



Town of Rensselaerville

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

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March 2011 Town Board Minutes Summary

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 8th day of March, 2011 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 Robert Bolte, Councilman Gary Chase, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman John Kudlack, Town Attorney Joseph Catalano, Town Clerk Kathleen A. Hallenbeck
Also present were Superintendent Gary Zeh and 17 interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Gerald Wood presented the Town Board with a check for \$11,220.00 from the Ambulance Squad, a 25% contribution toward the funding for the Advanced Life Support Program provided by the Albany County Sheriff's Department.

MINUTES:

Councilwoman Cooke mentioned that under the transfers for the election line, it was in the budget, but it was missing in the total line for A1450.4.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 8, 2011, as corrected, and to accept the minutes for the Work Meeting held on February 3, 2011 and the Special Meeting on January 19, 2011; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

TRANSFERS:

Supervisor Dermody reported that we need to create a new line item for the accountant, A1320.1. Ms. Cornwell wants to get paid through the payroll process, not on a 1099.

Councilwoman Cooke mentioned that she knew this when taking the job; we will then have to pay a portion of the social security.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to create line A1320.1 for payroll services for the Accountant for the Town; 2nd by Councilman Chase. Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Councilman Cooke to make the following transfer:

From	To	Amount
Ind. Auditing & Accounting - A1320.4	Ind. Auditing & Accounting A1320.1	\$207.00

(for accounting services provided by the Accountant for the Town)
2nd by Councilman Kudlack. Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to make the following transfer:

From	To	Amount
Sewage Collections System - SS8120.4	Treatment/disposal - SS8130.4	\$66.02

Electric bill for February. (The cost of the pump repair took most of the funding in this line.)

2nd by Councilman Chase. Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

ABSTRACT 03-2010 - VOUCHERS, BILLS:

The General Fund - \$51,403.44; Highway Fund - \$68,706.09; Lighting Districts (PH -

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Library Bookmark

What's New?

The Library Board would like to thank the inimitable Claire North, poet, actress and reverend for emceeding our **Sixth Annual Favorite Poem Project** on Sat. April 16 at Conkling Hall, as well as participants Barbara Dudley, Dan McNamee, Joanna Bull, James Brookens, Chris Thorne, Maryann Ronconi, Sandra Varno, Gail and John Haines, Jan Bishop, Linda Miller, Jay and Sue McChesney, Albany poets Marion Menna and Mimi Moriarty, and library board hosts Liz Britton and Lisa Jemison. Thanks too to John Arrighi for wonderful posters, to Kim Graff for her ongoing support of events, and to Conkling Hall for collaborating with us. According to Linda Miller, the organizer of the afternoon: "We spent a cold and wet afternoon warmed by the voices of our friends and neighbors reading and enjoying poetry together. We all went out into the cold evening with much warmer spirits and hearts."

Weekend Film Series at Conkling Hall:

Please note that May movies will be on the first Saturday of May and are part of the *Getting to Know You* program.

Saturday, May 7 at 3:00P.M. - *Azur & Asmar: The Princes' Quest*. Runtime: 99min. Rated: PG

Saturday, May 7 at 7P.M. - *Encounter Point*. Runtime: 85 min. Rated: NR
Suggested donations: \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Snacks and drinks also available for purchase.

Students, Need Help Preparing for Final Exams? The library is hoping to offer free tutoring after school beginning on **May 15**. The tutors who expressed an interest in joining this program are certified teachers of various grades and subjects. In order to get this program off the ground, please call the library (797-3949) or visit the web site at www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/?page_id=236 with the following information: name, grade, and phone number of interested student, the subject(s) for which tutoring is required, the days of the week (M-F) that the student is available to come to the Rensselaerville Library for after-school tutoring. If this program is successful, we'll try to continue it next year. If you are interested in becoming one of our tutors, please call the library or email the Director.

Helen of Troy a Therapy Dogs, Inc therapy dog visited the Library on April 22. Helen of Troy's mission is to improve the literacy skills of children through the Reading Education Assistance Dogs (READ) program. The READ program improves children's reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method: reading to a dog. Helen of Troy is a registered therapy dog who volunteers with her owner/handler Helene Goldberger. Helen of Troy will return to the Library on **May 20th at 6:30** to READ with children. If you would like to schedule your child for 15 minutes with Helen of Troy please contact the Library.

The Library's **Annual Book Sale is May 21 from 9-3pm**. Please bring books that you would like to donate for the sale during library hours by May 14th. Volunteers are needed to sort and move books for the sale. Please contact the Library if you are interested in volunteering or fill out the volunteer form on our web site at www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/?page_id=1234

Saturday Story Time - Date May 21th at 10:30A.M. - The *Getting to Know You* program continues with stories on the Muslim culture.

The **Town of Rensselaerville Community Book Discussion** on three contemporary Muslim authors will take place on **May 24 at 7pm**. It is not too late to participate, pick up your book and **pre-registration is required** for planning purposes. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

Save the Date! The Library's **Annual Cocktail Party** will be **June 25th** at Stonecrop Estate Home, Rensselaerville Meeting Center.

Planning is well underway for the next **Festival of Writers - July 28-31, 2011**. The steering committee is looking for volunteers and underwriters for the event. If you are interested in volunteering or underwriting



The next **Library Board meeting** is on **Monday, May 16th at 7:00P.M.**

Open to the Public

The Library is located at
**1459 C.R. 351,
Rensselaerville.**

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

Staff:
Kim Graff,
Director

Katie Caprio,
Library Technician

Zachary Wellstood,
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Conkling Hall—What's On In May

SUNDAY, MAY 1: Daylong Yoga Retreat with Sarah Nelson Weiss. Two sessions: 9:00 AM to Noon Breathing and movement; 2:00 -5:00 PM Sound and Movement. Fees: \$75 whole day; \$40 either individual session. We will share a potluck lunch and a meditative walk between Noon and 2:00 PM. Each session will include an extended asana practice with breathing exercises and meditation and time for lecture and discussion. Appropriate for all. Pre-registration is required. Call or email Sarah: 239-6825 or savitrisarah@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, MAY 7: "Getting to Know You" program continues with a children's movie, "Azur and Azmar: The Prince's Quest" at 3 PM. Contributions of \$1 for children and \$2 for adults.

SATURDAY, MAY 7: "Getting To Know You" program continues with a grown-up movie at 7 PM. "Encounter Point", a grassroots movement for peach involving Palestinians and Israelis. Admission \$2.

SUNDAY, MAY 15: The Hilltown Players present: "Murder Me, Murder Me Not", a mystery/comedy by Bill Springer. As the play begins, Randolph Gaston has been murdered, and everyone wants to get their hands on the insurance money, including the deceased. 3:00 PM; Tea Time at intermission (Tea and Cakes). Admission \$10.

SATURDAY, MAY 21: Conkling Hall is open for the garage sale: the library book sale takes place here. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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

YOGA: Tuesdays 9 - 10:15 AM. Move, breathe, relax. Good for what ails you. Open to all.

For class information call Sarah Nelson Weiss 518 239 6825.

You can reach Conkling Hall at 518 797 3459 or read our website at www.ConklingHall.org. We send frequent announcements/reminders via email. If you wish to be added, please send your email address to Info@ConklingHall.org.



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

Library Bookmark

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please contact: Liz Britton at 797-3557, Kim Graff at 797-3949, Lisa Jemison at 944-8697, Rosie Kuhar at 797-3360, Linda Miller at 936-4402 or email Festival@rensselaervillelibrary.org.

The Library would like to thank the **Stewart's Foundation** and the generous customers who contributed to the Stewart's Holiday Match. The **Library has received \$400 to purchase audio books for children.**

Saturday, **April 30 at 10:30am** the new books awarded to the Library from **The Friends of the Library, Hal Berenson & Laura Ackerman, and the Libri Foundation Books for Children** grant program will be available for check out. The Library has **received 79 books worth \$1,415.47** for preschool through Grade 6. We were also fortunate to be awarded additional math and science related books. We hope that children of all ages will come in and explore the new books. Linda Styer will hold story time with the preschoolers and Kim Graff will hold a discussion with the older children on the 30th. If you miss the event stop in, check out the books and sign the thank you card.

The Libri Foundation Books for Children grant was made possible by a \$350 donation from the Friends of the Library which was raised during the Art Auction last Fall. The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States through its Books For Children program.

The Library is located at 1459 County Route 351 (Main St.), Rensselaerville. One street parking or along Methodist Hill Rd. If you would like to contact the Library Director by email please feel free to do so - [director\[at\]rensselaervillelibrary.org](mailto:director[at]rensselaervillelibrary.org)

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.



Second National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

April 30, 2011
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
For local collection sites see below

Turn in your unused or expired prescription and non-prescription medications for safe disposal.

Proper disposal of unused prescription and over-the-counter medications is important to protect both people and the environment. Unused prescription and over-the-counter medications that remain in the home can cause serious harm to people if they are taken accidentally, intentionally misused or inappropriately given to someone else. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet. Unused medications that are flushed down the toilet or poured down the sink can enter the water supply, harming fish and other wildlife and posing a potential risk to people.

If you have unused medications to get rid of, bring them to a local collection site on Saturday, April 30th between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

**Albany Police Department South Station
126 Arch Street
Albany, NY 12202**

**Crossgates Mall
Overflow parking lot across from Borders and Ruby Tuesday's (Drive-thru)
1 Crossgates Road
Albany, NY 12202**

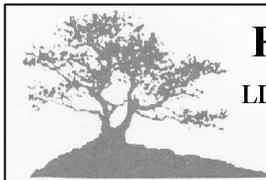
For more information and to find additional collection sites in the area go to:
www.albanycounty.com/health
www.nationaltakebackday.com

Do not bring hazardous wastes, sharps such as used needles, or illegal drugs.

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. Anyone is welcome to purchase any or all of the package options.

Unfortunately, the Extra Helpings April menu was unavailable at the time of this publication. Please contact the HCRC (797-5256) for information regarding the Extra Helping program and the April menu.



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Waste Oil Collection Day:

Saturday, April 30th

Saturday, May 28th

7AM—Noon

Medusa's the place to be!

The Medusa Council on the Arts presents a full calendar of spring and early summer events

Despite the unrelenting cold, spring is coming, and Medusa is preparing for a whirlwind of events and community celebrations. From art workshops featuring natural materials and Easter celebrations to plans for a village garden and a Memorial Day weekend gala, Medusa's gearing up for warmer weather and a lot of fun! Events are directed towards bringing greater awareness to the budding community arts movement in Medusa, and reigniting interest in local, community based recreation.

Medusa's planning to celebrate Spring's return with a little pagan egg decorating on Saturday, April 24th, as well as an Easter Egg Hunt in the playground for little ones and a village treasure hunt for the rest of us. With a little luck, we'd like to reinvigorate the Fall art series with a spring natural materials series, featuring such possibilities as natural clay, fairy gardens, natural dying and felting, and cap it all off with Withy Lanterns and Flaming Balloons and a kid-designed and organized Talent Show on Memorial Day weekend. More info and sign-up is available at the Store.

Also of notable mention in May is a Walk/Run for Ovarian Cancer Research, hopefully happening on May 7th. We are anxiously seeking knowledgeable (or otherwise!) volunteers, as none of us have actually organized anything like this before. And the amazing MedusaFest, celebrating the heritage of Medusa with activities and great food, will be happening on Saturday, May 21st!

An ongoing listing of activities, workshops and entertainment will be available at the Store's blog - www.medusageneralstore.blogspot.com as well as posted onto our Facebook page. Official events calendars are available at the Store. If you are interested in volunteering or joining Medusa Council on the Arts meetings (which are nearly as much fun as the actual events!), please contact April at arog-gio@nycap.rr.com or call the Store at 518 239 6980.

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Middleburgh Library Happenings

5/3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 - 10:30 AM - **Drop-in Storytime** - This fun, interactive program is designed for active children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. We'll read books, sing songs, play games and watch a short film based on a weekly theme. No registration is required.

5/3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 - 3:30 PM - **Reading with Indy** - This program is designed to allow kids the chance to read to a non-judgmental listener, one who will accept the story exactly as they read it. Indy handler is Karen VanDyke.

5/4, 11, 18 & 25 - 1:00 PM - **Wednesday Matinee - Celebrating Moms** - 4/4 "The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" (PG-13) - 4/11 "Not Without My Daughter" (PG-13) - 4/18 "Step Mom" (PG-13) & 4/25 "Chocolat" (PG-13)

5/5, 12, 19, & 26 - 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.

5/7 - 1:00 PM - **"Smoke Under Vroman's Nose" - Rail fans take notice!** Local Author, Len Kilian, will talk about his new book: *Smoke Under Vroman's Nose: A Photographic Memoir of Railroading and Everyday Life in the Schoharie Valley*. Books will be available for purchase. **Registration is required.**

5/9 - 7:00 PM - **Library Board of Trustees Meeting** - open to the public.

5/10 - 7:00 PM - **In Concert - Kate McDonnell** - A singer-songwriter who plays upside-down and backwards guitar. Fearless and funny onstage, she continues to impress audiences in Europe and the U.S. with her heart-stopping vocals and jaw-dropping guitar work. Suggested donation is \$10.00 for adults.

5/14 - 1:00 PM - **You Wrote a Book - Now What?** - Gain an insider's view of book publishing with literary agent Jan Kardys. Understand how to find and lure the right literary agent, departments within a publishing company, book proposal and query letter-writing skills and much more. Registration is required.

5/17 - 7:00 PM - **Book Discussion - "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortensen** - Pick up a copy at the circulation desk.

5/18 - 10:30 AM - **Library Babies** - Library babies are a language enrichment program for caregivers and babies from 3-15 months old. Parent/Caregiver participation is key to the success of this program. Older siblings are welcome and playtime will follow. No registration required.

5/19 - 7:00 PM - **The Erie Canal & The Civil War** - Join Tricia Shaw from the Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site as she engages us in a dynamic discussion of the connections between the Erie Canal and the Civil War. Registration is required.

5/25 - 10:30 AM - **Drop-in Storytime** - Doreen McCoy is back with a once a month storytime for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. She'll read stories, sing songs and do a craft based on a theme for that month. No registration is required.

5/31 - 7:00 PM - **In Concert - Magpie** - Terry Leonino and Greg Artzner began to play music together in Kent, Ohio in September of 1973. They chose the name Magpie for their band, a name which grew in personal significance for them as years went by. Suggested donation is \$10.00 for adults.

More programs may be planned. Stop in the library, or visit our web site at www.middleburghlibrary.org for more information.

Please Take Notice

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on Monday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day

A Report from the Supervisor

Things at Town Hall continue to move along at a steady pace. I'm pleased to report that Terry Weaver of Green T Energy out of Saugerties completed the lighting upgrades in Town Hall, the highway garage, and the recycling building at the end of March. We all saw an immediate difference in the lighting level, and are hoping to see a significant difference in our electric bill.

I extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude to Jim Glorioso of Rolling Meadows Farm (Knowles Road, Preston Hollow). He generously donated ten Right-to-Farm signs to the Town at the April Town Board meeting. I've already submitted an application to Albany County DPW to allow us to post these signs on county roads and will be contacting landowners for permission to post them along state highways. Please be sure to thank Jim when you see him.

On April 8, 2011, I attended a training seminar on Workplace Violence and Sexual Harassment at the Coeymans Town Hall in Ravena. As soon as our materials arrive, I will be setting up several sessions for this mandatory annual training for all Town officials, employees, and appointees.

I am happy to report that I have finally completed the filing of all FEMA paperwork left over from the previous administration. We anxiously await word that our file for this disaster has been closed and that we won't have to worry about returning any money already received! Let's all breathe a sigh of relief on this one!

As I previously mentioned, Justice La Plante has secured a JCAP grant for a CCTV system for the courtroom. Installation by Scott Alarm Systems in Catskill is expected to take place this last week in April. The project includes four cameras and a DVR. I thank Justice La Plante for once again securing a grant for the Town's court and getting much needed equipment at no cost to the Town.

Training continues with the MUNIS financial software. After much planning and preparation, we are about to "go live" and begin training on our actual data. This has been a very time-consuming endeavor, but we feel that the Town of Rensselaerville will benefit greatly from this "modular" type of programming. And, again we must thank Tony Fontanelli and Sheldon Smith from Albany County Comptroller Michael Conners' office for all their assistance.

We welcome Kayla Lee of Medusa as the new cleaning person, appointed to the position by the Town Board at the April meeting. She'll be at Town Hall four hours a week. Please stop by to say "hello" and welcome her.

We are already underway planning for the Summer Youth Employment Program again this summer. Although the hours have been shortened, we still have a couple of teens who are interested in working for us. It was a wonderful experience for all involved last summer.

As a reminder, please keep in mind that I keep regular office hours and I'm available all other times by phone or email. Feel free to stop by for a chat!

Marie

NOTICE

Residents who wish to contact the NYS-DOT concerning the condition of NY Rt. 85 may address their correspondence to:

Mary E. Ivey, Region One Director
NYS Department of Transportation
328 State Street
Schenectady, NY 12305

Thank You,
Gary Zeh, Superintendent of Highways

Homemade Pies

*At The Front Porch of
Bell's Hotel Main Street,
Rensselaerville*



*Wonderful Assortment of
Delicious Pies
9AM to 2 PM
Saturday, May, 21, 2011*

From the Ladies of Trinity Church

MEDUSA FEST



SATURDAY, MAY 21ST 9 AM – 4 PM

VENDORS, FLEA MARKET

HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, & FRIED DOUGH

BAKE SALE

CHICKEN BAR-B-Q 12:00 NOON

\$9.00 DINNERS - \$5.00 FOR HALVES



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FUN AND GAMES FOR ALL



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
Call for Bible Study and Prayer Group



At the April 12, 2011 Town Board meeting., Jim Glorioso of Rolling Meadow Farms in Preston Hollow presented Supervisor Dermody with ten Right-To-Farm signs. These signs were purchased at his expense and donated at no cost to the Town . They will be posted on State and County roads at their entry points in to the Town of Rensselaerville.

Volunteer News and Events

Medusa Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Monday, May 2nd, at 7:30PM
Company Drill & Work Night: Last Monday of the Month at 7:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

Reminder: Residential brush burning prohibited until May 15th. For more information visit www.dec.ny.gov
Calls as of April 11, 2011: 16

MEMBERS NEEDED - Please join us at a meeting or drill...there is a job for everyone!

May:

2nd - 7:00 pm Company Drill
4th - 7:00 pm Ladies Battalion Meeting
9th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
21st - Annual Garage Sale Day (9-3)
25th - 7:30 pm Company Meeting
29th - 1:00 - 3:00 pm Chicken BBQ - Town Park

June:

1st - 7:00 pm Ladies Battalion Meeting
6th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
13th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
19th - 8-11 am - Father's Day Breakfast
29th - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

Special Events -

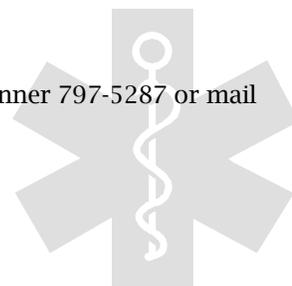
- 5/21 - Annual Garage Sale Day (see Registration form for more details).
- 5/29 - Chicken BBQ at Town Park - 1:00 - 3:00 pm - To reserve, please call Kris Tanner 797-5287 or mail check \$10 per dinner to Kris Tanner, 695 Hale Rd., Rensselaerville, NY 12147
- 6/19 - Join us for our Father's Day Breakfast - 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, May 4th at 8:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00PM



Chicken BBQ- Take-out only

Sponsored by the Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

Sunday, May 29, 2011

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

\$10 per Dinner

at Rensselaerville Town Park

Pre-sale Tickets Available

Quantity of Dinners are Limited

Get 'em while they last! Tasty BBQ Chicken!

For questions, please contact Kris Tanner 797-5287

Or complete ticket below & mail with check payable to RVFD to:

Kris Tanner, 695 Hale Rd., Rensselaerville, NY 12147

Tickets & money must be received no later than 05/22/11. Upon receipt, confirmation of receipt will be made to confirm order.

RVFD Chicken BBQ - Take Out – Sunday, May 29, 2011

Select Pick Up Time:

- 1:00 pm
- 1:30 pm
- 2:00 pm
- 2:30 pm
- 3:00 pm

Name: _____

Telephone #: _____ or email address: _____

of Dinners: _____ @ \$10 each

Total Paid \$ _____ Cash or Check # _____

***All orders must be received by 05/22/11 and confirmation of order will be made. Make checks payable to RVFD. Mail check and order form to Kris Tanner, 695 Hale Road, Rensselaerville, NY 12147. Thank you.

A Note from Marion Cooke

After many people called asking what happened to my article, I decided to write one again. I had a different article wrote for this month, but after the latest controversy over the pressure washer and the last Town Board meeting, I thought back to points in a letter the Supervisor wrote to the Town that had been published in the January 2010 newsletter. It reads as follows.

I believe that either you control your attitude or it controls you. No one knows everything about everything. It behooves us all to check our attitude at the door and listen to all who may have something valuable to contribute to the discussion at hand.

- I believe that two people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different. That doesn't necessarily mean that one is wrong and the other is right. We need to respect diversity of opinion and let it work for us, not against us.
- I believe that this Town has the ability to heal past hurts and move forward in a more collegial manner for the common good.
- I believe in compromise as a way to settle differences. Most issues are not either all black or all white. We need to look at the middle "gray" area where opposing sides give a little to gain a little.
- I believe in the basic goodness of humankind. Everyone has something positive to contribute to any situation. Rather than exploiting our differences, it's time we begin to realize how very much we're alike and capitalize on those likenesses so that both sides benefit.
- I believe that everyone deserves to be treated with respect. Name-calling and character assassination have no place in government at any level, and it certainly can't or won't be tolerated under my watch.
- I believe that you can't please all of the people all of the time. Unfortunately, it's probably true that there are some people you'll never please at all. But it is possible to please most of the people most of the time. And that can be accomplished by doing what is right, not necessarily what is popular. Such a position takes courage, not belligerence and arrogance.

In my opinion, there is still a long way for this Town to go.

For anyone that can attend Town Board meetings, I urge you and invite you to do so.

Until next time,
Marion

Paid Advertisement

WATER DISTRICT REPORT MAILED

The Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2010

For the Rensselaerville Water District has been mailed to all Water Users in the Rensselaerville Water District No. 1. If you did not receive this report, please contact the Town Clerk and one will be mailed to you.

The report has been posted at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, The Rensselaerville Library and the Rensselaerville Post Office

NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation

Attention Fishing and Turkey Hunters
Spring is Here - Some dates to remember.

- Trout Fishing opened on April 1, 2011
- Northern Pike, Pickerel and Walleye fishing opens on May 1, 2011
- Bass opens on June 18, 2011.
- **FREE FISHING WEEKEND** - June 25 - 26, 2011

YOUTHS HUNTS

- Youth Turkey - April 23-24, 2011
- Youth Pheasant:
- Northern & Eastern NY - September 25 - 26, 2011
 - Western NY - October 8 - 9, 2011
 - Regular Season for Turkeys open May 1, 2011

Hunting and fishing license can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall during normal business hours.

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\$316.35, Ren - \$360.06) - \$676.41; Sewer District - \$61.60; Water District - \$366.80. Agency & Trust - \$660.36. Grand Total - \$121,874.70.

VOUCHERS:

HOT WATER PRESSURE WASHER: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that there is one voucher that she is not inclined to sign. It was for Van Buren Enterprises in the amount of \$3,930.00 for a hot water pressure washer. Much discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to return the pressure washer that was against the town's procurement law; 2nd by Supervisor Dermody.

Further discussion ensued.

All in favor: Ayes (3) Dermody, Chase, Kudlack Opposed: Nays (2) Bolte, Cooke Motion Carried.

Supervisor Dermody asked Superintendent Zeh if he would like to move forward and present a written request for proposals. Then they will entertain a bid notice and doing this according to the procurement law.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to pay all signed vouchers (except voucher # V11-152 to Van Buren Enterprises for \$3,930.00 for the hot water pressure washer); 2nd by Councilman Kudlack.

Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Mrs. Breitenbach - regarding transportation provided for her husband
2. Nadia & Richard Creamer & Others - regarding repairs to Camp Winsockie Road.
3. Albany County Department of Health - regarding the Rensselaerville Water District, monitoring requirements and a certified operator.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR DERMODY

- **FINANCIAL REPORT:** The Town Board reviewed and discussed the Operating Statement for the period ending 2/28/11, the Account Summary, and the Abstract of Vouchers.
A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to approve the financial report; 2nd by Councilman Chase. Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)
- **PAYROLL AUDIT:** Councilman Chase will do the January payroll audit; Councilman Bolte will do the February payroll audit.
- **CENTRAL HUDSON - NEW FIXTURES:** Terry Weaver of Green T Energy is scheduled to install lighting upgrades for Central Hudson on Thursday.
- **ORGANIZATIONAL CHART:** Civil Service has requested an Organizational Chart for the Town. The Town Board reviewed the Chart and made the following addition to it: add assistant to Bookkeeper/Clerk 1.
A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the Organization Chart for 2011 with the addition; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)
- **OIL COLLECTION:** 16 ½ gallons of used motor oil was collected on February 26, 2011.
- **AED (Defibrillator):** Supervisor Dermody reported that the training has been done, the paperwork is completed. We are waiting for the official certification. We also need a cabinet to house the AED. Supervisor Dermody will look for one.
- **ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS MEETING:** Brad Chase attended the Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns. He reported that he brought back a wealth of knowledge and information regarding zoning and planning. He thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to attend.
Councilman Chase also attended the Annual Meeting. He reported that the Resolutions passed, briefly talked about the tax caps. There is grant funding available out there for water and sewer projects; they are trying to promote infrastructure change, and that towns need to create new jobs, businesses. There are also park grants and fire department grants out there. He will have a more in-depth report for next month.
- **WATER/SEWER DISTRICTS:** Supervisor Dermody handed out job description for the Water Treatment Officer and Sewage Treatment Officer. She would like the Town Board and Water/Sewer Committee review these descriptions. They will be discussed at the April meeting.
- **WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE:** Supervisor Dermody reported that she did a spreadsheet calculation and presented it to Mr. Pazin of Marshall & Sterling, who presented it to Mr. Platt of Workers Comp. Alliance. Mr. Plant mentioned that because it is a self-insurance program, they can't do anything about it this year but next year they can.

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- **JUSTICE LA PLANTE'S ANNUAL REPORT:** Supervisor Dermody reported that she reviewed Justice La Plante's Annual Report and recommends its approval. Councilwoman Cooke also reviewed it.
A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody that we approve the auditing of Justice La Plante's Annual Report and sign the documents; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. Action Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

- **CRYSTAL LAKE:** Supervisor Dermody mentioned that she received a letter from the Crystal Lake residents concerning milfoil.

Attorney Catalano, this is a private lake and the Town has no jurisdiction over the water body. We have no authority to do anything with the milfoil problem; they have a Lake Association, they must do it.

- **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY:** Supervisor Dermody reported that the Town of Bethlehem is holding its Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on May 7, 2011, 8AM to 1PM. They received a grant and the Town only has to pay 50% of the cost of people using the facility to drop off their acceptable waste.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to participate in the Town of Bethlehem's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on May 7, 2011; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

- **ALBANY COUNTY RABIES CLINIC:** Councilwoman Cooke asked if they rotate the rabies clinics; people asked why they have to go to Berne.

Town Clerk Hallenbeck mentioned that they used to rotate them in the past; they no longer do that.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Supervisor's report; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

- **BIDS - MOWING AND TRIMMING - BAYARD ELSBREE PARK, RENSSLAERVILLE PLAYGROUND AND MEDUSA PLAYGROUND:** The Town Board discussed the fact that the amount of insurance coverage needed was not noted in the legal notice to bidders. The Town Board decided not to open the bids, to send them back with a letter stating what has happened, include the insurance limits required, and notify them of a new date to open the bids.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to return the bids received, to have them back by April 7th and to set the insurance coverage limits at \$1,000,000.00/2,000,000.00; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to schedule a Special Meeting for April 7, 2011, 7 PM for the sole purpose of opening the bids for mowing and trimming of the parks/playgrounds; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

- **BIDS - PORT-A-POTS - BAYARD ELSBREE PARK, RENSSLAERVILLE PLAYGROUND, MEDUSA PLAYGROUND**
- ▲ Bids for port-a pot units were received from Big Top Portable Toilets, 88 Grove Street, Cairo, NY 12413 and Fred's Sanitation Service, Inc., 744 East Corbin Hill Road, Esperance, NY 12066.
- ▲ Big Top Portable Toilets bid \$75.00 for a single unit per month, cleaning once a week and \$120.00 a month per handicapped unit per month with once a week cleaning.
- ▲ Fred's Sanitation Service, Inc. bid \$300.00 per month for the following, 4/15/11 - 10/15/11 at Rensselaerville Playground and Medusa Playground one regular unit Preston Hollow one regular unit 4/15/11 - 7/15/11 and one handicapped unit, 6/15/11 - 10/15/11, \$300.00 a month.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept the low bidder, Big Top Portable Toilets, Cairo, NY for \$75.00 for the single unit and \$120.00 for the handicapped unit with cleaning once a week; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

TOWN ATTORNEY

GENERAL CODE - CODIFICATION: Attorney Catalano reported he and the Town Clerk have been working on the Codification Project which has been going on for quite a while. The books have arrived. The next step is to adopt a Local Law to authorize the codification. Attorney Catalano will draft a local law to authorize the codification and will have the material ready for review at the April meeting. The Town Board will have to set a public hearing for this local law.

WATER DISTRICT - IMPOUNDING DAM: Attorney Catalano reported that he has reviewed the minutes of the Water Committee and the addition of the time line on the water supply impoundment dam. This will require bond counsel if we issue a bond anticipation note or if we get the loan from the RCAP organization.

The Town Board discussed grants, BANs, and bond counsel at length. The fee for the bond counsel would be

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around \$2000.00.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody authorizing Attorney Catalano to retain bond counsel for the purpose of securing funds for the Small Impoundment Dam Project; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. Motion carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept Attorney Catalano's report; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- **LAWN MOWING:** Superintendent Zeh mentioned that if you go for a million dollars insurance coverage for the lawn mowing, it will cost the person about \$800.00. Perhaps you should go down to three or four hundred thousand because all they are doing is mowing.
- **WATER DISTRICT:** Superintendent Zeh suggested that 20% be included in the estimate for overruns.
- **PROCUREMENT POLICY:** Superintendent Zeh asked if Supervisor Dermody had for a copy of the Procurement Policy. Does it say in there that the Town Board has to approve the purchase? Does the Town Board have to approve the letter for a request to quote?

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that it does not explicitly say; past practice has been that written request for proposals have Town Board approval.

Superintendent Zeh apologized, he did not know that. It should be spelled out in the policy; it should be revised so it is cut and dry. If we send out request for quotes now and get them back in April, we will be past the snow/salt season. His pressure washer went home with a lot of damage to it.

- **CURRENT WORK:** They have been plowing snow and drifts and once in a while we get an ice storm. Mud season is around the corner, people living on dirt roads the frost will be coming out making mud. CHIPS money: he sent in a request for the last payment; it should be here by the 15th. It should be around \$13,000.00. You all have a copy of the bid notice for materials.

Councilwoman Cooke mentioned that we made the motion to send the pressure washer back; we have used Superintendent Zeh's pressure washer for a year with no charge to the Town.

The Town Board discussed the pressure washer issue at length.

Councilman Chase suggested making up specifications for the pressure washer and we will put it out to bid.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to rescind the motion returning the pressure washer and make the Highway Superintendent follow the Procurement Policy from this point forward; 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

Discussion ensued.

Motion did not carry. Ayes (2) Bolte, Cooke; Nays (3) Chase, Dermody, Kudlack

Supervisor Dermody asked Superintendent Zeh to email the request for proposals so that they know it is out there.

- **BIDS - GAS, OIL, HEATING CONTRACT, STONE, PRODUCTS, ASPHALT, PIPE, ETC.:** The Town Board briefly discussed the materials to be bid out. The forms have been changed to make it easier for the bidder to submit his bid.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to advertise for the following materials: diesel fuel, No. 2 fuel oil, mid-grade and regular gas, contracts on heating units, crushed stone products, gravel, bituminous asphalt, asphalt emulsions, calcium, culvert pipe and geotextiles. Bids to be opened on April 7, 2011; 7:30 PM; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

- **AUCTION OFF MATERIALS:** Superintendent Zeh would like to auction off used equipment via the internet. There is no cost to do this.

Attorney Catalano will check into this issue and it will be discussed further at the April meeting.

- **TRANSFER STATION LIGHT OUT:** Superintendent Zeh reported that the light is out. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck check on the light.
- **SALT & SAND:** Superintendent Zeh reported that the salt and sand budget should be okay if we don't get any major storms and we keep overtime to a minimum.
- **REPAIRS/MACHINERY:** Superintendent Zeh reported that they spent \$5400.00 for machinery repairs in February. Work has been done on the backhoe. They painted the 97 International truck. The new truck has been down twice and has gone back for repair; it is under warranty. It looks like an electrical problem.

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- **OIL FILTERS:** Superintendent Zeh reported that he purchased the oil filters in bulk but kept the total under \$1,000.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Superintendent's report; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

TOWN CLERK:

- Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported the following collected and paid out for the month of February 2011: Town Clerk Department - Total Collected - \$666.58. Paid to the Supervisor - \$617.01 (fees); Paid to NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets - \$8.00 (Dogs - State Surcharge); Paid to NYS Departmental Conservation - \$41.47 (sporting license); Paid to NYS Department of Health - \$0.00 (marriage license). Water Rents Collected - \$5924.90. Sewer Rents Collected - \$4513.25. Tax Collection; \$1074.51 (February Late Fees). Paid to Albany County \$400,000.00 toward the 2011 settlement.
- Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported that on April 15th our bulk mailing permit will go up \$20.00 along with other mailing rates.
A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of February 2011; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR: Supervisor Dermody read the following report from CEO Overbaugh for the month of February 2011: 2 - New Home Construction, 1 - Home Replacement and 1 - Building Repair. Total Collected - \$246.08.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept CEO Overbaugh's report; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT: Assessor Pine reported the following: the State requires that they send out letter to people making \$500,000.00 or over who have applied for the Basic Star. If you get notice that you are not going to get the Basic Star because you make over \$500,000.00. If it is not correct, don't panic. Please contact the assessors and they will fix it. If he doesn't get a response back, they will have to take the Basic Star off.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Assessor's report; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE: Earlier in the meeting the Town Board gave Attorney Catalano authorization to secure Bond Counsel for the loan for the Water District Impoundment Dam Project. Chairman Long reported that he has done a typed draft RCAP application form and he has redone the exhibits.

TOWN JUSTICE REPORT - JUSTICE MILLER: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that Justice Miller's paperwork for his Annual Report is in her office if anyone wants to go over it.

RECYCLING DEPARTMENT: Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following recycled for the month of February; Green Fiber - 7 Tons, Rensselaer Iron & Steel - 2.83 Tons, Tires - 8, City of Albany Landfill - 38.97, Sierra Fibers - 4.18 Tons, Oil - 16.5 Gallons. Recycling Coordinator also reported that his 2010 Annual Report has been filed with NYSDEC. His total gross tonnage for refuse is 781.38 tons. The daily average is 7.6 tons. They recycled 240 tons of good stuff, stuff that we don't have to pay to get rid of.

Councilwoman Cooke asked how much we get paid for metal.

We get paid \$50.00 a ton, it fluctuates. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck explained the process of how the cost fluctuates.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck's monthly report; 2nd by Councilman Chase. Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack, Nays (0)

CURRENT EVENTS:

- Daylight Savings time begins this weekend.
- Saturday, March 19th at the Preston Hollow Firehouse, 2 to 6 PM, there will be a shower for the Henry Family. (The Henry Family of 11 lost their home and all of their belongings in a fire).
- Capital Region Recycling Partnership will celebrate GO GREEN DAY at the Albany County Cornell Cooperative Extension, Martin Road, Voorheesville, NY on April 30th 11am to 3pm.
- Eagle Scout Project - Mr. Amedure mentioned that his son will be going around Town restoring the historical markers in Town. He will be taking them to repaint them.
- Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company - Chicken BBQ - takeout only - March 26th, 4 to 6pm.

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OLD BUSINESS

- **TOWN INSURANCE:** Marshall & Sterling Insurance, Leeds, NY submitted a proposal from Trident Insurance Brokerage for renewal of insurance for a total of \$31,905.00. Last year we paid \$29,598.00. A couple of trucks have since been taken off the road; this will lower the insurance cost a little.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to accept the renewal proposal from Trident Insurance Company for \$31,905.00 for the term of 03/12/11 to 03/12/12; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

- **LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2011, PUBLIC ACCESS TO RECORDS:** A Public Hearing was held on March 3, 2011. RESOLUTION # 1 - 110308

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to adopt the following Resolution adopting Local Law No. 1 of the year 2011 - Public Access to Records

Whereas, it has been many years since the Town Board has reviewed and updated its local law regarding implementation of procedures for access to Town records pursuant to the State Freedom of Information Law also know as FOIL; and

Whereas, the Town Board introduced a proposed local law that has updated such procedures and criteria for the disclosure of Town records consistent with FOIL: and

Whereas, the Town Board has held a public hearing on said proposed law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The public hearing on proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2011 has duly been held and closed prior to the introduction of this Resolution and said hearing provided those who wished to be heard regarding said proposed Law a full and fair opportunity to be heard.
2. The Town Board determines that the adoption of the proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2011 is an action that is defined in the State Quality Review Act (SEQRA) as a Type II action and, such, no further environmental review is required.
3. The Town Board adopts Local Law No. 1 of 2011, regarding public access to records of the Town and said Law upon being effective when filed with the Secretary of State shall supersede all prior local laws, rules or policies of the Town of Rensselaerville having to do with the same subject matter.
4. The Town Board hereby orders that the Town Clerk and Town Attorney complete the filing form and file Local Law No. 1 of 2011 with the Secretary of State's office as required by law.

2nd by Councilman Chase.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Dermody—AYE; Councilman Bolte-AYE; Councilman Chase-AYE;; Councilwoman Cooke-AYE; Councilman Kudlack-AYE

NEW BUSINESS

- **SENIOR VEHICLES:** The Contract between the Town of Westerlo and Rensselaerville for the transportation needs of the seniors of Westerlo has not been updated. Discussion ensued regarding fees to be charged for 2011.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte that we make joint agreement with the Town of Westerlo and that we raise our cost to the Town of Westerlo to \$.70 cents per mile for combined Westerlo and Rensselaerville residents and \$1.40 for only Westerlo residents; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

Attorney Catalano will contact the Town of Westerlo Attorney to go over a proposed contract.

- **NEWSLETTER:** Councilman Bolte mentioned there is a correction that needs to be made and there are also other mistakes. He also mentioned that the Church has noted a paid advertisement.

Supervisor Dermody has already made the correction for Councilman Bolte. The Church already had one full page, according to the Newsletter rules and regulations more than one page they would be charged; they were charged under the non-profit prices.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Legislator Gordon thanked Supervisor Dermody for the nice letter concerning the flag he got for the Town.

Legislature Gordon mentioned that he had an inquiry from Richard Feiner, Hop-A-Long Inn about a grant opportunity for a business proposal that he is looking at.

Attorney Catalano suggested that Legislator Gordon talk to Code Enforcement Office Overbaugh concerning this issue. His plans started in the mid 80's, CEO Overbaugh will have everything for his projects.

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- Mr. Roe asked if you want a one million or a two million dollar insurance certificate for mowing. Does the certificate have to be in the envelope?

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that it is one million per occurrence with a two million aggregate. You only provide the insurance coverage certificate if you are awarded the bid.

- Mr. Tollner talked the pressure washer issue. Everybody makes a mistake. Give this guy a chance to return this piece of equipment later on if it is not the lowest bid. If he is wrong then he should pay, if he is not wrong don't make the vendors pay and don't make the people that are wrong pay. Be as fair with him as you have been with any other highway superintendent.
- Mr. Tollner mentioned that there are companies that will pay for used computers. Mr. Tollner spoke about the new federal law guideline that went into effect concerning recycling of computers. RCR&R is a company in Albany that will pay you for recycled materials. He will give Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck their information.
- Superintendent Zeh asked the Town Board if they have thought about having someone do our gardening, let them advertise their business by putting up a sign.

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that they have talked about doing something by the flag area; perhaps this is something to investigate. The American Legion and VFW will be contacted to see if they have any problems with us doing something with the flag area.

- Mr. Glorioso asked about the Right to Farm Law signs.

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that they have checked into that; there is no money out there for the signs.

Mr. Glorioso mentioned that he bought signs at Catskill Mountain signs for \$20.00 a piece.

Supervisor Dermody will call them.

- Mr. Toller asked about the condition of Route 85.

Legislator Gordon mentioned that the County Commissioner has written a letter to the State concerning the condition of the road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and that Attorney Catalano and Superintendent Zeh attend; 2nd by Councilman Chase. (9:07PM) (Requested by Superintendent Zeh) Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to come out of Executive Session; 2nd by Councilman Chase. (9:30 PM) Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; (0)

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to go into Executive Session at the request of David Potter to discuss personnel issues and that David Potter and Attorney Catalano attend; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. (9:31PM) Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to come out of Executive Session; 2nd by Councilman Cooke. (9:40PM) Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

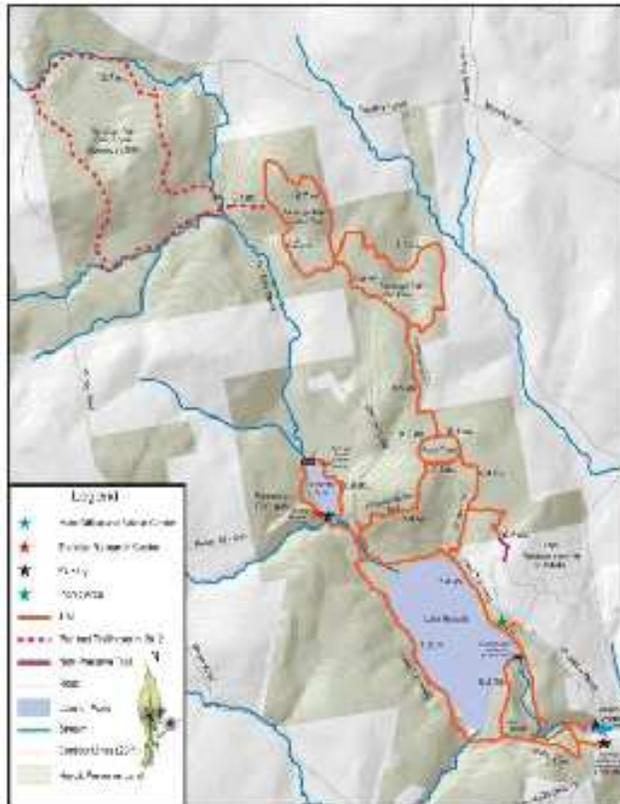
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to adjourn the meeting at 9:41PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. Motion Carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck, Town Clerk

Applications for Food Stamps and Medicaid can be made at the Hilltown Community Resource Center. Please call the center at 797-5256 for detailed information.

Recreation Opportunities at the Huyck Preserve



Hike the Huyck!

We invite you to come to the Preserve, spend some time on the trails, and enjoy a beautiful natural place in your own backyard. The Huyck Preserve contains a network of over seven miles of trails which go through a wide variety of habitats including old growth hemlock forest, freshwater wetland, shrub swamps, second-growth hardwood forest, and pine plantations. Among the natural treasures found along the trails are hardwood stands more than 200 years old, Lake Myosotis, Lincoln Pond, and the dramatic Rensselaerville Falls. The first four miles of the new Partridge Path are completed and open for hiking. The remaining third loop will be completed this year. In 2011 we have many guided hikes planned including wildflower walks, fern walks, and an introduction to our new trail. Visit our website at www.huyckpreserve.org for details.

2011 Lake Myosotis Beach Program

The entire town is eligible!

Summer is almost upon us and we invite you to consider participating in the 2011 Lake Myosotis swim program. In order to purchase a lake pass, a family or individual must also be or become a member of the Huyck Preserve. First time members may join at the reduced rate of \$20 individual/\$25 family. As always, swimming in the lake is only allowed during stated hours at the designated swimming area when a lifeguard is present. There are a limited number of passes available and priority will be given to residents of the Town of Rensselaerville through the end of May. If you would like to purchase a lake pass (\$85) please contact the main office at (518) 797-3440.

The lakefront opens on Saturday, June 11th and closes on Labor Day. We may need to reduce hours the week before Labor Day because many of our lifeguards return to college around the third week



of August (details will be posted in August).

We hope that many town residents will take advantage of and enjoy this wonderful community gathering spot during the summer.

Press Release

Rodolfo de Florencia Exhibits at MGS Projects
More than just a store, MGS Projects shares
its commitment to celebrating artistic expression

Medusa, NY March 28, 2011

The Medusa General Store has fully expanded its focus, as planned. After opening to widespread community support, our exhibit schedule has widened to open its arms to international artists connected to Medusa.

Rodolfo de Florencia's work is defined by what Gillo Dorfles would call "the iconic substance;" a technique that is as iconic as it is figurative. The figurative tradition in this case, is overarched with historically classic Mexican use of symbols. However de Florencia's symbols are far more irreverent and heady than his compatriots Rivera, Kahlo, Iturbide and Bravo. This Mexican sensibility melds with the American tradition of pictorialism so celebrated by the Hudson Valley, but with a twist. A social component is inevitable.

Unavoidable for him, de Florencia's himself seems hard wired to explore symbols and figures, used in magnificent discord; he removes and reinserts the symbol with the figure, groping for a connection in paint. His search for an icon-to-figure connection is rich and deep; this work celebrates his search. That he is a long term fan of Medusa only hones his artistic focus.

The Medusa Gallery is the brainchild of Medusa resident and renowned fine art photographer, Angela Cappetta (www.angelacappetta.com). Cappetta's own work is collected in such major museums as the Corcoran, The New York Public Library, the Victoria and Albert in London and the Center for Photography at Woodstock. Cappetta will lend her significant expertise to curate several this season. Her task is no easy undertaking: store owners Jason and April Caprio have challenged her to design a space and a series of works that embraces the whole of Rensselaerville's diverse population, from our dairy farmers to our state workers, to our Manhattanites with second homes, to our bright and curious neighborhood children. Art, they believe, knows no economic or cultural boundaries. Cappetta is committed to such values: "The psychological component of the art is for it to be as inclusive and welcoming as possible, and to make locals want to come see "what's hanging in the general store" as well as exposing the local children to beauty and inspiration, and moreover, to nurture all to think about art differently."

The Medusa General Store has a web presence – the blog, at www.medusageneralstore.blogspot.com keeps residents up to date on the latest fresh and new offerings. The gallery's call for entries can be found at callforentriesmedusa.blogspot.com. Or, follow us on Facebook!

Paid Advertisement

RUMMAGE SALE

MAY 21st - 9 TO 3

AT THE MEDUSA CHURCH

PART OF THE MEDUSA FESTIVAL

at the Medusa Fire House

MEDUSA MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all members of the Rensselaerville Ambulance that responded to our home on April 6th. A special thank you goes to Chip Decker. His quick arrival and assistance helped to control the bleeding after Bob cut his leg when splitting wood.

Robert and Georgette Koenig



Annual Rensselaerville Garage Sale Day Saturday, May 21st

Rain, Snow or Sunshine

Now is the time to sign-up if you would like to hold a sale at your property/location sponsored by the Rensselaerville Fire Department Ladies Battalion. We will advertise in local newspapers, some capital district newspapers, radio and cable television. Your sale will be listed on the map, which will be available the morning of the sale at the firehouse.

Sales should be open from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. The cost is still \$15.00 per family.

Please send your registration form and \$15 registration fee to:

RVFD Ladies Battalion
1364 CR 351
Rensselaerville, New York 12147
Checks payable to RVFD Ladies Battalion

If you have any questions, please call Rose Kuhar at 797-3360.
Registration forms must be received by May 14, 2011.

Refreshments and maps will be available at the firehouse between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

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Garage Sale Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address:

Site of Sale: Road name, Rte number, 911 number, miles from village, color of house and other descriptive information.

Description of items for sale: _____

Detailed descriptions will attract potential customers to your sale. Clean, clearly priced items that are spread out for display are more likely to sell.

Youth Programs at the Huyck Preserve



Wildlife Family Hour

Tuesdays, June 21-August 23
10:00 AM, Eldridge Research Center
Free Program, All welcome!



Nature Study

Grade K-2

T - F, July 5-8
1:00-3:30 PM

Grade 3-5

M - F, July 11-15
1:00-4:00 PM

Cost: \$30 nonmember/ \$20 member

Middle School Natural History Day Program



M - F, June 27-July 1
9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Students will explore nature through studying wildlife, keeping an illustrated nature journal, and learning basic ecology field research techniques. Course is for rising 6th grade students through recent 8th grade graduates.

Cost: \$200 nonmember
\$180 member.



Swim Lessons

Session 1

T, W, F/M, W, F July 4-15
11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Session 2

M, W, F July 18-29
11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Cost: \$30 per child per session, nonmember
\$20 per child per session, member



Call the Huyck Preserve Office at
(518) 797-3440 for details
Or registration form available at
www.huyckpreserve.org

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Perhaps you have noticed that Spring is right around the corner! We are in the planning stage of preparing to beautify our hamlet for another season. We had so many positive responses and positive energy about the lovely flower basket project that was successfully achieved last summer, and the lovely wreaths that decorated our hamlet during the winter, that we are encouraged to move forward with plans for this year.

Once again we thank those of you who donated so generously to the project last summer. It is our hope that you, as well as others, will be generous this year as it is only with these donations that we are going to be able to repeat what we did last year and hopefully expand the number of flower baskets this year throughout the hamlet.

We feel this has been a wonderful opportunity to add to the beauty of our town and also to show how proud we are of where we live. We also feel the flower project as well as the Harvest Festival have been great investments to our community, something to be enjoyed by everyone, and something that brought the community together. Perhaps you may find yourself wanting to sponsor one of these baskets or sponsor one in loving memory of somebody special. Perhaps you may want to co-sponsor one with a neighbor or two. The full cost of a flower basket and the watering is \$85. However, whatever commitment you may be able to afford we will gladly accept and put it toward turning Route 145 into an avenue of flowers for the summertime.

Please make your check payable to the Preston Hollow Beautification Committee and mail it, along with the form below, to Margaret Sedlmeir (Chairperson), in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you kindly in advance for your generosity and support. Please watch for information regarding other projects that our committee is going to sponsor in 2011 starting with a flower/bulb sale on Sunday, May 1, 12 to 3PM in Cynthia Willis' yard, 2961 Route 145, Preston Hollow.

Sincerely,
 The Preston Hollow Beautification Committee
 Carolin Dempsey Clara Potter
 Rosemary Donato Margaret Sedlmeir
 Ray Francis Jimmy Walker
 Kathleen Jones Aurora Wennstrom
 Dennis Pitts Cynthia Willis

NAME: -----

ADDRESS: -----

PHONE: -----

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE IN MEMORY OF: -----

AMOUNT ENCLOSED -----



NEW Important Contact Information

Town Board Meetings
Second Tuesday 7:00 pm

Working Meeting
Thursday preceding regular meeting
7:00 pm

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
Fourth Thursday 7:00 pm

Town Supervisor
Marie Dermody
518-239-4552 (H)

Town Clerk & Collector
Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

Town Justices
Victor La Plante
Timothy Miller

Councilpersons
Robert Bolte, Gary Chase,
Marion Cooke, John Kudlack

Building Inspector
& Code Enforcement Officer
Mark Overbaugh

Assessors
Jeff Pine, Donna Kropp,
Michael Weber
Rachel Chase, Clerk II

Highway Superintendent
Gary Zeh

Planning Board
Muriel Frasher, Chairperson
Kathy Wank, Secretary

Zoning Board of Appeals
Roger Gifford, Chairman
Kathy Wank, Secretary

Deputy Town Clerk
Dee Andrus

Bookkeeper
Sarah Hunt

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518-797-3798; 518-239-4225
Fax: 518-239-6339

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518-455-2800

Assemblyman John McEneny, 104th Dist.
LOB, Room 648
Albany, NY 12248
518-455-4100

County Legislature, 39th Dist.
Alexander (Sandy) Gordon
144 Beebe Road, Berne, NY 12023
518-872-2602

Albany County Highway Dept.
518-239-6715, 518-239-6710

Rensselaerville Fire Company, 911
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

Hilltown Community Resource Center
518-797-5256

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