Kudlack, Attorney Joseph Catalano, Town Clerk Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

Also present was Superintendent Gary Zeh and 21 interested citizens.

RULES OF ORDER: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that the Town Board has decided to enforce the Rules of Order which were adopted on February 14, 2009. At the Work Meeting they discussed a few minor changes to the Rules of Order which are audience comments.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to adopt the Rules of Order with the changes; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

Rules of Order included at the back of the minutes.

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that she is making an effort to get these meetings on public access TV.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Supervisor Dermody asked that people speaking come to the podium and give their name and Hamlet.

- Gerald Wood, Preston Hollow, NY, asked about why are there other video cameras being used. Is there a reason for it?

Supervisor Dermody mentioned according to the Open Meeting Law, we cannot disallow people from video taping the meetings as long as they don't disturb anything.

- Mrs. Parker, Rensselaerville, NY asked if there is going to be a forensic audit.
- Jim Gloriosio, Preston Hollow, NY asked about the Right to Farm Law. Has anything been done about finding this law?
- Donald Parker, Rensselaerville, NY asked about the \$7000.00 that was spent on a new furnace. Could you have found something cheaper?

MINUTES: A motion was made by John Kudlack to accept the minutes for the Organizational Meeting held on January 1, 2010, 2nd by Councilman Chase. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that the minutes for the December 30, 2009 Final Meeting had a different Town Board. We do not have a majority of the Town Board to accept those minutes.

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Library Bookmark

What's New?

To continue Rensselaerville's "literary tradition" (reinforced by the Festival of Writers last summer and last month's very successful reading and book-signing by author Helen Benedict), **the library will once again be hosting its "Fifth Annual Poetry Month Celebration" in April.** Please save the dates, April 2 and 3 for two days of readings by local authors, Albany area authors, and by **featured guest poet/writer/teacher Stephen O'Connor.** In conjunction with Conkling Hall, we'll also be hosting our popular Favorite Poem Project once again. (Simply bring a favorite poem to read aloud and share with friends and neighbors.) Call the library or check local bulletin boards for more specific details as the time gets closer. If you're interested in participating as a poet/writer, call Linda Miller @936-4402.

Game Night at the Library!

Interested in playing games with friends? Stop by the Library at **6PM on Wednesday, March 3rd** for our first in a monthly series of Game Nights. This month's game: Apples to Apples! No knowledge of game required! Call Liz at 797-3949 for more details.

Writers' Group at the Library - If you love to write, but don't find the time, join us on the Second Thursday of each month - on the balcony at 7:00 pm. For more information, call: Linda Miller @936-4402

Interested in Joining a Book Group at the Library? Please tell us:

- Would you like to meet in the early afternoon, or in the evening?
- What days of the week are best for you to meet?
- Please call 797-3949, email the Director at kinge@uhls.lib.ny.us, or stop by the circulation desk and sign-up for further information!

Saturday Story Times at 10AM:

- **March 13** - Dr. Seuss
- **March 27** - Bedtime Stories

Second Weekend Film Series:

- **Friday, March 12th at 6:30P.M.**
Where the Wild Things Are.
101 min. Rated PG.
- **Saturday, March 13 at 7:00P.M.**
Waking Ned Devine.
Run time: 91 min. Rated PG.

Looking for company while you knit, crochet, or sew? Come join others with similar interests **every Tuesday night from 7:00-9:00P.M. at our Handwork Group Meetings.** Bring any projects you are currently working on (or ideas for them!) and teach others, learn from others, share, show-and-tell, and have a good time!

Library Seeking Donor:

We are looking for funds in the amount of \$700 for a matching grant to furnish our coming-soon, new teen lounge. Anyone interested in making a tax-deductible, charitable donation can call Liz King at 797-3949.

Have you checked us out on Facebook? Visit our new page at www.facebook.com/rensselaervillelibrary. Become a fan and spread the word,



Staff:
Liz King, Director;
Katie Caprio, Assistant;
Barbara Husek, Assistant;
Zachary Wellstood, Page

The next **Library Board meeting** is on **Monday, March 15th at 7:00P.M.**

Library Hours:

Tuesday &

Wednesday:

10:00 AM to Noon,

4:00-9:00 PM

Thursday & Friday:

4:00-9:00 PM

Saturday:

9:00-1:00 PM

rensselaervillelibrary.org

Conkling Hall—What's On In March

FRIDAY, MARCH 12: "Second Friday" Movie for Children. 6:30 PM. \$1 admission; BYO treats.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13: RHDA (Rensselaerville Historic District Assn) presents the annual Irish Writers event in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Come read and/or listen to the words of Irish writers. 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Free Will Donations for food and Irish drink.

This event will coordinate with an Irish-themed film as the "Second Saturday Movie" to follow.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13: "Second Saturday" Movie for Grown-Ups. See above. 7:00 PM. \$2 admission; BYO treats.



Methodist Hill Road
Rensselaerville, NY
(518) 797- 3459

SATURDAY, MARCH 20: PBS FRONTLINE'S "From Jesus to Christ". The First Part of a Two Part Series. 6:00 PM for the presentation. A fellowship hour will precede the movie. If you wish, come at 5:00 PM with a sandwich and we will provide a cup of soup. This event is sponsored by the Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. EQUINOX YOGA RETREAT with Sarah Nelson Weiss. Spend the first day of spring doing yoga. Three different asana classes, plus a lecture/demonstration, an introduction to meditation techniques and breathing exercises, and more. Email savitrisarah@hotmail.com to receive a detailed description, or call Sarah at 239-6825 for information. No experience necessary. Pre-registration required.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27: PBS FRONTLINE'S "The First Christians". The Second Part of Two Part Series. 6:00 PM for the presentation. A fellowship hour will precede the movie. If you wish, come at 5:00 PM with a sandwich and we will provide a cup of soup. This event is sponsored by the Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church.

Pilates: Saturdays 9 - 10 AM. Mat class. Strengthen your abdominals, gain long, lean muscles and work with good alignment. Appropriate for all levels.

Yoga: Tuesdays 9 - 10:15 AM. Move, breathe and relax. Good for what ails you. Open to all. Please call Sarah Nelson-Weiss at 239 6825 for more information.

You can contact Conkling Hall at 518 797 3459 or read our website at www.ConklingHall.org. We send frequent announcements/reminders about our events. If you wish to be added to the list, please give us your email address at ConklingHall@earthlink.net.

Amanda's Law Takes Effect

As of February 22, 2010, in an attempt to protect New Yorkers from deadly carbon monoxide, all new and existing homes statewide are required to have carbon monoxide (CO) detectors installed. All one- and two-family dwellings, multifamily dwellings, and rentals having a fuel-burning appliance, system, or attached garage are included in this law, regardless of the date of construction of the building or whether the building has or has not been offered for sale.

For a building constructed on or after January 1, 2008, CO monitors are required to be installed within each dwelling unit or sleeping unit on each story having a sleeping area and on each story where a carbon monoxide source is located. For a building constructed before January 1, 2008, CO monitors are required within each dwelling or sleeping unit, on the lowest story having a sleeping area.

The full text of the law, known as Amber's Law, can be found at <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/code/COAlarm.htm>.

Senior Corner

Need Information? Elder Source Line (447-7177) has information about Senior Services to help in a variety of ways. Call between 8:30AM-12:30PM Monday through Friday. Call for free assistance with housing options, insurance counseling, benefits and entitlements, community resources, adult daycare, and caregiver options. This program is funded by United Way of Northeastern New York and Senior Services of Albany Foundation.

Senior Citizens Club: We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Medusa Firehouse at noon. \$1.00 is collected. ALL senior citizens are invited to join the club. Please bring a covered dish to share and/or dessert. Members need to bring their own plates and utensils. Coffee is provided.

Senior Van: Tuesday: Bryant's Center, Greenville
Thursday: Cobleskill (Wal-Mart)
Monday, Wednesday and Friday: Van is available to travel to doctor appointments. Call Ann Vogel at 797-3376 regarding scheduling and/or arranging for van pick up.

Helderberg Senior Services: Lunches are served Monday through Friday at noon for \$3.75. A one-day advance reservation would be appreciated and can be made by calling Marie at 797-3652 between 9:00AM-1:00PM for information and reservations.

We need volunteer drivers!!!! If you have a valid driver's license and could volunteer a couple hours of your time now and then, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Kathy Hallenbeck, Town Clerk, for more details.



Public Information Session with the Wind Study Committee

Wednesday, March 3rd at 7 PM
Rensselaerville Town Hall

Purpose: To provide an update on the committee's research on Commercial Wind Power, and to solicit our residents' questions, comments and concerns.

**Join us in shaping wind policy
in our community!!**



**We promote ethical,
honest, and
competent town
government
regardless of party
affiliation!**

"As Mankind becomes more liberal, they will be more apt to allow that all those who conduct themselves as worthy members of the community are equally entitled to the protections of civil government. I hope ever to see America among the foremost nations of justice and liberality."

— George Washington

Contact us to contribute to our work

PO Box 159, Rensselaerville, NY 12147
518-797-3296

<http://groups.google.com/group/concerned-citizens-of-rensselaerville>

Extra Helpings Food Buying Club — Available to Everyone

Extra Helpings is a program of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York and is offered to the community through The Hilltowns Community Resource Center (HCRC) in Westerlo. The program is open to all individuals regardless age or income. Extra Helpings has changed the prices and the menus being offered. Anyone is welcome to purchase any or all of the package options. The menu for each month's Extra Helpings' offerings will still be published one month in advance. March's Extra Helpings menus are as follows:

March's Regular menu: \$21.00

- 3.75 lbs. avg. wt. Bavarian Holiday Ham Half
- 1 lb. Natural Polish Kielbasa
- 1 lb. Pkg. Hamburger (09/10)
- 1 lb. Pkg. Chicken Patties
- 1 pt. Grape Tomatoes
- 1 Cantaloupe

Special #1: \$ 19.00

- 8.5 lbs. avg. wt. Spiral-Cut Ham

Special # 2: \$ \$ 13.25

- 2 lb. Bag of Cooked Shrimp
peeled/cleaned/de-veined I.Q.F. (41 - 50 count)

Special #3: \$32.00 MEAT BOX

- 2 lbs. Cranberry & Apple Stuffed Pork Chops
- 3 lbs. Honey-Mustard Flavored Chicken Breast
- 3 lbs. Home Style Beef Patties
- 2 lbs. Maple Breakfast Sausage Links
- 3 lbs. Chicken Patties

(Substitutions of equal value may be necessary due to availability.)

PLEASE NOTE: Orders *with payment* are due at the HCRC office by **March 9th** for pick-up on **March 23rd**. HCRC distributes Extra-Helpings at the Rensselaerville Firehouse from 11:00 to 12:00 p.m. and at St. Bernadette's Church in Berne from 11:15 to 11:45 p.m. on delivery days. The pick-up site must be noted with each order. Anyone wishing more information regarding Extra-Helpings or other Hilltowns Community Resource Center services, please call 797-5256. HCRC's mailing address is P.O. Box 147, Westerlo, NY 12193. Please include your phone number on all correspondence.

Tax Collection Day

Saturday, March 27, 2010—10:00AM—1:00PM
Town Hall

The 2010 Census – A Great Way to Earn Extra Money NOW

Please note that the US Census Bureau is recruiting NOW to hire over 1,400 temporary part-time census takers for the 2010 Census in the Greater Capital District. The sooner you apply, the sooner you will be hired.

The pay is good, (\$15.00 - \$16.50, depending upon the job), the hours are flexible, you are reimbursed for all mileage, and the work is close to home. **CALL (518) 362-2170, to learn how and where you can apply.**

To do your best on the Census qualifying exam, applicants may want to take the practice test which is available here: http://www.census.gov/2010censusjobs/documents/Practice_Test.pdf.

Census taker jobs are excellent for retirees, college students, persons who want to work part-time, persons who are between jobs, or just about anyone who wants to earn extra money while performing an important service for their community.

Every 10 years, a census of our population is conducted. The results help determine your representation in government, as well as how federal funds are spent in your community on things like roads, parks, housing, schools, and public safety. As a census taker, you'll play a vital role in making sure that everyone is included.

Besides good pay, you'll have flexible hours, paid training, and the chance to work within your own community. You'll earn a place in history, as well as work experience you can add to your resume.

Middleburgh Library Happenings

3/1, 4, 8, 11, 15, & 18 - 2:00 PM - Tai-Chi - The ancient discipline of Tai Chi combines agile steps; joint safe exercise and mental strength to improve mobility, breathing, and relaxation in ways that help you feel in greater control over your daily life. It' a joint safe way for people of all ages to enjoy life and meet new friends, while taking control of your physical, emotional and mental health. Taught by a trained professional. **Registration Required.**

3/2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 - 10:30 AM - Drop-in Storytime - Join us for stories, songs, finger-plays and a short movie. This fun, interactive program is meant for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. No registration is required.

3/2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 - 3:30 PM - Reading with Indy - Indy is a trained and certified therapy dog who along with his trainer, Karen Van Dyke, offers non-judgmental ears to your little one. Children who are just beginning to read, need practice reading, or simply need a confidence boost will find Indy a great friend.

3/3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 - 1:00 PM - Wednesday Matinee - Ireland in Film - "Evelyn" (PG), "Waking Ned Devine" (PG), "The Secret of Roan Irish", "The Matchmaker" (R), "The Snapper" (R).

3/4, 11, 18, & 25 - 7:00 PM - Knitting Circle - Do you like to knit or crochet or do you participate in other fiber arts? Bring your project and join your neighbors for some creativity and conversation. No registration is required.

3/17 - 10:30 AM - Library Babies - This special storytime is designed especially for babies 3 - 14 months and their caregivers. We'll read, sing, bounce and have fun all while teaching pre-literacy skills. No registration is required.

3/24 - 10:30 AM - Drop-in Storytime - Can't make it on Tuesday mornings or just want to get out of the house more? Come to our once a month Storytime on Wednesday mornings with Doreen McCoy. Miss Doreen will delight your little one with stories and a craft!

3/31 - 12:00 PM - Chat & Chew - Bring a bag lunch & join the Director in a discussion about what we've all been reading.

For further details and additional programs, check out our web site at www.middleburghlibrary.org or stop in the library for a brochure of activities.



**ALL YOU CAN EAT
BREAKFAST
7 to 11 AM**

**MARCH 20TH
APRIL 17TH**

**MEDUSA FIRE COMPANY
Free Will Offering**



Town of Rensselaerville Refuse/Recycling Center

87 Barger Road
Medusa, NY 12120

518-797-3798
518-239-4225



Pre-Pay Items: Please pay and get a coupon at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours.

Car tires—\$2.00/each

Truck tires—\$5.00/per ply

Vehicle batteries—\$2.00/each

Appliances—\$5.00/each for washers,

dryers, stoves, refrigerators,

*freezers, *air conditioners

*have Freon appropriately removed.



No Charge Items:

Oil filters and household batteries are accepted without charge. There is a special bin at the recycling facility to deposit batteries.

Household garbage must be in clear plastic bags. If you are unable to find clear trash bags in stores, they are available at a cost of \$2.50 for 20 bags (30-gallon size).

Scrap metal has its own dedicated bin. Please be sure to deposit such items in the appropriate bin.

A Salvation Army bin is also available during Recycling Center hours.

Please see other side for additional important information.

Town of Rensselaerville Refuse/Recycling Center

Helpful information regarding the Town of Rensselaerville's Refuse/Recycling Center

GLASS, METAL, & PLASTIC		
INCLUDE	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	DO NOT INCLUDE
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GLASS CONTAINERS: GREEN, BLUE, BROWN, & CLEAR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food & beverage containers • Liquor & wine bottles • Deposit bottles • Canning & food jars <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PLASTIC CONTAINERS: CODES 1 & 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soda bottles • Milk & water jugs/bottles • Windshield washer jugs • Mustard & ketchup bottles • Mouthwash bottles • Salad dressing bottles • Peanut butter jars <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>All containers can be combined & placed loosely in bin.</p> <p>Do <u>not</u> break glass—broken glass must be wrapped & secured & placed in trash</p> <p>Labels <u>do not</u> need to be removed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rinse thoroughly.</p> <p>Remove & discard all lids, caps, & tops.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACCEPTABLE PLASTICS (See code on bottom of containers.)</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X Broken glass X Drinking glass X Ovenware & ceramics X Window panes X Mirrors X Windshields X Dishes, cups, or plates X Empty plastic bags X Plates & tableware X Motor oil bottles X Clothes hangers X Number 3-7 plastics X Styrofoam packaging X Flower pots X Furniture X Six-pack holders X Snack bags X Toys X Plastic caps & lids X Plexiglas
<p>BEVERAGE CARTONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milk cartons • Juice cartons <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juice boxes</p>	<p>Squeeze juice boxes until empty.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Throw away straws.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X Straws & wrappers X Plastic caps
<p>METAL & ALUMINUM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food & beverage cans • Deposit cans 	<p>Include metal lids.</p> <p><u>No</u> need to flatten</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X Metal/cardboard containers (such as cocoa containers, etc.) X Foil wrap or trays X Silverware X Small appliances (such as toasters, blenders, etc.) X Pesticides, chemicals, gasoline, & paint

Church Services



Preston Hollow Baptist Church

Route 145, Preston Hollow,
239-6544
Worship: Sunday - 11:00AM

Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church

Summer Session Worship - 11:00AM
Coffee Hour following Service

United Church of Christ

Medusa, 239-6119
Worship: Sunday - 10:00AM

Trinity Episcopal Church

Trinity Lane, Rensselaerville,
797-5395
Holy Eucharist & Church School Sunday
11:00AM

Potter Hollow Union Church

4824 Potter Hollow Mountain Road
Potter Hollow, 263-4478
Worship: Sunday - 10:00AM
Coffee Hour & Sunday School—11:30AM



Spring Yoga Retreat

With Sarah Nelson Weiss
Sunday, March 21, 2010
9 am - 6 pm

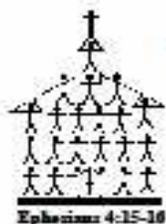
Call 239-6825 for info or
Email savitrisarah@hotmail.com

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**EASTER HOLY WEEK SERVICES
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TRINITY LANE, RENSSELAERVILLE
MARCH 28 – APRIL 4, 2010
Officiated by Fr. Jay North
Everyone Welcome**

- Palm Sunday - March 28, 11:00am - Blessing of the Palms - Holy Eucharist
- Maundy Thursday - April 1, 7:00pm - Eucharist, Foot Washing, Altar of Repose
- Good Friday - April 2, 7:00pm - The Passion, according to St. John, Solemn Prayers
- Holy Easter Vigil - April 3, 8:00pm - Lighting of the 'New Fire' and Pascal candle, Eucharist
- Easter Egg Hunt - April 4, 10:30 - All ages - Beginning of the Rebirth
- Easter Holy Eucharist - April 4, 11:00am - Celebration of the Resurrection
- Easter Champaign Brunch - April 4, 12:00pm



The Church @ Potter Hollow

Potter Hollow Union Church News

Ephesians 4:15-16

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

Morning Worship

10am

Mustard Seed Coffee Hour,
Youth & Adult Bible Studies

11:30am

Praise & Prayer

6:30pm

(Call for location and details)

March 14th (and every 2nd Sunday) pot luck in
place of coffee hour and Bible studies.

Want to learn how to deal with people better?



Come 6:30 Sunday Evenings for our
Relationships Class

for help with communication, resolving
conflict and more. We'll share truth that
will help relationships with co-workers,
children, spouses, and everyone in your
life. Instruction by Mike Ryan.

Feb. 28th - April 18th

2nd Tuesdays!!! FAMILY NIGHT

Starting
March 9th
5 pm - 7 pm

**Free dinner
provided!**

- DINNER
- GAMES
- BIBLE TRUTH
- CRAFTS & MORE



FEEL LIKE YOU NEVER SEE YOUR CHILDREN? ALL THESE PROGRAMS DRIVING YOU APART? CLAIM YOUR FAMILY BACK! SET OUT 2 HOURS ONCE A MONTH TO DO SOMETHING TOGETHER! THE WHOLE FAMILY IS INVITED FROM BABIES TO GRANDPARENTS.

"Nick @ Night"

Palm Sunday

March 28th

6:30 pm



Explore the life of Nicodemus and his
life lessons through a puppet play and
musical performed by our local kids.

Resurrection Celebration Sunday! April 4th



8:30am Early Service

10:00am **Free breakfast!**
call (518)263-4478 to RSVP.

11:00am Praise service

*All services will be at our Fellowship Hall
this year.*

VISIT US

Potter Hollow Union Church
Fellowship Hall
4824 Potter Hollow Rd.
Potter Hollow NY.
nathandmiles@hotmail.com
(518) 263-4478

A Note from Marion Cooke, Town Council

I plan to submit a paid article each month so that you can read about current issues in the Town being discussed. Due to the fact that we all lead busy lives you may not be able to or choose not to attend Board meetings.

For some old news first, in January I attended the classes for new Town Board members that The Association of Towns provided in Albany, NY. I thank you and the Town Board for allowing me to attend. The cost was \$150.00 per person and I know I learned a little bit about a lot!

There were classes that the Association of Towns taught about duties of Town Board members and who to contact about questions you might have. The responsibility of following the Adopted Budget, auditing of vouchers and protecting your money was the major topic. Then, just like at home unplanned things happen and in January a furnace died at Town Hall, along with the Town's main computer quitting a few days later. So much for following the budget!

There were quite a few other topics covered such as ethnics and the appearance of conflicts regarding elected Town Officials and appointments, and procurement policies. There is no possible way that you can learn all your duties and responsibilities in 3 days but it gave you an overview to move forward with. I know I will be asking a lot of questions and hope to represent you in the best possible way.

At February's Town Board meeting, a Town financial audit was approved. An audit hasn't been done in recent years and there will be an RFP going out for proposals. There was money allotted for this in the 2010 budget.

The Town will be accepting waste oil again with some ideas that Gary Zeh and John Whitbeck came up with. Of course there are rules so make sure that you are aware of them before bring waste oil to Town Hall.

Marie Dermody, Town Supervisor, has been meeting with various people about grant writing, record storage and records room, Town insurance, investment policy, and proposals for maintenance of our computer systems and more. She has applied for a member items grant from Senator Neil Breslin for a records room and the rest of the Board members are exploring for different types of storage and information. Bob Bolte, who has received previous grants, has applied for a grant for an adequate well, to update the electrical service to prevent low voltage and a permanent standby generator for Town Hall as it is also our civil defense building. With the state's economy we have no idea if the grant monies will come in, but it doesn't hurt to try!

Gary Zeh presented the Highway Superintendent's report about all the washouts on the Town Roads during the recent rainstorms and progress repairing the roads. He has major concerns about the money being spent on equipment repairs and the bills that were not turned in at the end of 2009. Full report may be viewed on the Town's website.

Being my email address was omitted in the last newsletter it is: mcooke.rensselaerville@yahoo.com. I hope to hear from you with ideas and issues you might have. Until next time!

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ALBANY COUNTY RABIES CLINIC

The annual rabies clinic will be held at the BERNE HIGHWAY GARAGE ON SATURADAY, MARCH 20, 2010.

1 to 2:30 PM for Cats

2:30 to 4 PM for Dogs

Bring proof of prior vaccination. Animals must be leashed or in carriers.

Donation - \$5.00 per animal

Further info call 447-4620



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TRANSFERS

General Fund: From:	To:
Equipment Reserve \$7175.00	A1620.2 Building Equipment \$7175.00

Fire Districts:	
Loan from General Fund \$4142.01	FP 9040.8 Workers Comp \$4142.01

BOILER REPLACEMENT: Supervisor Dermody explained that our boiler burned a hole in itself and we had to replace it. Also over the weekend the new furnace went out and our pipes froze and broke. Main Care replaced the furnace and all the broken pipes. They did an excellent job; they even supplied heaters to keep the offices warm.

We have two options to pay for this, to either take it out of equipment reserve or building contractual. A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorner authorizing payment to be made to Main-Care for the new furnace, 2nd by Councilman Chase. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that there was no anti-freeze in the old system, Main-Care will put anti-freeze in the new system. They estimate 25 gallons at a cost of \$30.00 per gallon.

The Town Board discussed the anti-freeze issue and what fund to take the payment out for the new furnace.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to have Main-Care put the anti-freeze in the new system; 2nd by Councilman Chase. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to make the following transfer for the furnace expenses;

From:	To:	Amount:
A1620.4 Buildings, cont.	A1620.2 Buildings Equip.	\$7175.00

2nd by Councilwoman Dorner. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

Workers Comp.: Clerk 1 Cornwell explained that there wasn't enough funding in the workers compensation funding for the fire companies. This expense was listed differently last year.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to make the following transfer for the Fire Districts;

From:	To:	Amount:
Loan from General Fund	FP9040.8 Workers Comp.	\$4142.01

2nd by Councilwoman Dorner. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

ABSTRACT 2010-1, VOUCHERS, BILLS: The General Fund - \$8,888.74; Highway Fund - \$18,756.46; Water District - \$144.41; Sewer District - \$25801.00; Lighting District; \$612.61. Retirement, Workmen's Compensation, Health Insurance - \$124,821.88. Emergency purchase of furnace - \$3500.00.

The Town Board discussed the voucher submitted by the Deputy Water/Sewer Treatment Officer. This bill was for 2007, 2008, and 2009. A letter will be sent to him stating that he must submit vouchers in a timely manner (quarterly) and also submit a time sheet with them.

Jack Long, Temporary Chairman of the Water/Sewer Committee, mentioned that they discussed this bill at their last meeting. They have been asking him to submit more often. The Committee had approved this bill to be paid.

Councilwoman Cooke mentioned that she is employed by Greenville/Norton Hill Lumber Company and that she will not be signing any of the bills that they submit.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to pay all signed vouchers; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

CENTRAL HUDSON: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that we received a notice from Central Hudson stat-

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ing that there will be hearings in Kingston and Poughkeepsie concerning a 6% rate increase in electric and gas.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR DERMODY

Supervisor Dermody mentioned in trying to keep a tighter control and understanding about the Town's fiscal position; she has the Town Budget on her computer. She will enter all the vouchers on the computer so that there will be a second backup of the bills. She will review and sign all vouchers prior to the Board meeting each month.

WAGE AND SALARY SCHEDULE: Supervisor Dermody reported that the wage and salary schedule that appeared in the Organizational Meeting minutes contained an error in Clerk 1's pay. Clerk 1 works on a salary; in the Organizational minutes it had the salary plus an hourly rate. There is no hourly rate. This needs to be corrected.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to clarify that the Clerk 1's pay is an annual salary, not an hourly rate; 2nd by Supervisor Dermody. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

COMPUTER SYSTEM: Supervisor Dermody reported on our computer problems. The Town server is dead, we need a new server. All our documents are on the server or no email. Supervisor Dermody got the following quotes from Dell for a new server; \$1913.00 to replace what we had and \$2376.78 for a larger server and more safety options. Supervisor Dermody explained what is in the larger server. Dell offers a two year next day service for problems at no cost.

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that she will contact Senator Breslin's office to see if we can get some funding to pay for the server. The Town Board discussed the server issue and what is needed for the Town to operate efficiently.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to purchase the server from Dell for the amount of \$2376.78; 2nd by Councilwoman Dorner. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

TOWN BOARD ANNUAL GOAL: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that it is the consensus of the Town Board to look into a fireproof records room as their Annual Goal. With the flooding of our records room from the furnace and the towns that have had fires in their building, she feels that this would be a good goal for the Town Board to pursue. The Town Board discussed this issue.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack that the Town Board is committed to explore the options for a records room and have this as their Annual Goal for 2010; 2nd by Councilwoman Dorner. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

FEMA: Supervisor Dermody reported that Joyce Chase has been working on the FEMA project and that one folder is complete except for the payroll. Supervisor Dermody is going to work on this. She will notify the Town Board when this is completed if anyone wants to look at it.

GRANT WRITERS: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that she has 2 possible two grant writers. She will keep the Town Board informed on this issue.

RFP for IT SERVICES: Attorney Catalano drafted a proposal for IT Services. The Town Board discussed seeking proposals for IT services. Supervisor Dermody will contact a number of IT providers and a notice will be posted in the paper.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorner to seek proposals for IT services, proposals to be in the Town Clerk's Office by February 9, 2010; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

RECYCLING: Supervisor Dermody had a visit with Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck concerning the following charges for recyclables; cardboard is now free, paper is free, co-mingled plastic - the cost goes from \$75.00 to \$35.00 a ton. Recycling Coordinator requests that only 1 and 2 plastics go in the recyclables.

RETIREMENT REGULATIONS: Supervisor Dermody reported that there is a change in the State Retirement 315.4. This changes how the elected and appointed officials in the State retirement who don't punch a

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time card must report their time. They must keep a time sheet.

MEMBER ITEM: Supervisor Dermody is presently writing a letter to Senator Breslin's asking for a substantial amount of money for a 2010 Member Item.

PAINTING PARTY: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that she has planned a painting party for January 23, 2010, 9AM to paint the meeting room and hallway. Anyone wishing to help please come on the 23rd.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept Supervisor Dermody's monthly report; 2nd by Councilwoman Dorner. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

TOWN ATTORNEY

ROOF: Attorney Catalano mentioned that at the December 2009 meeting the Town Board voted to accept the bid for a roof replacement from Marks Remodeling. The Town Board needs to make a motion authorizing Supervisor Dermody to sign the contract. The contractor has signed the contract.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorner to authorize Supervisor Dermody to sign the contract for the roof replacement; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results;

Supervisor Dermody—AYE; Councilman Chase—AYE; Councilwoman Cooke—ABSTAINED;
Councilwoman Dorner—AYE; Councilman Kudlack—AYE

GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 103 AMENDED: Attorney Catalano mentioned that Councilwoman Cooke and Councilman Kudlack attended the Association of Town Seminar in January and came back with the following information. The General Municipal Law 103 amended the amount to purchase from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000 for the purchase of equipment and from \$10,000 to \$35,000 for public works. The Local Law Procurement Policy that we did in 2008 stated \$10,000.00 and \$20,000.00.

The Town Board discussed this issue and decided to stay with what we have in our local law.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW s808: This Law gave towns the authority to create a Board of Ethics but it notes that there must be an appointed or elected official on the Board of Ethics. The other members must be non-employees. Discussion ensued regarding re-appointing Georgette Koenig to the position of Assistant to the Newsletter Coordinator. No action taken at this time.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Superintendent Zeh mentioned that the Highway Department he has been busy plowing snow and doing a lot of repairs on the vehicles. The men have done a great job on the roads and have very helpful getting him acquainted with the job. Superintendent Zeh has also contacted Marshall & Sterling to get some safety meetings started.

He and Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck are working on a plan to get the waste oil furnace up and running. Superintendent Zeh reported on the Route 85 Project. We are still eligible and we can pull out when we want.

Superintendent Zeh mentioned that you can dial 511 and get the local traffic and road conditions.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorner to accept Superintendent Zeh's monthly report; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

TOWN CLERK: Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported the following collected and paid out for the month of December 2009: Town Clerk's Department - Total Collected - \$942.09. Paid to the Supervisor - \$780.48 (fees); Paid to the Albany County Treasurer - \$28.85 (Dog License.); Paid to NYS Agriculture & Markets - \$12.00 (spay & neutering program); Paid to NYS Environmental Conservation - \$98.26 (sport License); Paid to NYS Department of Health - \$22.50 (Marriage License). Water Rents 2009 interest on account - \$15.07. Sewer Rent interest on account - \$12.29. 2009 Tax Collection (March penalties) - \$3818.72.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of December 2009; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT: Supervisor Dermody read the financial report as submitted by Clerk 1 Cornwell. Superintendent Dermody mentioned that she is going to set up an appointment with

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Tom Bodden from the Association of Towns to get some instruction on the fiscal responsibilities of a town supervisor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR: CEO Overbaugh reported that they had one permit for a septic tank replacement in December. For the year 2009 he had 22 building permits, 16 zoning permits, 11 permit renewals for a total cost of \$2612.30. There were 16 new homes at a value of \$999,000.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept CEO Overbaugh's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT: Assessor Kropp reported that exemptions are due by March 1st.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Assessor report; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

BOARD OF ETHICS: The Board of Ethics has not had any issues; they have not met.

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that an acknowledgement of receipt of the Code of Ethics as well as Schedule A outlining the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Ethics has been sent to each member. The members must sign and return this receipt.

The Town Board discussed the fact that the expiration date of the members is not on December 31st which is the date that most of the appointments end. Attorney Catalano mentioned that all new appointees can have their expiration date at the end of the year but we can't change the current expiration of the current members.

A letter of Interest for people wishing to be on the Board of Ethics will be discussed at the February meeting.

TOWN JUSTICE:

COURT CASE

Justice La Plante will be holding a trial on January 29, 2010. There will be 25 people associated with this case; the Court must feed them lunch.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to approve the expense for feeding the people involved in the trial. The cost will come out of the contractual line item in the Justice budget; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

ANNUAL REPORTS

Justice La Plante reported the following for 2009; Vehicle and Traffic - 144 cases; Conservation - 2 cases; Penal Law/Criminal Procedure Law - 11 cases; Civil/Small Claims - 2 cases, Agriculture & Markets - 2 cases. Total cases - 161. Total money collected and transmitted to Audit and Control - \$18,830.00.

Timothy Miller reported the following for 2009; Vehicle and Traffic - 3 cases; Penal Law - 1 case. Total of 4 cases. Total money collected and transmitted to Audit and Control - \$100.00.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Annual Reports from Justice La Plante and Justice Miller; 2nd by Councilwoman Dorner. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE

IMPOUNDING DAM: Jack Long, Temporary Chairperson reported that he has been meeting with the engineers concerning the impounding dam. All the documents are ready. A meeting will be set up with the engineer and Region 4 of DEC. A motion is needed authorizing Supervisor Dermody to sign the necessary paperwork associated with this project.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase authorizing Supervisor Dermody to sign any documentation associated with the Impounding Dam Project; 2nd by Councilman Cooke. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

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RESIGNATION: Councilwoman Dorner submitted a resignation letter resigning from the Water/Sewer Committee due to the fact that she is now a member of the Town Board. She would like to be a liaison between the Town Board and Water/Sewer Committee.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept Councilwoman Dorner's resignation from the Water/Sewer Committee; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

The Water/Sewer Committee will be looking for a replacement to fill this vacancy.

CURRENT EVENTS: COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE 'SUBSCRIPTION FARMING'

Mihail Kossev - CSA - spoke concerning developing a farm to grow organic vegetables in Town. He explained what this entails. He will be setting up some meetings around town and advertise in the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

FORENSIC AUDIT: The Town Board discussed the following items: whether to do an RFP for a forensic audit, to have a regular audit, how far do they go back, what are they looking for. Do they have the money in the budget to do an audit? Attorney Catalano suggested asking Clerk 1 Cornwell to come to a meeting and get some insight on what would be the best way to go.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to start and actively discuss a Town audit procedure; 2nd by Councilwoman Dorner. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

Supervisor Dermody will ask Clerk 1 Cornwell to come to the next meeting or a special meeting to get his process going.

RIGHT TO FARM LAW - SIGNS: Attorney Catalano mentioned that we have not been able to find any law that the Town adopted for the Right to Farm Law. It is being discussed at the Zoning Review Committee meetings.

Ms. Lewis mentioned that the Town only adopted the Albany County Right to Farm Law.

Attorney Catalano mentioned that he will prepare something for the next Town Board meeting.

OLD BUILDING ON TOWN PROPERTY: It was reported that Sal Santo has agreed to look at an aerial view of this property and see if there is an old building on it. He will report what he finds.

Supervisor Dermody will call Attorney Ryan to see if he has anything on this property.

NEW BUSINESS; SAYRE SCHOOL - DAVID LEWIS

Mr. Lewis mentioned that Gene Smith wrote a book about the Sayre School on Sayre Road. A plaque will go up in the spring. Mr. Lewis asked if the Town Highway Department would be able to cut some of the trees and brush on this property. The land owner has given permission for this to be done.

Superintendent Zeh will look at the property.

The Town Board would like permission in writing from the landowner to release the Town from any liability.

RENSELAERVILLE WATER DISTRICT - WARRANT TO COLLECT WATER RENTS.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorner authorizing Supervisor Dermody to sign the Warrant authorizing the Town Clerk to collect Water Rents for the year 2010 in the amount of \$43,500.00; 2nd by Councilman Chase. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

RENSELAERVILLE SEWER DISTRICT - WARRANT TO COLLECT SEWER RENTS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorner authorizing Supervisor Dermody to sign the Warrant authorizing the Town Clerk to collect Sewer Rents for the year 2010 in the amount of

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\$34,748.00; 2nd by Councilman Chase. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW MEMBERS: BRADLEY CHASE

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to re-appoint Bradley Chase to the Board of Assessment Review, term to expire 9/30/14; 2nd by Councilwoman Dorner.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Dermody—AYE; Councilman Chase—ABSTAINED; Councilwoman Cooke—AYE; Councilwoman Dorner—AYE; Councilman Kudlack—AYE

JAMES WALKER: A motion was made by Councilman Chase to appoint James Walker to the unexpired term of Michael Weber, term to expire 9/30/12; 2nd by Councilwoman Dorner. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

ZONING REVIEW COMMITTEE: A motion was made by Councilman Chase to appoint Councilman Kudlack to the Zoning Review Committee; 2nd by Councilwoman Dorner. *A vote was taken and unanimously carried.*

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Superintendent Zeh suggested to the Town Board that they consider doing a blurb on the local business in the newsletter.

The Town Board discussed this and if they get a lot of interested business perhaps using a lottery drawing to decide on what business to run for that month.

- Jim Gloriosio suggested starting a business newsletter.

The Town can't spend taxpayer funds for private businesses.

- Noel Abbott talked about the server and backup systems available, the Rules of Order, and mentioned that the Wind Study Committee visited the Tug Hill Wind Power facility.

ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Councilman Chase to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Dorner. Motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck, Town Clerk

NOTE: Full Town Board Minutes can be found on the Town website (www.rensselaerville.com) or at the Town Hall.

Resolution Adopting Rules of Order of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville

The following resolution was duly presented to the Town Board at its regular meeting held on February 14, 2008, and approved by majority vote; revised and unanimously carried at the regular monthly meeting held on January 14, 2010:

Whereas, a town board meeting is a serious matter during which it is necessary that the Town Board deliberate on and take action on various and sometimes numerous items of Town business The Open Meetings Law gives the public the right to attend Town Board meetings and to listen to Town Board deliberations. While the Town Board welcomes public interest and participation in town meetings, a balance must be struck so that meetings do not become disruptive and the Town Board has the opportunity to conduct Town business in an orderly, civil manner.

Whereas, Town Law, §63 provides that the Town Board may determine the rules of its procedure for the orderly conduct of its meetings and for the proper management of the business and affairs of the town; and

Whereas, the Town Board deems it necessary and appropriate to adopt general rules of procedure for

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the conduct of Town Board meetings so as to enable such meetings to be efficient, effective and civil:

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the following Rules of Order are hereby adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Town Law §63:

Rules of Order of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville

1. Quorum: The majority of the Town Board shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be defined as three members of the Town Board. If no quorum is present, the meeting shall not be held and no Town business may be discussed or acted upon.

2. Presiding Officer: The Supervisor or, in his absence, the Deputy Supervisor, shall preside at all meetings of the Board in accordance with these Rules of Order and shall preserve order and decorum

in debate. If the Deputy Supervisor is required to preside at a Town Board meeting in the absence of the supervisor, the Deputy Supervisor has no vote unless he or she is a Town Board member. In that case, he or she votes by virtue of his or her position as a councilperson, not as Deputy Supervisor.

In the absence of the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor, the Town Board may select one of its members to act as temporary or acting chairperson for that meeting. The temporary or acting chairman also must vote, but has only one vote to cast.

3. Agenda: The agenda for the regular monthly Town Board meeting shall be set by the Town Board by majority vote at the work/agenda meeting scheduled for each Tuesday preceding the regular monthly meeting.

Anyone wishing to be put on the agenda is to contact the Town Clerk no later than 1:00 PM on the Tuesday preceding the regular monthly Town Board meeting, stating the specific reason for their request to be put on the agenda.

Items/requests received after 1:00 PM on the Tuesday preceding the Town Board meeting shall be placed on the agenda for the following month's regular Town Board meeting.

The Town Board reserves the right to accept or deny requests for placement on the agenda. If a request is denied, the Town Clerk will make all reasonable efforts to notify the person prior to the monthly Town Board meeting.

When an agenda item is up for presentation/discussion, remarks are to be specific to the agenda item(s) and limited to 5 minutes total. *This time limit can be lengthened or shortened at the pleasure of the Town Board by consensus or majority vote.* Copies of all documentation are to be provided to each Town Board member and to the Town Clerk.

At the regular meeting, a Town Board member may request the agenda be modified by adding an agenda item and such item may be added by majority vote of the Town Board.

4. Audience Comments:

a. Public participation at all regular and special Town Board meetings will be limited to commentary during established interval(s) as documented in each meeting agenda.

b. Any person wishing to comment shall clearly state his/her name, hamlet of residence, and name of the organization they represent, if applicable.

c. Any person speaking to the Town Board at all regular Town Board meetings will be required to address their remarks exclusively to the Town Board without engaging the public in debate. All remarks shall be addressed to the Town Board as a body and not to any member thereof.

d. Comments shall be limited to 3 minutes per person. Speakers may not yield any remaining time they have to another speaker.

e. No member of the public will be recognized twice *unless at the pleasure of the Town Board by consensus or majority vote.*

f. Comments shall be respectful and in good order. Speakers may not make personal comments about public officials, town residents, or others.

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- g. All persons speaking will be given respect and courtesy and in return are expected to be respectful and courteous. The use of profane and inappropriate language is not acceptable.
- h. Any speaker who disregards the directives of the Presiding Officer in enforcing the rules, disturbs the peace at a meeting, makes impertinent or slanderous remarks, or generally conducts themselves in an inappropriate manner, shall be barred from further participation and will forfeit any balance of time remaining for their comments.
- i. No member of the public shall engage in any demonstration, booing, or otherwise disrupt the formality of Town Board meetings. Failure to adhere to these standards will result in a request for the offending party to leave the meeting. If the person refuses to leave, the Presiding Officer may direct that any law enforcement officer present shall remove the offending person from the meeting room.
- j. At any time, the Presiding Officer may entertain a motion to adjourn *due to disruptive behavior*, which shall be carried upon majority vote. At any time, the Board may vote to exhaust the agenda before inviting further public comment.
- k. The Town Board, by majority vote, may suspend further audience comments when deemed necessary to do so in order to maintain control and decorum.
- l. If any Town Board member, including the Presiding Officer, wishes to call on a member of the public audience outside of the public participation portion of the meeting, the Town Board may do so only upon *the consensus or majority vote of the Board*.
- m. The Rules of Order set forth above may be waived only by the majority consent of all Town Board members present at any such meeting.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEEKS NAMES OF LOCAL BUILDERS

Janet Haseley, edhase@aol.com

The current issue of the Rensselaerville Historical Society newsletter (winter 2009-2010) has an article on Rensselaerville architects and architecture and lists some of the architects and builders of local structures in the past. Most of the names were found in the historical publications *People Made It Happen Here* (1977), *Old Rensselaerville* (1939) and *White Pine* (1924).

The Historical Society would like to add names of more recent architects and builders to this list. Please send names you know of to edhase@aol.com or snail mail to Rensselaerville Historical Society, POB 8, Rensselaerville, NY 12147. If known, please say whether the person is an architect, a non-architect who plans and modifies plans for buildings he constructs, or a builder who follows plans given to him by the person who hires him.

Especially wanted is information on those who built structures in sections of the town outside of the hamlet of Rensselaerville. Wanted is information about both older buildings and newer ones.

Painting Party Thank You

A special "Thank You" is extended to those who joined me at Town Hall on January 23, 2010, to paint the meeting room and begin painting the hallway. Joyce Chase, Kathy Hallenbeck, and granddaughters Brittani and Erin Kane of Freehold, worked feverishly to get so much accomplished in a relatively short period of time. And they did a great job! Thanks so much for helping to create a clean and attractive work place for the Town of Rensselaerville!

Marie Dermody, Supervisor



Volunteer News and Events

Medusa Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Monday, March 1st, at 8:00 PM

Drill & Work Meeting: Monday, March 8th and 15th at 7:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

In search of Volunteers, all positions needed: Drivers, Fire-Fighters, Fund-Raiser Chairs and Helpers...
Calls as of February 3, 2010: 2

March :

- 1st - 7pm Company Drill
- 3rd - 7pm Ladies Battalion
- 8th - 7pm Company Drill
- 27th - 4-6pm T.O. Chicken Barbecue
- 31st - 7:30pm Company Meeting

April :

- 3rd - 2pm Easter Egg Hunt
- 5th - 7pm Company Drill
- 7th - 7pm Ladies Battalion
- 12th - 7pm Company Drill
- 28th - 7:30pm Company Meeting

Special Events - March & April:

- 3/27 - 4 to 6pm Take Out Chicken Barbecue Pre-Sale available NOW!!!
To reserve meals CALL: Kris Tanner @ 797-5287 OR flyer on Page 12. THANK YOU
- 4/03 - 2pm - Easter Egg Hunt - Bring everyBUNNY for crafts, snacks and FUN

Looking into the future:

- 5/15 - 9am to 3pm Garage Sale Day!!
Map, Food & Snacks available at the Rensselaerville Firehouse ALL DAY
- 5/30 - 1 to 3pm - Fireman's/Trinity Barbecue
Rensselaerville Village Playground, Bring the whole family!!

Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, March 3rd at 8:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, March 17th at 7:00PM

CLAM CHOWDER



AT THE MEDUSA FIRE HOUSE

MARCH 5th

PICK UP AND/OR LUNCH

11:00 AM TO 1:00PM

MANHATTAN OR NEW ENGLAND CHOWDER

\$5.00 PER QUART

PRE-ORDER OR LATE PICKUP

CALL 797-3455

Important Contact Information

Town Board Meetings
Second Thursday 7:00 pm

Working Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 pm
before regular meeting

Town Justice Court
Mondays 7:00 pm

Planning Board
First and third Thursdays 7:30 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals
First Tuesday 7:00 pm

Building Inspector/Zoning Officer
Thursday 8:00-10:00am, 7-9 pm

Town Clerk's Hours
Monday-Wednesday 9:00am-3:30pm
Thursday 1:30pm-7:30pm
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Supervisor's Hours
Monday, 9am—12 noon
Wednesday, 9am—12 noon
Friday following monthly TB meeting
9am—12 noon
Other times by appointment

Assessors' Hours
Thursday 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Assessors' Clerk Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday morning

Dog Control Officer
Cheryl Baitsholts
518-797-5201

Town Refuse Station Hours
Wednesday and Saturday
7:00am-3:45pm

Water/Sewer District Meeting
First Thursday 7:00 pm

Town Supervisor
Marie Dermody

Town Clerk & Collector
Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

Town Justices
Victor LaPlante,
Timothy Miller

Councilpersons
Gary Chase, Marion Cooke,
Dale Dorner, John Kudlack

Building Inspector
& Code Enforcement Officer
Mark Overbaugh

Assessors
Jeff Pine, Peter J. Hotaling, Jr.,
Donna Kropp
Rachel Chase, Clerk II

Highway Superintendent
Gary Zeh

Planning Board
Muriel Frasher, Chairman
Rebecca Platel, Secretary

Zoning Board of Appeals
Alden Pierce, Chairman
Rebecca Platel, Secretary

Deputy Town Clerk
Dee Andrus

Bookkeeper
Andrea Cornwell

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Alexander (Sandy) Gordon
144 Beebe Road, Berne, NY 12023
518-872-2602

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518-239-6715, 518-239-6710

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Social Number - 797-3218

Tri-Village Fire Company, 911
Social number - 239-6780

Medusa Fire Company, 911
Back up emergency number,
765-5979
Social number - 239-6166

Rensselaerville Vol. Ambulance, 911
For Information - 518-797-5233

Albany County Sheriff, 911
518-765-2351

State Police
Rensselaerville and Hilltowns, 911
518-477-9333

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