

Town of Rensselaerville

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

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FWW Memorial Garden

At the last meeting of the Veteran's Memorial Garden Committee it was decided that, in looking to the future, the pavers we had planned to use at the Memorial would deteriorate over time. At that meeting it was voted on to have the names etched in silver and mounted on a stainless steel ring surrounding the Flag pole at a height of approximately 5 feet above the ground. All names would be on this ring and it would be called the "Ring of Honor" to honor our Veterans now and for years to come. The monies donated will be used for the Silver sheets and lettering.

Donations are still being accepted and names can still be added. If you would like to make a donation, checks can be mailed to the Town of Rensselaerville and marked for the Veteran's Garden. Names can also be sent in. The address is 87 Barger Rd, Medusa, N.Y. 12120

If you have any questions, contact a member of the Committee or call the Town Office.

MARK YOUR CALENDER! MONDAY, MAY 28TH, MEMORIAL DAY will be the dedication ceremony. The time will be posted at the Town Office.

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 January 12, 2012.

Whereas, the Town Board now amends the Rules of Order adopted at the meeting held on February 14, 2008, the following Rules of Order are adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Town Law, §63.

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 matter.

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

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Middleburgh Library

5/1 - Noon to 8:00 PM - Library Budget Vote - Support your Library by voting YES! on May 1st to the 2012 Library Budget. Voting will be held in the library Community Room. You will also be voting for two vacant Trustee seats. Candidates are: Amber Shultes, Sara Masterson, Sonny Ochs and William Ansel - McCabe. Copies of the 2012 budget may be picked up at the circulation desk or go to our web site Event Calendar.

5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 10:30 AM - Drop-in Storytime - Get ready to move in this interactive storytime designed especially for children ages 0 - 5 and their caregivers. We'll read books, sing songs, recite fingerplays, dance and watch a short movie based on a weekly theme. No registration required.

5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 3:30 PM - Reading with Indy - Indy is back again this year to be a reading buddy to your child. Children ages 4-12 are encouraged to visit the Library and read aloud to Indy. Dogs make perfect pals because they are non-threatening, promote trust, and encourage children to take risks in learning by reading aloud, which enhances self-esteem by improving literacy.

5/8, 15, 22, 29 - 1:00 PM - Tai Chi - Tai Chi is an ancient practice proven to reduce pain and improve your mental and physical well-being. The Arthritis Foundation Tai Chi Program developed by Dr. Paul Lam, uses gentle Sun-style Tai Chi routines that are safe, easy to learn and suitable for every fitness level. There is a \$10.00 fee for this **eight week class** payable to the instructor on the first day. Please wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing. **Registration is Required.**

5/15 - 7:00 PM - NYSCA Book Discussion - "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" by Helen Simonson - This discussion will be facilitated by award winning playwright Maria Riccio Bryce. Books are available at the circulation desk.

5/2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 - 1:00 PM - Wednesday Matinee - Selections unavailable at press time.

5/3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - 7:00 PM - Knitting Circle - These friendly ladies (*men are welcome, but we haven't seen any yet!*) knit and crochet, embroider and quilt, and more. You can learn a new skill here or share your own special talents with others. Drop in anytime - no registration required.

For updated information check out our **NEW** website at www.middleburghlibrary.info

RENSSELAERVILLE WATER DISTRICT CUSTOMERS/USERS

Please Take Notice the Annual Water Quality Report has been mailed to all water users in the Rensselaerville Water District. If you did not receive a report please contact the Town Clerk at 518-797-3798 and one will be mailed to you.

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck
Town Clerk

THE PRESTON HOLLOW BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

MOTHER'S DAY PLANT, FLOWER AND BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars now as The Preston Hollow Beautification Committee will be holding a plant, flower and bake sale on Mother's Day weekend, May 11th, 12th and 13th, at Jimmy Walker's Greenhouse on Route 145 in Preston Hollow. The sale will be on Friday afternoon from 3pm to 6pm, Saturday from 9:30am to 5pm and on Sunday morning from 9:30am to 12 noon. All proceeds will benefit the Beautification Committee's projects and events.

Rensselaerville Library

What's New?

We all have stories to tell, poems to write. We hope you will give yourself the opportunity to discover or refine your writer's voice. The Rensselaerville Library invites you to join its small, informal and supportive writers' group. Writers of all interests, backgrounds, and abilities are welcome. We currently have a mix of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry writers. You will always have time to write during our 2 hour session, and you will never be "forced" to share anything. Our currently very small (4-5 person) group is welcoming and supportive. If you have "works-in-progress" or would just like to put pen to paper, the library's writing group will give you the time and support you need. If you have any questions, you can call Linda Miller at 936-4402. View the Library calendar for the next scheduled meeting.

Rensselaerville Library has received a **Community Art\$grant** from The Arts Center of the Capital Region through the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency. The grant will support a new project, *Sense of Place*, to **capture local resident stories from the Town of Rensselaerville** which may otherwise be lost to history. Storyteller and author, **Bairbre McCarthy**, will be working with members of the community to share your personal stories that connect you to Rensselaerville; stories of growing up, working, visiting or moving to Rensselaerville. Contributors can digitally record their story either at the Library's private recording booth or with the Friends of the Library Mobile Outreach. The digital recordings will be archived at the Library, shared on the Library's web site and offered as podcasts, similar to NPR's Story Corps. Participants will also be invited to perform their work in a free performance celebrating the stories. Bairbre McCarthy, will facilitate this performance and inspire other residents to record their stories. Film-maker, Patrick Willems, will record the performance and produce a professional DVD that will be shown in the Fall and available for loan from the Library. Interested residents should contact the Library at 797-3949.

Teens come to the Library at 7pm on May 10 for a Secret Program, PostSecret that is! If you're not familiar with the PostSecret Project you're in for a great surprise. This is a combination writing/art project. If you'd like to learn more about PostSecret ahead of time, you can visit postsecret.com. We will watch the PostSecret TED talk and look at examples of PostSecrets before working on our own. You don't need to bring anything except a secret (or two!)

Weekend Movie, **May 12th at 7pm *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*** Rated R, 127 minutes at Conkling Hall. Trailer <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1340800/> In the bleak days of the Cold War, espionage veteran George Smiley is forced from semi-retirement to uncover a Soviet agent within MI6.

Greenville School Budget vote and Rensselaerville **Library vote May 15th** at Greenville Elementary School Cafeteria.

Library's Annual Cocktail Party and Silent Auction, May 26th, 4-7pm at the Guggenheim, Carey Meeting Center. Tickets are \$20 at the door includes one drink and music. Please bring an appetizer to share. If you are interested in donating an item for the silent auction please contact Donna Bartlett at 966-4243.

Do you have an Ereader? You now have access to **free ebooks and audio books** through the Library and your Library card. No Library card, just stop into the Library and we can help you. Visit <http://digitalcollection.uhls.org/> to start downloading. If this is your first visit click on the Digital Help tab or use this link <http://bit.ly/AdbObU> to get



Library Board of Trustees Meeting

**Monday,
May 21st 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 - Noon,

4:00-9:00 PM

Thursday & Friday:

4:00 - 9:00 PM

Saturday:

9:00-1:00 PM

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Staff:

Kim Graff,
Director

Katie Caprio,
Library Technician

Amber Case
Madeline Ouellette
Pages

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started. **Nook owners, are you having difficulty downloading library books at home? The Library can help!** We now have software installed on two public computers to assist Nook owners with downloading books. Nook owners, you need to bring your device, your Nook cord, your library card and if you have already established an account with Adobe, your Adobe user id and password.

The **Library Board of Trustees Meeting** is on **Monday, May 21st at 7P.M.** Meetings are held at the Library and are open to the public.

The Library will be participating in the May Hamlet Wide Garage Sale Day on May 19th from 9-4. **We are looking for your donations of Books (no encyclopedias, or text books), Movies, Music Cds, Audiobooks and games and gaming devices.** Your donations can be dropped off during regular Library hours.

The one bedroom **apartment above the Library is for rent** \$550 plus utilities but includes free Wi-Fi. Additional details can be viewed on Craig's List at <http://albany.craigslist.org/apa/2884773445.html>

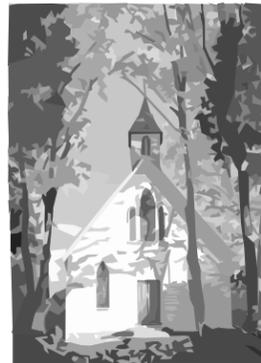
Save the date for the next **Festival of Writers: Country and Conflict, July 26-29, 2012.**

The Library has a **new electronic newsletter** announcing programs and events at the Library. If you would like to have the newsletter delivered to your email account you can sign up online at <http://bit.ly/A3YQaa>.

NOTICE: TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE Residents Property Tax Grievance date to grieve is Tuesday May 22th, 2012 at 3-5PM and 6-8PM at Town Hall 87 Barger Road, Medusa. Taxpayers are invited to submit their Grievances in person to the Assessors before the May 22th date via appointment. To make an appointment call 239-4225. Time slots of thirty minutes will be given. Please bring all necessary documentation that supports your grievance such as sales comparisons, assessor's valuations and any other supporting documentation.

ASSESSORS HOURS FOR MAY 2012
Thursday May 3rd.....6:30-8:30pm
Thursday May 10th..... 6:30-8:30pm
Saturday May 12th8:30am to 11:30am
Thursday May 17th6:30-8:30pm

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, 239-4843 or 722-8126
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

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.

RUMMAGE SALE

MAY 5 9 TO 3

AT THE
MEDUSA CHURCH

Hall is full of items many not in previous sales - household, books, jewelry, hutch, tapes, glassware, misc.

PART OF THE

MEDUSA FESTIVAL at the Medusa Fire House

MEDUSA MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN

Conkling Hall - What's On In May

SATURDAY, MAY 12: MOVIE FOR GROWNUPS. "TINKER, TAYLOR, SOLDIER, SPY" with Gary Oldman. A wonderful rendition of a favorite spy novel. 7:00 PM. BYO treats. Admission \$2.

FRIDAY, MAY 18: Conkling Café, an Open Mic event hosted by Peter Michael. We encourage all forms of appropriate performance art for all ages. Mic, sound system and piano are available. Donations are appreciated. Coffee and treats are available. Performers arrive at 7:00 - 7:30 PM. Music follows.

Classes with Sarah Nelson Weiss, for information call 518 239 6825

Tuesdays 9:00 - 10:15 AM Yoga
Wednesdays 5:45 - 6:15 PM Pilates
Thursdays 9:00 - 10:15 AM Yoga
Saturdays 9:00 - 10:00 AM Pilates
Classes open to all.

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

RENSSELAERVILLE WATER DISTRICT CUSTOMERS/USERS

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Kathleen A. Hallenbeck
Town Clerk

Waste Oil Collection Day:
Saturday, May 26th
7AM—Noon



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Annual Rensselaerville Garage Sale Day

Saturday, May 19th

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 12, 2012.

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

Garage Sale Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Mailing Address:

Site of Sale: Road name, Route 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.

Volunteer News and Events

Medusa Volunteer Fire Department

Monthly Meeting: Monday, May 7th at 7:30PM
Company Drill: Monday, May 14th at 7:00PM
Work Night: Monday, May 21st at 7:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

Calls as of April 16, 2012: 12

May:

2nd - 7:00 pm Battalion Meeting
7th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
14th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
19th - Garage Sale Day (8am-3pm)
27th - Chicken BBQ - 1:00 - 3:00 pm
30th - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

June:

4th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
6th - 7:00 pm Battalion Meeting
11th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
17th - Father's Day Breakfast 8-11 am
27th - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

Upcoming Events:

May 19th - Garage Sale Day - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - See registration form to sign up for your garage sale.
May 27th - Chicken BBQ 1:00 - 3:00 pm Take Out Only
June 17th - Father's Day Breakfast 8:00 am - 11:00 am

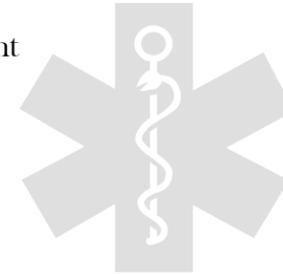
Follow us/Like Us on Facebook - Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, May 2nd at 8:00PM (Drill at 7:00PM)

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, May 16th at 7:00PM



VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED

The Town Board is looking for a volunteer, or possibly two, to help with getting the Town Newsletter out each month at the Town Hall. The job would entail sorting approximately 950 copies as they are being run off by office staff and bundling them according to the number needed for each of the 3 Post Offices. The machine at the Town Hall folds and staples automatically. The time commitment would be between 3 to 5 hours (depending on the number of pages) one day a month. If we are able to have more than one volunteer, then perhaps volunteers could alternate months. Please send letters of interest to Town Clerk Kathy Hallenback, at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, N.Y. 12120

Snyder's Mill

Custom Sawmill , Lumber , Planing and Molding

124 County Route 358 Medusa NY 12120 518-291-3320
 Email snydersmill@yahoo.com

Size	8'	10'	12'	14'	16'	18'	20'
1x3	1.00	1.50	2.00	2.50	3.25	4.00	-----
1x4	1.25	1.75	2.25	2.75	3.50	4.50	6.50
1x6	2.00	2.50	3.25	4.00	5.25	6.75	9.00
1x8	3.25	4.25	5.25	7.25	8.25	9.50	11.00
1x10	4.25	5.25	6.25	7.25	8.25	10.00	13.00
1x12	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.50	9.50	14.00	18.00
2x4	2.00	2.75	3.50	4.25	5.25	7.00	10.00
2x6	3.00	4.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	10.00	13.00
2x8	5.00	6.25	7.50	9.00	11.00	14.00	18.00
2x10	7.00	9.00	11.00	13.50	15.50	18.50	24.00
2x12	9.00	11.00	13.50	16.00	18.50	22.50	30.00
4x4	4.50	5.50	6.50	8.00	11.00	14.50	18.00

Pine , Hemlock , Hardwoods , Custom sawed beams , mantels , and slabs. Seniors and Vets save an additional 5% . Contractor rates . Due to demand there may be a 2 to 3 day lead time on lumber not in stock . Coming in May we will be offering kiln dried finished lumber . We custom saw your logs FOB at our mill for .23bdf or \$230 per thousand board feet . We also offer custom sawing at your location.

Paid Advertisement

In need of some spring cleaning then give me a call at (518) 703-3537. Please leave message.
 Lawn mowing, and lawn clean-up. Also free pick-up of any metal, appliances, car and mower batteries and much more. Please call with any questions.

Paid Advertisement

Attention All Town of Rensselaerville Residents

To assist emergency services, please post your correct 911 numbers for your residence. The numbers need to be posted in a visible location. Thank you!

FINAL

MINUTES
OF
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 2012
2012

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 8th day of March, 2012 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury
Councilman Robert Bolte
Councilwoman Marion Cooke
Councilman John Kudlack
Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir
Attorney Thomas Fallati, TRK
Town Clerk Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

Also present was Highway Superintendent Randy Bates and 24 interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Mrs. Parker talked about the emergency plan and a place to bring people to if there was an emergency. This issue was discussed briefly.

PRESENTATION - HIGH-VOLUMN HYDRAULIC FRACKING COMMITTEE (HVHF)

John Mormile, Chairman of the HVHF, and Jeannette Rice were present to make a presentation to the Town Board. Other members of the Committee are Dave Bowdish, Scott Kunkler and Dave Warburton. In early November the Committee began a study, at the request of the Town Board, of Shell gas development through hydrofracking and its potential impact for all of us living here in the Town of Rensselaerville. They expect their work to continue well into the summer before they can have the final report recommendations ready for the Town Board. At that point they hope to hold an informational meeting detailing their research findings about Shell gas drillings and their recommendations. This way they will be able to give a complete picture of their findings. They will continue to keep the Board updated on their progress through short reports. The Committee continues to meet Thursday evening, 7 to 9 PM, they welcome the Board members and residents to come to the meeting. Please come and listen and ask questions. Mr. Mormile thanked the Board for sending him and Jeanette to the meeting in NYC, it was worthwhile for both information shared by the presenters and questions raised.

There were four workshops dedicated to a discussion of high volume hydraulic fracturing.

The first was presented by a Chesapeake Oil and Gas Company employee who was to focus on the safety aspects of drilling for gas in the Marcellus Shale. The Marcellus shale is a deposit of red shale clay that underlines a good part of NYS including our Township.

The second presenter was Deputy Commissioner Russo from NYSDEC, he focused on the Environmental Impact Statement and how the State would deal with the Shell Gas Drilling in NYS. We expect the Department to have a final report sometime this year.

The third workshop was on Property Taxation and Compulsory Introgession which was presented by Attorney Ginsburg.

The fourth workshop was on Home Rule and Shale Gas development perspective. NYS basically has the authority to regulate gas extraction, this trumps local law.

Mr. Mormile and Mrs. Rice explained to the Town Board what each presenter spoke about.

The Committee has been conferring with experts in this field, free of charge. At some point they are going to need to have an attorney do an inventory of our Comprehensive Plan and our Town Zoning Laws in light of hydraulic fracturing.

Mr. Mormile mentioned that this is very complicated and that they will be giving short reports to the Town Board over the next couple of months.

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Mr. Camp asked if the Committee is planning to go visit any Towns in Pennsylvania where they have wells set up?
 Mr. Mormile mentioned that they have discussed this but they don't know if they can or if they will.
 Mr. Camp, did you see or ask around so it is not all an abstraction from various people's reports?
 Mr. Mormile, this is a report on a conference that they went to, they are filtering out as much as they can, articles from newspapers, booklets, looking a basic data and research, if would be great if they could go to Pennsylvania and do their own research.
 Mr. Camp, did you make up your minds before you started this project.
 Mr. Mormile. No, he was a novice and he started readying more and more about it.
 They have mixed opinions on the Committee, they have a great committee that works well together.
 Mrs. Rice mentioned that in August she did not know much about this, she read the 1500 page statement.
 The Town Board thanked the Committee for their report

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 29, 2011, 2nd by Councilman Kudlack.

Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0) Abstained (2) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 9, 2012, 2nd by Councilman Kudlack.

Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

TRANSFERS:

The Town Board created a new position, temporary bookkeeper, there is no money in the budget line item to pay the temporary bookkeeper. We can put money in the Supervisor's line and take it from the Department of Aging payroll line. The person who the funding was for it not here at the present time. It can be transferred from that line item to the Supervisor payroll line. It was suggested to take put \$4000.00 in for this new position.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to make the following transfers;

From - Dept of Aging - A7610E- 10018 to A1229E-10015 - \$4000.00

2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

ABSTRACT 2011-03 VOUCHERS,BILLS

The General Fund - \$11,596.10; Highway Fund - \$22,728.46; Lighting District - \$680.00; Sewer District - \$113.00; Water District - \$444.37; Fire Districts - \$246,262.00; Ambulance District - \$15,000.00; Total \$296,823.95.
 Total

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to pay all signed vouchers, 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

CORRESPONDENCE

- Helderberg Senior Services - A thank you letter was received from them thanking the Town for their Annual Funding.

Letter of Interest to be on the Planning Board. This letter will be presented to the Planning Board.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR LOUNSBURY

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Supervisor Lounsbury mentioned that she has been contacted about a person needing to do Community Service, the service must be completed by May 1st. The Board discussed this issue at the Work Meeting. Councilman Bolte will check into this issue further, he will contact the Town Judges to see what needs to be done, he will also check with Brenda Wood concerning this issue. The person must be supervised at all times.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Lounsbury mentioned that she would like to appoint Marion Cooke as Deputy Supervisor. Marion Cooke is a councilperson, this make it much easier for the deputy to take over in the absence of the Supervisor because they know what is going on.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to appoint Marion Cooke, Deputy Supervisor, term 03/08/12 - 12/31/12, 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.
Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Bolte, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0) Abstained (1) Cooke

TEMPORARY CLERK: Supervisor Lounsbury mentioned that she has been here 5 weeks and there is so much to do and there is no way that one person can do it all. She needs someone to finish up the financial for 2010 and 2011. The Town Board discussed this issue at length.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to create the position of Temporary Assistant Bookkeeper to the Supervisor, 2nd by Councilman Bolte.
Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0) Abstained (1) Lounsbury

Supervisor Lounsbury mentioned the person that she has talked to has agreed to do this on a temporary basis only. She is very good, she worked here in the past, she does excellent work. This is Brenda Wood. She is very capable and does magnificent work.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to appoint Brenda Wood to the position of Temporary Assistant Bookkeeper, 2nd by Councilman Kudlack.
Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Supervisor Lounsbury read a letter from Mr. Glorioso, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, he would like to have two alternate members on the Board. The alternate members would be required to attend all meetings and only vote when a quorum is needed.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to create two alternate member positions on the Zoning Board of Appeals, 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.
Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

A notice will be put in the newsletter looking for people interested in being an alternate for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

SHARED SERVICES: Ben Siden from the La Berge Group is writing a grant for shared service. They have done a survey for administration services of the towns in Albany County. They want to look at the highway department. Superintendent Bates will contact him and decide if we should take part in this study.

PAYROLL AUDITS: Councilwoman Cooke and Councilwoman Sedlmeir will do the January payroll audit and Councilman Kudlack will do the February audit.

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

TOWN ATTORNEY

Attorney Fallati mentioned that he had nothing to report at this time. Supervisor Lounsbury asked about the contract. Attorney Fallati mentioned that he updated it and the supervisor needs to sign it.

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

TRUCK: A bid notice was put out for one new ¾ ton 4 X4 pickup truck. The bids were opened on March 6, 2012 at

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the Work Meeting. We received bids from the following vendors; Basil Ford Cheektowga, NY - 2012 Ford F250 - \$20,955.00; West Herr Ford, Hamberg, NY - 2012 Ford F250 - \$21,412.00; Crossroads Ford, Ravena, NY - 2012 Ford F250, \$21,477.00; R C Lacy, Inc., Catskill, NY - 2012 Ford F250 - \$21,900.00; Latham Ford, Latham, NY - Ford F250 - \$22,770.00; Orange Motors Co., Inc., Albany, NY - 2012 Ford F250 - \$23,840.00; Nemer Chrysler Jeep Dodge, Queensbury, NY 12804 - 2012 2500 REG ST - \$25,499.00; Gable Dodge Chrysler Jeep Inc., Cobleskill, NY - 2012 2500 REG ST- \$29,253.00; Gable Auto & Truck Center, Inc., Cobleskill, NY - \$30,796.00; Metro Ford Sales, Inc., Schenectady, NY - 2012 Ford F250 - \$20,863.00, this was the low bidder. Superintendent Bates mentioned that this meets the specifications.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to accept the bid from Metro Ford Sales, Inc., 3601 State Street, Schenectady, NY for one 2012 Ford F-250-XL for the bid price of \$20,863.00, 2nd by Councilman Kudlack.
Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

We had ten bids, a thank you goes to Highway Clerk Lee for the excellent job she did in getting us that many interested bidders.

FEMA: Superintendent Bates undated the Town Board on the FEMA projects, they have been working with FEMA project specialist. The estimate as of today that we will be getting back is \$230,000.00. The overall the amount that will be submitted which includes the Preston Hollow Park and Mill Dam in Rensselaerville is \$400,000.00.

FEMA has extended the deadline for debris removal to August 31st.

Superintendent Bates, we have identified as much as possible on each project, they will continue to a cost analysis.

Superintendent Bates the Town Board needs to follow up on the Emergency Plan, this experience that we have had is invaluable. He hopes it never happens again, if it does this experience will be recorded.

SCRAP METAL, IRON ETC.: Superintendent Bates mentioned that we have a lot of scrap metal, iron, old snowplows, things that we cannot use anymore. Does he have the Boards permission to take this scrap metal junk to the Port and the funds that they receive for the metal be put in the Highway Budget.

Attorney Fallati mentioned that you should have an inventory of these items, could you sell it elsewhere.

Councilman Bolte mentioned that this stuff has no value to anyone, only for scrap.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to dispose of the scrap metal at the Port and that the Highway Department get the proceeds from selling this scrap metal, 2nd by Councilman Bolte.
Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

NEW HIRE/PERMANENT/TEMPORARY: Superintendent Bates mentioned that he would like to hire another person, he has one employee applying for disability, he needs more help. For a Temporary hire the Union Contracts limits him to use this person for only 24 weeks. A temporary hire has no benefits, the pay rate is 75% of \$17.83 which would be \$13.45 an hour.

The Town Board discussed these two options at length.

Do you have funding in the budget for a full time employee?

Superintendent Bates, yes.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to authorize the Superintendent of Highway to advertise for a full time permanent employee for the Highway Department, 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.
Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

HOURLY EMPLOYEE: Superintendent Bates mentioned that during the summer months the Highway Department hires hourly employees. These employees do not get any overtime or benefits. There is also money in the budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte authorizing Superintendent Bates to hire two or three hourly employee, as needed, there would be no benefits or overtime and the rate of pay would be \$13.45, 2nd by Councilman Kudlack.

Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

The employees would start working in June.

OSHKOSH: Superintendent Bates thanked Councilman Bolte and the residents for the donations making it possible for the Highway Department to purchase two Oshkosh trucks and also to Councilman Bolte for all his help finding these two snowplows. The trucks are in very good shape and ready to go. They have been licensed and insured.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept the Superintendent's report, 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

TOWN CLERK: Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported the following collected and paid out for the month of February 2012; Town Clerk Department - Total Collected - \$1190.00. Paid to the Supervisor - \$1,119.20 (fees); Paid to NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets - \$16.00 (Dogs - State Surcharge); Paid to NYS Departmental Conservation - \$54.80 (sporting license); Paid to NYS Department of Health - \$0.00 (marriage license). Water Rents Collected - \$12,061.33. Sewer Rents Collected - \$7,731.56.

The Town Clerk mentioned that new locks have been put on the front door, anyone who has not applied for a new key please contact her.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to accept the Town Clerks Report for the month of February 2012, 2nd by Councilman Kudlack.

Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR: CEO Overbaugh reported that the RV Permits have been sent out, the cost is \$25.00 a year. He sent his yearly report to the State. We have received the Preliminary Flood Insurance Maps, he believes these were done prior to Hurricane Irene.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to accept CEO Overbaughs report, 2nd by Councilman Kudlack.

Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT: Assessor Tollner reported the following; they contacted households concerning Hurricane Irene and the damage they sustained. The Assessors will have hours on Saturday mornings for the next couple of months. Their regular hours are Thursday evenings, 6 to 8 PM.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept the Assessors report, 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion Carried Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE: Chairman Long reported that their minutes of the last meeting are in the Board members mail boxes. He has revised the job description for the water and deputy water treatment officer. Douglas Story has to take a written test for the water treatment officer certification, at the completion of that he will ask the Town Board to accept the revised job description which is essentially switching to two jobs. Chairman Long reported that he spoke to Attorney Fallati about the RECAP loan, they have to bring it up to date. Chairman Long is getting the materials for that.

Councilwoman Cooke asked, on the water treatment operator description under No. 2 you have a least 5 days a week, is that right. Are they to be testing the water every day?

Chairman Long, he doesn't think they are testing everyday, they are testing the chlorine levels.

Councilman Bolte, in Greenville they do it every day.

Supervisor Lounsbury read to the Board the beginning of the job description which states that the operator must be within one hour access or have a certified assistant he can direct 24/7.

Councilwoman Cooke, do they test everyday or only 5 days a week?

Chairman Long, they test according to the Department of Health regulations.

Councilwoman Cooke mentioned that she thinks that the job description must be changed to read that they have to test seven days a week instead of five days a week.

Chairman Long mentioned that when they come before the Town Board to adopt these job description this issue will be clarified.

REFUSE/RECYCLING: Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following items recycled for the month of February; Green Fiber - 9.55 tons; Rensselaerville Iron & Steel - 3.89 tons; Tires - 10; City of Albany Landfill - 45.65 tons; Sierra Fibers - 4.35 tons and oil - 20 gallons. Recycling Coordinator reported that he met with the City of Albany and DEC concerning how to dispose of certain items. The Town of Bethlehem is not opening their facility up to the other Towns this year for their Hazardous Waste Day. Berne, Westerlo, Knox and Rensselaerville will hold their own Hazardous Waste Day. It will be held in the Town of Berne. Date to be announced. We are now accepting cardboard from the Park Police Training Center up at Camp Cass. This will bring us in more funding.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck's report, 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

CURRENT EVENTS:

A showing of the movie "Gas Land" will be held in the Westerlo Town Hall on April 10th, 7 to 10PM.

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Battalion will hold a Take Out Chicken Barbecue on March 24th.

Medusa Fire House - April 22nd, Pulled Pork Dinner to raise funds for the Preston Hollow Park.

Middleburgh VFW will hold a all you can eat Breakfast, 7 to 11 AM. They are held the 3rd Saturdays of the month.

OLD BUSINESS

TOWN INSURANCE: Nolan Pazin from Marshall & Sterling Insurance Company, 300 Route 23B, Leeds, NY, was at the work meeting and went over insurance quotes for the Towns insurance coverage.

Mr. Pazin went over the insurance coverage with the Town Board. The quote from Trident Insurance Company for the dates 03/12/2012 to 03/12/2013 is \$30,394.00, 181.91 for additional coverage. The cost of the insurance coverage went down a bit from last years costs.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to accept the quote from the Trident Insurance Brokerage as presented to the Town Board, 2nd by Councilman Kudlack.

Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

ELECTRONICS:

The Town Board had discussed at a previous meeting about getting rid of a lot of our old computers, key boards, monitors, copiers, etc. We have an inventory of these old items.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack that we dispose of are our old electronic equipment (hard drive will be taken out of the computers), 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICE: Supervisor Lounsbury reported that she received a letter from the NYS Office of General Services. The Town's application for eligibility in the Federal Surplus Property Program has been approved. This is for surplus State equipment which is free, the Town can call or go on line to see what is available.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCOUNTANT- PATTISON, KOSKEY, HOWE & BUCCI, CPAs, P.C.: Supervisor Lounsbury received a letter from Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci, CPA's P.C. proposing accounting services for the Town for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to accept this letter of engagement from Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci, CPA's, P.C., 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

RIP RAP/SITE 1: Supervisor Lounsbury mentioned that they had asked for a ruling on this site if it was legal for us to work on the site. Supervisor Lounsbury asked Attorney Fallati to work on this issue because the Town really

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wants to get this done. They have the preliminary work done and they would like to finish that so it is secure. The preliminary work was all volunteer, this probably will not be volunteer workers. It will cost around \$3900.00 to finish it. The Town Board wants clarification on this site. The Town put it in to begin with and in 1996 it was repaired by the Town. Supervisor Lounsbury, it is a matter of protecting the community.

PARKS/PLAYGROUNDS

MOWING /TRIMMING/ PORT-A-POTS

The Town Board discussed the mowing and trimming of the parks/playgrounds and the port-a-pots. Due to the flooding in the Bayard Elsbree Park in Preston Hollow it was decided not to put out bids for mowing of this park this year. With the flooding their isn't much grass to mow. KB Cooke and the Committee will do what mowing this park needs this year.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to advertise for bids for mowing of the Medusa Playground and Rensselaerville Playground, and port-a pots for the Bayard Elsbree Park, Rensselaerville Playground and Medusa Playground, bids are to be in by April 10, 2012, 6:45 PM, 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

BAYARD ELSBREE PARK/ BALL FIELD/FENCING

The Town Board discussed at the Work Meeting that we are going to need to look for bids for fencing for the ball field in Preston Hollow. The Park Committee would like to try and get the ball field up and running so that they can play ball this year. It is very important, this is a priority to get this done.

Superintendent Bates explained what the FEMA representative said about the park.

Supervisor Lounsbury would like to get this project moving, she would like to set up a special meeting to go over the financing and then put this out to bid.

Can the person who needs community service work at the Park? Supervisor Lounsbury mentioned that this person needs to be supervised and we don't have anyone available to supervisor her at this point.

Can the work at the park be done by volunteers?

Supervisor Lounsbury, yes, we have a list of people who are willing to volunteer their time to work at the Park.

The Town Board set a Special Meeting for March 15, 2012, 7PM to discuss this issue further.

Mr. Nickelsberg, will the rip rap be strong enough to hold the bank.

Superintendent Bates explained that the purpose of the rip rap is to protect the bank not to keep the water from going over the top.

Mr. Nickelsberg suggested talking to the Preserve to build a new field of dreams on the old ball field on County Route 353 in Rensselaerville.

MR. GERSON: Mr. Gerson mentioned that he has a concern with the Cooksburgh Lumber Company. Mr. Gerson lives on the corner of Burkhardt Road and Potter Hollow Road. He has a couple of concerns, one is the extreme noise coming from the saw mill and the other is the large trucks hauling the lumber. They are driving on his lawn in order to make the turn. He has been trying to work with the owner concerning these issues, he has been partially successful but there has been a number of times that they are driving up on his lawn to make the turn. Mr. Gerson showed pictures to the Town Board concerning the truck issue. He was at the Town Board meeting last July talking about these issues. He was assured by the owner that these concerns would be taken care of, the noise problem and the truck problem. He did attempt to get the trucks to stop driving on his lawn, it worked for a while but every once in a while somebody doesn't do it and we have the same situation. This is a one way country road and these are gigantic trucks using it. The other problem is the noise, the owner started to put a fence up but it was never finished. Mr. Gerson asked the Town Board to take some kind of action to make sure the sound problem is remedied. The building needs to be made soundproof.

Supervisor Lounsbury would like Mr. Gerson to speak with the Code Enforcement Officer so he can advise him on what type of regulations we have in these matters and find out how to go about rectifying the problems, if there is any way to rectify the problem through the Town because it is a privately owned business.

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CEO Overbaugh mentioned that he will take a look at this.

TEMPORARY BOOKKEEPER PAY RATE:

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to pay Brenda Wood, Temporary Bookkeeper, \$12.00 and hour, 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. La Plante spoke about Real Property Tax Law Section 590-597, the Community Service issue and the Town Judges Reports. If someone is going to ask the Attorney a question please give him some notice before hand so that he can research it before the meeting. On Community Service this should be checked out with our insurance company. For the Town Judge reports, the Judge can come to the Town Board if they need supplies or something to run the court but not to report on their proceedings. The Judges can only hear, try and determine.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation, 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. (9PM)

Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to come out of Executive Session, 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. (9:25PM)

Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

ETHICS COMMITTEE - ATTORNEY

The Ethics Committee needs an Attorney to attend some of their meetings.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to accept the contract from Attorney Irwin contingent upon his acceptance of the additional agreement, 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM, 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion Carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck



NOTICE

Anyone wishing to reserve the pavilion at the
Bayard Elsbree
Memorial Park may call 239-8265.

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SUMMARY OF TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 12, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 12th day of April, 2012 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Councilpersons Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir, Attorney Fallati, TRK and Town Clerk Hallenbeck

Also present was Highway Superintendent Bates and 18 interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Gerald Wood presented to Supervisor Lounsbury a check in the amount of \$11,600.00 from the Rensselaerville Ambulance Squad to offset the Ambulance expenses from the funding they received from the ALS program.

Mr. Amedure thanked the Town Board for presenting his some Michael with a resolution concerning his accomplishments as an Eagle Scout.

Gerald Wood thanked the Town Board and John Whitbeck for their help at the Preston Hollow Park. He had inmates from Albany County Jail cleaning up the park. They did an excellent job.

The Town Board received a letter of interest from Mrs. Parker to be an alternate on the ZBA. A letter was received concerning the Flood Insurance Program, new maps have been drawn up and there are two meetings in April concerning these new maps.

REPORTS/BUSINESS

SUPERVISOR LOUNSBURY: Motion were made to put a summary of the most recent Town Board meeting in the newsletter and also put a copy of the Town Board Rules of Order in the May newsletter.

The Veterans Memorial Garden was discussed. Councilman Bolte mentioned that some changes have been made to the Garden. Instead of using pavers the names of the Veterans will go on stainless Steel plates allowing larger lettering, more information and upright, not on the ground, around the flag pole.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Superintendent Bates reported that the Highway Crew will go on 10 hour, 4 days a week beginning April 30 through October. The Town Board accepted a quote to rent a sweeper, accepted a quote to purchase a broom, accepted a quote to rent an excavator.

Materials Contracts - The Town Board accepted bids for gas, diesel, heating fuel, stone, road materials, etc. An ad has been put in the paper to advertise for a highway employee. The Dam by the Mill was discussed, this is a FEMA Project.

The Town Board accepted reports from the Town Clerk, Building Inspector, Assessors, Water/Sewer Committee and the Recycling Coordinator

The Board agreed to participate in a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day with the Town of Berne on June 2, 2012.

The Town Board reviewed the Annual Water Quality Report for the Rensselaerville Water District. This report will be sent to the Water Users.

The Board accepted bids for the following items for the parks; mowing and trimming of the Rensselaerville and Medusa Parks, portable toilets for the Rensselaerville, Medusa and Bayard Elsbree Park.

The Board accepted bids for fencing and grading for the Bayard Elsbree Park's Ball field.

Mr. Gerson spoke about the truck traffic on Burkhardt Road.

The Town Board voted to hold a Defensive Driving Course for employees and retirees of the Town.

Scott Kunkler was appointed to the Planning Board to fill an unexpired term.

The Town Board approved a resolution to submit an application to the Department of State 2011-2012 Local Government Efficiency Program for Grant Funds to support a Countywide Shared Services Study.

There will be a Special Meeting of the Town Board on May 1st to discuss the Myosotis Lake Dam.

The meeting was adjourned at 10PM.

This is a Summary of the April 12th meeting, complete minutes of this meeting will be put on the web page after they have been approved by the Town Board.

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck, Town Clerk

Chicken BBQ-Take-out only

Sponsored by the Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Dept. Ladies Battalion

Sunday, May 27, 2012

1:00- 3:00-pm

\$12 per Dinner

Rensselaerville Firehouse, Route 85

Pre-sale Tickets Available

Quantity of Dinners are Limited

To reserve: Call 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 05/19/2012. Confirmation of reservation will be made.
Hope to see you there!

Ladies' Battalion Chicken BBQ - Take Out – Sunday, May 27, 2012

Select Pick Up Time:

1:00 pm _____ 1:30 pm _____ 2:00 pm _____ 2:30 pm _____

Name: _____

Telephone #: _____ or email address: _____

of Dinners: _____ @ \$10 each

Total Paid \$ _____ Check # _____

***All orders must be received by 5/19/12 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.

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

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.

Presiding Officer: The Supervisor or, in his/her 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 or 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.

Agenda: The agenda and all reports from the Supervisor and Highway Superintendent shall be available and open for the discussion at the work/agenda meeting scheduled for each Tuesday preceding the regular meeting to allow all Town Board members time to discuss the issues before the regular Town Board meeting. All financial reports for the preceding month will be made available to the Town Board / Highway Superintendent on the third working day of the following month. This is necessary for the Town Board to have time to review the reports before the work meeting and ask any questions they might have.

When an agenda item is up for presentation/discussion copies of all documentation when available, shall be provided to the Town Board members at the work meeting.

At the regular meeting, a Town Board member may request the agenda be modified by adding an agenda item with documentation if warranted.

Special Meetings: All special meetings will be held on evenings to allow the public and all Town Board members to attend. In an emergency situation a special meeting may be called during normal working hours.

Audience Comments: Public participation at all regular and special Town Board meetings will be opened to commentary as items are being discussed, to allow the public the right to have input before the Town Board takes action.

Any person speaking to the Town Board at all regular and special Town Board meetings will be required to address their remarks to the Town Board without engaging the public in debate. Town Board members may respond to audience comments by consensus of the Town Board.

A member of the public will be recognized and allowed to speak at the pleasure of the Board.

Comments shall be respectful and in good order. All members of the audience and Town Board members may not make personal comments about public officials, town residents or others.

All persons speaking will be given respect and courtesy and in return are expected to be respectful and courteous. Speakers may come to the podium, if they wish, but are not required to do so. The use of profane and inappropriate language is not acceptable.

Any speaker who disturbs the peace and is disruptive at a meeting shall be barred from further participation for the rest of the meeting. Any member of the public who engages in any demonstration, booing, or otherwise disrupts the meeting shall be requested to leave the meeting. If needed, law enforcement will be called.

At any time, the Presiding Officer may entertain a motion to adjourn due to disruptive behavior, which shall be carried by a majority vote.

The Town Board, by majority vote, may suspend further audience comments when deemed neces-

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sary to do so in order to maintain control and decorum.

Any Town Board member, with consensus of the majority of the Town Board, may call on a member of the audience who might have information or knowledge of the subject being discussed.

Actions: No action, resolution, local law or ordinance shall be adopted without the affirmative vote of a majority of Town Board members then in office.

The use of handheld sound or video recording devices by the public or Town Board is allowed, unless the recording devices or their use interrupt and interfere with the orderly conduct of the meeting or with the ability of the public to see or hear the proceedings.

If the above stated rules are or become at any time in conflict with the statutory law, the statutory law shall take precedence.

Amendment, Modification, or Repeal of the Rules: Permanent amendment, modification or repeal of the rules in whole or in part may be made at any time by a Resolution of the Town Board at a regular or special meeting.

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted on February 9, 2012 by the Town Board upon a motion made by Councilman Bolte, seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir, and a majority vote as follows:

Town Board Members	Aye	Nay	Abstention/Absence
Deputy Supervisor Lounsbury	_____	_____	_____
Councilman Bolte	__x__	_____	_____
Councilman Kudlack	__x__	_____	_____
Councilwoman Cooke	__x__	_____	_____
Councilwoman Sedlmeir	__x__	_____	_____

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

For residents of Berne, Knox, Westerlo & Rensselaerville

JUNE 2, 2012 - 9:00AM to 2:00PM

At the Town of Berne Highway Garage

1811 Helderberg Tr., Berne

Obtain special permit from Town Clerk

- *Keep wastes in their original labeled containers. Tighten lids and pack securely in a cardboard box. Never mix chemicals.*
- *Wrap leaking containers in newspaper and place in plastic bag or container*
- *DO NOT smoke near chemicals or leave product in a hot, unventilated vehicle for an extended period of time*
- *For your SAFETY, please stay in your car. Workers will unload the material*
- *Recycle Antifreeze with local Radiator shops.*

Acceptable Waste

Pesticides/Herbicides/Insecticides
 Paints (Oil Base, Latex)
 Wood Preservatives and Stains
 Thinners and Solvents
 Drain Cleaners
 Swimming Pool Chemicals
 Automotive Fluids/Batteries
 Cleaning Products
 Gasoline/Kerosene
 Acids and Bases
 Hobby Chemicals/Paints
 Asbestos (Wet and Doubled Bagged)
 Fluorescent Light Bulbs
 Mercury Thermometers

Unacceptable Wastes

Empty Paint Cans - throw in trash
 Empty Aerosols - throw in trash
 Dried paint - throw in trash
 Explosives/Ammunition
 Fireworks
 Radioactive Material
 Controlled Substances
 Known Dioxins
 Compressed Gases
 Commercial Wastes
 Industrial Wastes
 Medical Wastes

Youth Programs and Recreation Opportunities this Summer at the Huyck Preserve

Wildlife Family Hour

Tuesdays, June 26-August 28
10:00 AM, Eldridge Research Center
Free Program, All welcome!

Nature Study

Grade K-2	Grade 3-5
M - F, July 16-20	M - F, July 9-13
1:00-3:30 PM	1:00-4:00 PM

Middle School Natural History Day Program

Grade 6-8

M - F, June 25-29
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Students will explore nature through studying wildlife, keeping an illustrated nature journal, and learning ecology research techniques. Cost: \$200 nonmember/ \$180 member. Financial aid is available.



Swim Lessons

Session 1

M, W, F July 9-20
11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Session 2

M, W, F July 23-August 3
11:00 AM-12:30 PM

\$30 nonmember/ \$20 member per child per session for Swim Lessons or Nature Study

2012 Lake Myosotis Beach Program

The entire town is eligible!

Summer is almost upon us and we invite you to consider participating in the 2012 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 9th 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.

Updated Contact Information

<u>Town Board Meetings</u> Second Thursday 7:00 pm	<u>Town Hall</u> 518-797-3798; 518-239-4225 Fax: 518-239-6339	<u>Town Highway Department</u> 518-239-4225, 518-797-3798
<u>Working Meeting</u> Tuesday preceding regular meeting 7:00 pm	<u>Town Supervisor</u> Valerie Lounsbury	<u>Sen. Neil Breslin, 46th Dist.</u> Capital Bldg., Room 502 Albany, NY 12247 518-455-2800
<u>Town Justice Court</u> Mondays 7:00 pm	<u>Town Clerk & Collector</u> Kathleen A. Hallenbeck	<u>Assemblyman John McEneny, 104th Dist.</u> LOB, Room 648 Albany, NY 12248 518-455-4100
<u>Planning Board</u> First and third Thursdays 7:30 pm	<u>Town Justices</u> Gregory Bischoff Timothy Miller	<u>Co. Legislator, Deborah Busch, 39th Dist.</u> 518-872-0146
<u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u> First Tuesday 7:00 pm	<u>Councilpersons</u> Robert Bolte, Marion Cooke, John Kudlack, Margaret Sedlmeir	<u>Albany County Highway Dept.</u> 518-239-6715, 518-239-6710
<u>Building Inspector/Zoning Officer</u> Thursday 8:00-10:00am, 7-9 pm	<u>Building Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer</u> Mark Overbaugh	<u>Rensselaerville Fire Company, 911</u> Social Number - 797-3218
<u>Town Clerk's Hours</u> Monday-Wednesday 9:00am-3:30pm Thursday 1:30pm-7:30pm Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon	<u>Assessors</u> Donna Kropp, Richard Tollner Michael Weber Rachel Chase, Clerk II	<u>Tri-Village Fire Company, 911</u> Social number - 239-6780
<u>Supervisor's Hours</u> Monday - Friday 1pm - 4pm	<u>Highway Superintendent</u> Randy Bates	<u>Medusa Fire Company, 911</u> Back up emergency number, 765-5979 Social number - 239-6166
<u>Assessors' Hours</u> Thursday 6:00 pm-8:00 pm	<u>Planning Board</u> Richard Amedure, Chairperson Kathy Wank, Secretary	<u>Rensselaerville Vol. Ambulance, 911</u> For Information - 518-797-5233
<u>Assessors' Clerk Hours</u> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday morning	<u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u> James Glorioso, Chairman Kathy Wank, Secretary	<u>Albany County Sheriff, 911</u> 518-765-2351
<u>Dog Control Officer</u> Cheryl Baitsholts 518-797-5201	<u>Deputy Town Clerk</u> Dee Andrus	State Police <u>Rensselaerville and Hilltowns, 911</u> 518-477-9333
<u>Town Refuse Station Hours</u> Wednesday and Saturday 7:00am-3:45pm	<u>Clerk 1</u> Sarah Hunt	<u>Hilltown Community Resource Center</u> 518-797-5256
<u>Water/Sewer District Meeting</u> Fourth Thursday 7:00 pm		

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