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

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September Town Board Minutes Summary

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 11th day of September, 2008, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Nickelsberg and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Jost Nickelsberg, Councilwoman Marie Dermody, Councilman J. Robert Lansing, Councilwoman Sherri Pine, Councilman Gary Chase, Superintendent G. Jon Chase, Attorney Joseph Catalano, Town Clerk Kathleen A. Hallenbeck.

There were 24 interested citizens present.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 12, 2008; Work Meeting - August 12, 2008; Public Hearing - August 14, 2008; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

TRANSFERS - A motion was made by Councilman Chase to make the following transfers: from A1990.4 contingency account to the following accounts; A5010.4 Highway Superintendent for \$22.10, A1430.4 Personnel for \$30.10, A8010.4 Zoning for \$10.67, from SW8320.4 Source of Supply to SW8310.4 Administration for \$130.21, and from DA9048.8 Workers Comp. to DA9010.8 Retirement for \$667.42; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

ABSTRACT - 2008-08 - VOUCHERS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Chase to pay all signed vouchers; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

REPORTS

Reports were received from the following: Supervisor Nickelsberg, Superintendent Chase, Town Clerk Hallenbeck, Attorney Catalano, and Building Inspector Overbaugh.

Superintendent Chase reported the following: The following roads have been doubled sealed: Smith Road, Knowles Road, Jaycox Road, and half of Bates Hollow Road. Currently working on Tanglewood Road cutting trees, cleaning, ditching, re-grading and putting down crusher run. Bryan Road is being ditched and a new culvert installed. The new pickup truck should be here the end of September or the beginning of October. The speed signs for the designated roads have been ordered. The Rensselaerville streetlight will be repaired within the next 7 days. The 2000 F250 is having transmission problems; the estimates to fix it are \$3033.27, \$3333.27 and \$3555.00. The truck is worth approximately \$3000.00. The inside tank used for the waste oil furnace has been filled with used oil. Superintendent Chase will be looking for a set of forks for the loader so that they can fill the tank.

Mr. Bossolini from Ingalls & Associates briefed the Town Board on the Pearson Road culvert project and the King Lane project.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Highway Superintendent

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Library Bookmark

It's been a wonderful autumn here at the Rensselaerville Library! We held a successful story and craft series on Saturdays in the month of October and created many exciting fall and Halloween-themed crafts. We also had a great time at our Halloween party. Thanks to everyone who helped to make these events a success.

Attention to all of our little crafters! We will continue to run our Craft and Story Hour throughout the month of November. Please join us every Saturday at 11:00A.M. for a good story or two and some fun. All materials will be provided.

First Friday movies continue: Please join us at Conkling Hall on Friday, November 7 at 6: 30 P.M. for Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull. In 1957, Indiana Jones is thrust back into action, venturing into the jungles of South America in a race against Soviet agents to find the mystical Crystal Skull. Run time: 122 minutes. Rated PG-13 for adventure violence and scary images.

It's not too early to start thinking about the holiday season! Please join us on Saturday, December 13 for our annual Greenery Sale. There will be festive trees, wreaths, and garlands for sale, one-of-a-kind items available from our local vendors, and lots of goodies and good cheer. Please contact Candy at 797-3949 or email rvll1@uhls.lib.ny.us if you are interested in being a vendor for this event.

Are you interested in being a Friend of the Rensselaerville Library? This volunteer organization has been an asset to our Library in the past, and we would love any new members who wish to join. The Friends help to run events, parties, clean-up days, and anything else where we could use an extra hand! Please contact the Library at 797-3949, or by email at rvll1@uhls.lib.ny.us, if you are interested.

Visit the Library on the web at http://www.uhls.org/rvll_library. We are currently reworking our website. In the meantime, you can continue to visit the site to check out our catalog, order items you would like, and renew any you may have out from the comfort of your own home. You can also keep apprised of upcoming events at the Library.



Staff:

Candy Wilson, Director;
Katie Caprio, Assistant;
Barbara Husek, Assistant;
Zachary Wellstood, Page

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

www.uhls.org/rvll_library

The next **Library Board meeting** is on **Monday, November 17th at 7:00P.M.**

Town Hall will be closed on:

November 4th for Election Day

November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day

November 27th and 28th in observance of Thanksgiving

Conkling Hall—What’s On In November

Saturday, November 1: Captain Squeeze and the Zydeco Moshers as well as the Cajun Band return. A wonderful evening of music and dance. Beer, wine, beverages, Gumbo and dessert will be available. Admission: \$15.00. Doors open 7:00 for food. Music to follow.

Friday, November 7: First Friday Movie presented by the Rensselaerville Library. 6:30 PM.

Friday, November 21: Noteworthy Coffeehouse will feature Glenn Wieser who plays a celtic guitar and presents old time Americana. Visit his website at www.celticguitar.com. Door open at 7:00 PM , music begins at 7:30 PM. Admission: \$10.00. Coffee and snacks available.

Saturday, November 29: HILLTOWN HOLIDAY GIFT BAZAAR. Conkling Hall’s 6th annual bazaar of jewelry,

arts and crafts. Ease your holiday shopping burden. Go no farther than Conkling Hall. 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For further information contact Cheryl Baitsholts 518 797 5201.

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

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

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



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

**2009 Preliminary Budget
Public Hearing**

A public hearing for the Town’s preliminary budget is scheduled for November 3, 2008 at the Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12020.

- Tri-Village Fire Company—7:00PM
- Medusa Fire Company—7:05PM
- Rensselaerville Lighting District—7:10PM
- Town of Rensselaerville— 7:15PM

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Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2008

A public hearing will be held on November 13, 2008 at 7:00PM at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12020, on Proposed Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2008 entitled “Moratorium Law of 2008 of the Town of Rensselaerville” to establish a 6-month moratorium on applications and approvals for wind power facilities in the Town of Rensselaerville.

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. The Grange would appreciate one day advance notice. Call 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.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who helped make Bessie Bryan's 90th Birthday Open House a success.

Thank you for all cards, gifts, hugs and kisses, and especially your love. It was a most memorable day and will not soon be forgotten.

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Extra Helpings Food Buying Club — Available to Everyone

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

(Please note the slight increase in regular menu and meat box prices.)

November's Regular menu: \$21.00

- 10-12 lb. Whole Turkey
- 1 lb. Beef Stew Meat
- 1 lb. Mild Bulk Sausage Roll
- 1 doz. Large Fresh Eggs
- 5 lb. bag Potatoes
- 1 bunch Celery

Special #1: \$ 13.25

2 lbs. Cooked Shrimp (41-50 count) Peeled/
Cleaned/De-veined

Special # 2: \$ 19.00

8.5 lb. Avg. Wt. Fresh Spiral Cut Ham

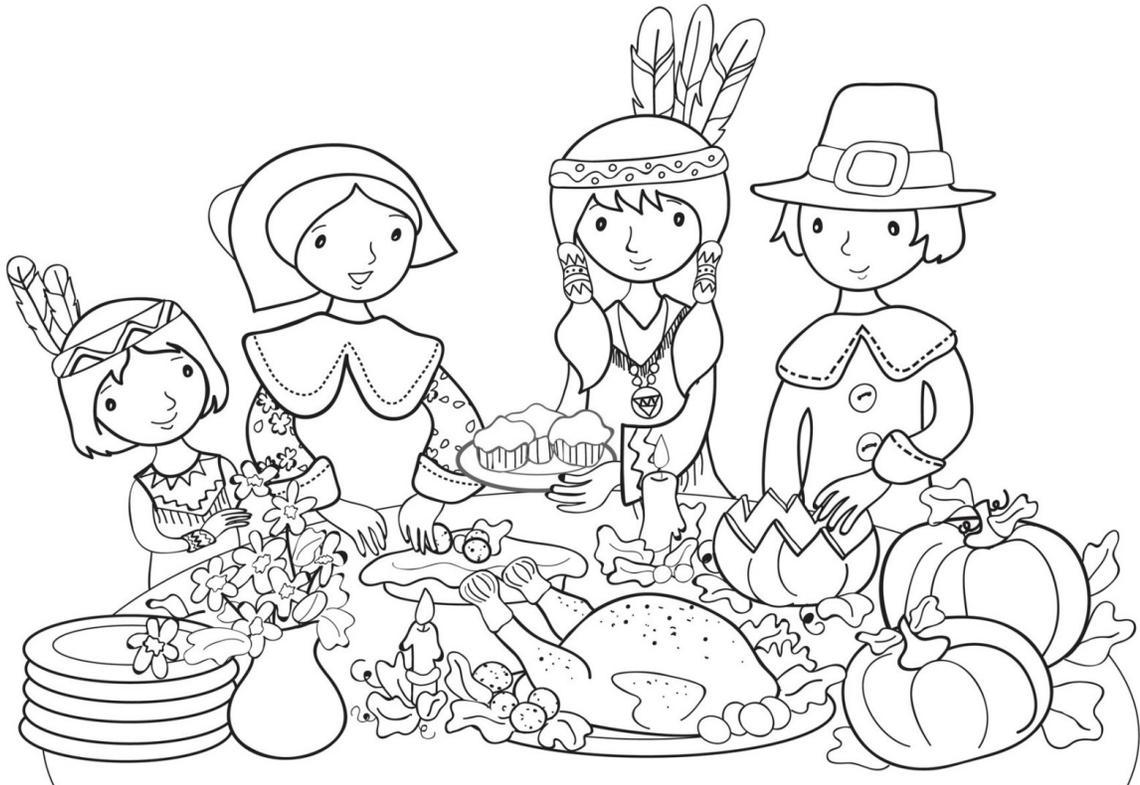
Special #3: \$32.00 MEAT BOX

- 2.5 lbs. IQF Boneless, skinless Chicken Breast
- 2 lbs. Sweet Italian Sausage Rope
- 3 lbs. 90/10 Ground Beef (3/1 lb. pkgs.)
- 3 lbs. Salisbury Steaks
- 2.5 lbs. Fully Cooked Gourmet Meatballs

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

PLEASE NOTE: Orders with payment are due at the HCRC office by **November 5TH** for pick-up on **November 18, 2008. ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 5TH.** HCRC distributes Extra-Helpings at the Rensselaerville Firehouse from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. and at St. Bernadette's Church in Berne from 11:30 to 12:00 p.m. on delivery days. The pick-up site must be noted with each order. Anyone wishing more information regarding Extra-Helpings or other Hilltowns Community Resource Center services, please call 797-5256. HCRC's mailing address is P.O. Box 147, Westerlo, NY 12193. Please include your phone number on all correspondence.

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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 Mass

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

Potter Hollow, 734-5106

Worship: Sunday - 9:00AM

Bible Study and Prayer Group

Wednesday—6:30PM

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

Rensselaerville: 797-3231
Medusa: 239-4826
Preston Hollow: 239-6111



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Accepting Bids

The following items are available for bid and are "as is":

- One 1996 F250 Ford Pickup Truck with Plow
- One 1987 Backhoe Model 555B

Please contact the Town Hall for more information, 797-3798 or 239-4225. Bids may be brought in or mailed to:

The Town of Rensselaerville
87 Barger Road
Medusa, New York 12020

Bids will be opened on November 12, 2008.

Rensselaerville Volunteer Hall of Fame 2008 Inductees



We are looking for those most worthy among us, even during these difficult times, who have selflessly given their time and energy to their neighbors. If you have a candidate or two you wish to nominate for the Rensselaerville Volunteer Hall of Fame, we welcome your submission. Please send us their name(s) and reasons why you feel they are deserving of this honor.

All nominations must be submitted in writing by November 30, 2008, and sent to Kathy Hallenbeck, Town Clerk, by mail (87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120), or by email (townclerk@rensselaerville.com), or dropped off at the town building.

Summary of Town of Rensselaerville Planning Board Minutes September 4, 2008—7:30pm

Present: F. Stettner; D. Cotter; A. Wright, Chair; R. Bates

Also Present: R. Platel; J. Kosich; M. Overbaugh

Absent: R. Welsh; M. Frasher

The meeting was called to order at 7:41pm by A. Wright.

Approval of August minutes: R. Amedure made a motion to accept the minutes of August 21, 2008; Seconded by D. Cotter and the motion was unanimously carried.

Minor Subdivision 007-2008 SBL# 182-1-25.2: The public hearing for a proposed two-lot minor subdivision located at Sayre Road and County Route 352 was continued from the previous meeting. The Board reviewed recommendations from the Albany County Planning Board. There were no further comments from the Board or the public. R. Amedure made a motion to close the Public Hearing; seconded by F. Stettner. All in favor and the motion was carried. The Board completed Part II of the short SEQR. R. Amedure made a motion to issue a negative declaration; seconded by F. Stettner; all were in favor and the motion was carried. F. Stettner made a motion to approve the minor subdivision; seconded by R. Amedure; all were in favor; none were opposed and the motion was carried.

Major Subdivision 006-2008 SBL# 181.00-2-41.1: The applicant submitted a preliminary plat application for a two-lot major subdivision proposed on Edwards Hill Road. The Board reviewed the application for completeness before accepting the application. R. Bates made a motion to waive the 5ft contours of the proposed house footprint, F. Stettner seconded. All were in favor and the motion was carried. There was a discussion about importance of identifying soils of statewide importance. A. Wright made a motion that the important agricultural soils be shown on a separate map instead of delineating area on the plat; 2nd R. Amedure. All in favor and the motion was carried. Discussion about showing actively farmed fields on plat. R. Amedure made a motion to request an aerial photo showing “hayfields” to satisfy this requirement of the major subdivision plat; seconded by F. Stettner. Discussion followed. The Board voted on the motion and the results were: F. Stettner, A. Wright, R. Amedure, D. Cotter were in favor; R. Bates was opposed. The motion was carried. R. Bates made a motion to accept the major subdivision preliminary plat application; seconded by D. Cotter. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Motion to adjourn made by R. Amedure; seconded by R. Bates. 9:44pm

Submitted by Rebecca Platel, Secretary

Summary of Town of Rensselaerville Planning Board Minutes September 18, 2008—7:30pm

Present: R. Bates; D. Cotter; M. Frasher, Chair; R. Welsh; R. Amedure; F. Stettner

Also Present: J. Kosich; R. Platel

Absent: A. Wright

Meeting called to order at 7:35p by M. Frasher.

Approval of the minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

Minor Subdivision 008-2008 SBL 173.-2-8 F. Stettner recused himself. R. Welsh made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the proposed preliminary plat application for a two-lot minor subdivision located on County Route 351 in Medusa; 2nd by D. Cotter. There were no members of the public present to comment. ACPB recommendations were reviewed by the Board. There were no comments from the public. R. Welsh made a motion to close the Public Hearing; 2nd by R. Amedure. All were in favor and the motion was carried. SEQR Part I was completed by the applicant—the Planning Board completed Part II. A motion to declare a negative declaration was made by R. Amedure; 2nd by R. Bates. All were in favor and the motion was

Veteran's Day Observance

American Legion Auxiliary Clark White Post #589 invites everyone to a celebration to honor the veterans on Sunday, November 9, 2008 at 2:00PM. We will begin with a ceremony of presenting the colors, laying a wreath, and a roll call at the flag pole in the Rensselaerville Cemetery on Methodist Hill, Rensselaerville, N.Y. This will be followed by a gathering at 3:00PM at the Bell's Hotel, 1464 County Route 351, Rensselaerville, N.Y.

Please bring your family and friends to assist us in honoring our veterans. If you know anyone who is a veteran, please encourage them in joining us. Let's celebrate those that have protected our freedom.



November 4th is Election Day

**Don't forget to vote...
Your vote DOES matter**

Historical Society Announces New Publication

By Janet Haseley, Research Chair, Town of Rensselaerville Historical Society

The Diary of a Pioneer, written by Niles Searls while he was crossing the country during the Gold Rush in 1849, is being reprinted by the Rensselaerville Historical Society with permission of the only surviving heir of the copyright holder.

The original *Diary* was privately printed for Searls descendants in 1940 by several grandchildren of Niles Searls, from handwritten documents in their possession. It includes not only the diary, but the autobiography of Niles Searls and a number of letters written from 1848 through 1859 by his wife, Rensselaerville native Mary Niles, to her mother, siblings and friends back in Rensselaerville.

The diary is very interesting and well-written and includes many descriptions of the countryside and the difficulties encountered by the pioneers. Many of Niles' companions died along the way and so did many of the pack animals, resulting in their having to discard much of their supplies and equipment when they had no way to carry it further.

The 2008 edition of the diary includes a new appendix with additional information about Niles Searls and his family, including several photographs and illustrations and a list of his descendants.

Copies of the book will be \$12 each plus postage. Contact Marion Williams at 797-5016 or Irene Olson at 239-4345.

Summary of Town of Rensselaerville Planning Board Minutes September 18, 2008—7:30pm

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carried. R. Welsh made a motion to approve F. Stettner Minor Subdivision 008-2008 SBL 173-2-8; 2nd by R. Bates. All were in favor; none were opposed; F. Stettner abstained; and the motion was carried.

Major Subdivision 006-2008 SBL# 181.00-2-41.1 The Planning Board reviewed the preliminary plat and additional maps submitted as requested at the previous meeting. The Planning Board reviewed SEQR Part I as completed by the applicant; Part II was reviewed and completed by the Board. A motion to declare a negative declaration was made by R. Amedure and 2nd by D. Cotter. All were in favor, none opposed, and motion was carried. R. Amedure made a motion to accept preliminary plat application; 2nd by F. Stettner. All were in favor, none were opposed, and the motion was carried. R. Welsh made a motion to schedule a public hearing for October 2, 2008 at 7:30 pm; 2nd R. Bates; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Minor Subdivision 002-2008 SBL# 186-1-12 The applicant submitted a preliminary plat application for a two-lot minor subdivision located on Rivenburg Lane in Potter Hollow. The Board reviewed the application for its completeness and requested that the application place an Agriculture Disclosure Statement on plat. SEQR Part I was completed by the applicant; SEQR Part II was reviewed and completed by the Board. R. Amedure made a motion to issue a negative declaration; 2nd by F. Stettner. All were in favor and the motion was carried. R. Amedure made a motion to schedule a public hearing following acceptance of preliminary plat with agricultural disclosure note added to the plat for October 2nd at 7:30 pm; 2nd by R. Welsh and the motion was carried.

R. Amedure made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by R. Welsh. Adjourned at 9:12pm

Submitted by Rebecca Platel, Secretary

Summary of Town of Rensselaerville Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes September 2, 2008

Present: R. Gifford; K. McCulloch; J. Glorioso; W. Cook; A. Pierce, Chair

Also present: J. Kosich; R. Platel

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Chairman Pierce

Approval of minutes: motion to approve minutes from the July ZBA meeting was made by J. Glorioso and seconded by K. McCulloch. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Area Variance 005-2008 SBL# 180-2-11.10 The applicant submitted an application for an area variance from the road setback for a proposed porch on a pre-existing, non-conforming residence. The Board reviewed the application for its completeness and discussed a few amendments that need to be made. A motion to conditionally accept the application based on the discussed amendments to the application and the request to add more detail to the drawing was made by R. Gifford and seconded by J. Glorioso. All were in favor, none opposed, and the motion was carried. R. Gifford made a motion to schedule a public hearing for the next ZBA meeting on October 7, 2008 at 7pm; seconded by J. Glorioso. All were in favor, none were opposed, and the motion was carried.

Review of Resolution for Area Variance 004-2008 A motion to accept the resolution as prepared by J. Kosich was made by R. Gifford and seconded by K. McCulloch. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by K. McCulloch and seconded by R. Gifford. All were in favor and the motion was carried. 7:40pm

Submitted by Rebecca Platel, Secretary

NEED HELP PAYING YOUR HEATING BILLS?

The following Fuel Assistance Outreach dates have been scheduled:

11/03/08	Hilltown Resource Center, Westerlo, 12:30pm-3:30pm
11/06/08	Cornell Cooperative Extension, Voorheesville, 3:00pm-6:00pm
11/12/08	Hilltown Family Center, East Berne, 9:00am-12:00pm
x 11/13/08	<u>Rensselaerville Town Hall, 12:30pm-3:30pm</u>
12/01/08	Hilltown Resource Center, Westerlo, 12:30pm-3:30pm
12/04/08	Cornell Cooperative Extension, Voorheesville, 3:00pm-6:00pm
12/17/08	WIC, Lutheran Church, Berne, 9:30am-12:30pm
01/02/09	Cornell Cooperative Extension, Voorheesville, 3:00pm-6:00pm
01/05/09	Hilltown Resource Center, Westerlo, 12:30pm-3:30pm
y 01/08/09	<u>Rensselaerville Town Hall, 12:30pm-3:30pm</u>
01/14/09	Hilltown Family Center, East Berne, 9:00am-12:00pm
02/02/09	Hilltown Resource Center, Westerlo, 12:30pm-3:30pm
02/05/09	Cornell Cooperative Extension, Voorheesville, 3:00pm-6:00pm
02/18/09	WIC, Lutheran Church, Berne, 9:30am-12:30pm
03/02/09	Hilltown Resource Center, Westerlo, 12:30pm-3:30pm
03/05/09	Cornell Cooperative Extension, Voorheesville, 3:00pm-6:00pm
03/11/09	Hilltown Family Center, East Berne, 9:00am-12:00pm
x 03/12/09	<u>Rensselaerville Town Hall, 12:30pm-3:30pm</u>
04/02/09	Cornell Cooperative Extension, Voorheesville, 3:00pm-6:00pm
04/06/09	Hilltown Resource Center, Westerlo, 12:30pm-3:30pm
04/15/09	WIC, Lutheran Church, Berne, 9:30-12:30pm
05/07/09	Cornell Cooperative Extension, Voorheesville, 3:00pm-6:00pm
05/04/09	Hilltown Resource Center, Westerlo, 12:30-3:30pm
05/13/09	Hilltown Family Center, East Berne, 9:00am-12:00am
x 05/14/09	<u>Rensselaerville Town Hall, 12:30pm-3:30pm</u>

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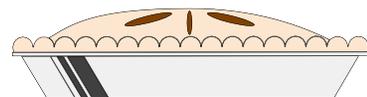


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*According to the 2007 American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) ranks for the U.S. largest Cable & Satellite TV providers; Charter Communications, Comcast Communications, Cox Communications, DIRECTV and Time Warner Cable. Tied with DIRECTV for the highest ACSI score in 2007. **300 hours recording time based on 720 model receiver. 3 Months Free offer requires participation in Digital Home Advantage with 24-month commitment and qualifying programming, including America's Top 100 or higher, DishLATINO or higher, DishHD package or a select qualifying International package. Customer receives three credits of \$9.99 each, applied to the first, fourth and seventh months of service. Customer must maintain qualifying programming service to receive all three credits. Digital Home Advantage: Requires 24-month qualifying programming purchase (minimum of DishFAMILY, Social Security Number, valid major credit card and credit approval). Qualifying service is required prior to end of 24-month period; a cancellation fee equal to the lesser of \$240 or \$110 per cancelled month of service will apply. Equipment must be returned to DISH Network upon termination of qualifying service. Limit 4 times per account. Monthly package price includes an equipment rental fee of \$6.00 or \$2.00 for first receiver, based on selected model. A monthly equipment rental fee of \$6.00 or \$2.00 will be charged for each receiver beyond the first, based on selected model. A \$5.00/mo. additional outlet programming access fee applies for each additional receiver. Fee will be waived monthly for each receiver consistently connected to Customer's phone line. HD programming requires HD receiver and HD television (sold separately). Customer must subscribe to qualifying HD programming or a \$200/mo. HD Enabling fee will apply. Lease upgrade fee may apply for select receivers. Offer ends 2/28/08 and is available in the continental United States for new, first-time DISH Network residential customers. All prices, packages and programming subject to change without notice. Local and state sales taxes may apply. Where applicable, equipment rental fees and programming are billed separately. All DISH Network programming, and any other services that are provided, are subject to the terms and conditions of the promotional agreement and Residential Customer Agreement, available at www.dishnetwork.com or upon request. Local channels not available by satellite, are only available to customers who reside in the specified local Designated Market Area (DMA). Local channels may require an additional dish antenna from DISH Network, additional fees or upon request. Local channels not available at time of initial installation. Social Security Numbers are used to obtain credit scores and will not be released to third parties except for verification and collection purposes only or if required by governmental authority. All service marks and trademarks belong to their respective owners.

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Report and the report from Mr. Bossolini; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Supervisor Nickelsberg reported on the cost of fuel and what are we going to do to help our seniors. Mr. Tollner mentioned that there is a group of people working on a fundraiser to buy fuel oil. The fundraiser will be held at the Rensselaerville Institute toward the end of October.

FEMA - Patricia Britton, Bookkeeper, researched the FEMA funds and submitted a report for the Town Board to review. This topic was discussed at length.

Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported the funds collected for the Town Clerk's Department - \$2897.92; the Water District - \$3041.15, and the Sewer District - \$1749.00.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to accept the Town Clerks report; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Code Enforcement Officer Overbaugh reported on the political signs and the 30 day limit which will be researched in the new zoning on what can be done with the time frame on the signs. July he issued 3 building repairs, 2 new home construction, 2 new accessory buildings, 1 accessory building, 1 addition, 1 new home replacement, 1 zoning residential use, 1 residential repairs. For the month of August; 2 new home constructions, 1 building new accessory, 1 zoning residential use, and 1 residential repair.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Attorney Catalano reported on the tower owned by American Tower. He has been in direct contact with them. The Town will receive a structural analysis from them; they will have it done in the next 30 days and notify Attorney Catalano when they do it so if anyone from the Town wants to be present, they can.

Attorney Catalano reported on the new State mandate with no funding that was signed into law in July. This law requires municipalities, as part of the budget process, to prepare a tax exempt property report to be included as part of the budget. The Office of Real Property is putting together a software program. As soon as that is done, the assessors will be able to generate the information for us.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to accept the Town Attorneys report; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Assessing Department—Assessor Pine reported to the Town Board some history of the equalization rates from surrounding towns.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the Assessor report; 2nd by Chase.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

CURRENT EVENTS - The Medusa Fire Company will be starting their breakfast on September 20th and they will be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month until May, 7 to 11 AM. There will be a turkey dinner on November 2nd and Election Day there will be a buffet. The Rensselaerville Fire Company will hold a breakfast on September 21st. The Preserve will be holding a Bird Fest on Saturday, 11AM to 3 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

CODE OF ETHICS

Supervisor Nickelsberg would like to make some amendments to the Code of Ethics voted on last month. He would like to take the \$25.00 or more gift value provision and have it at zero; Schedule A - change the wording concerning the FOIL and Open Meetings Law; and also he would like to add on the following "that all officials should recuse themselves of voting on any employment or salaries of any immediate family member inclusive of parents, spouses, or children." The Town Board held a lengthy discussion concerning and the changes Supervisor Nickelsberg would like to make.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody that we accept the revision to the Schedule A, paragraph I, "to the extent allowed by law the Town of Rensselaerville Board of Ethics shall be subject to the NYS Freedom of Information Law and to the Open Meetings Law; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

MYOSOTIS LAKE DAM

Supervisor Nickelsberg reported that Mr. Briggs and Mr. Woidt looked at the spillway at the Myosotis Lake Dam and said that there are some problems. We are waiting for this report. The emergency plan will be updated.

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RENSSELAERVILLE WATER DISTRICT

The Rensselaerville Water/Sewer Committee is meeting with the last consultant concerning the impounding dam. They will submit a written report with their findings.

WASTE OIL FURNACE

The furnace is filled up and ready to go.

SENIOR EMPLOYEE

We are still looking for an employee to do the job.

CPA

An RFP for a CPA will be put in the paper.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to post this job opening in the *Times Union* and *Catskill Daily Mail*; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

COMDOC

Councilwoman Dermody reported that the Town Board has received a situational analysis and proposal for a new lease on a copy machine that would enable us to print the newsletter in house rather than outsourcing it and possibly saving \$200.00 a month or more. The Town Board discussed the new copy machine and the newsletter at length.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase that the Town Board accept the quote from Com Doc for the 1350 SP for a 60 month lease of \$906.00 a month plus Com Doc will provide a check for \$6600.00 to cover the balance of the remaining payments on the Savin Copier; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

PLANNING BOARD

Rebecca Platel, Planning Board Secretary reported that there is mandatory training for Planning Board members, this training will be held October 13th and 14th in Albany put on by the New York Planning Federation and members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board would like to attend. The cost is \$150.00 per person.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg that these people be authorized to attend and the Town send a check for payment; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

MRS. WHITFORD

Mr. Whitford asked Superintendent Chase if he told DEC that we shouldn't take the trees out of the creek by her house. Superintendent Chase said no and that he has nothing to do with the creek.

UNION NEGOTIATIONS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to go into Executive Session to discuss Union negotiations; 2nd by Councilman Chase

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to come out of Executive Session; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

2009 BUDGET

The following dates were set for budget workshops; September 23, 24th at 25th at the Town Hall, 7 PM. A Special Meeting was set for October 2, 2008, 7 PM at the Town Hall for the Town Clerk to present the Tentative Budget to the Town Board.

HALL OF FAME

Supervisor Nickelsberg will put an article in the newsletter asking for names of people to be entered into the Hall of Fame.

DONNA KROPP - STATE CERTIFIED

Donna Kropp is now a State Certified Assessor. When an assessor becomes State certified, they receive an extra \$1000 as stated in the Organizational minutes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Chase authorizing the salary change for Donna Kropp; 2nd by Council-

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woman Dermody.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously passed.

BUS - WHEEL CHAIR LIFT RECALL

A recall for the wheel chair lift has been received. Instructions on how to test for any problems was included.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase authorizing the bus to be taken to Mike Fritz to do the test; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

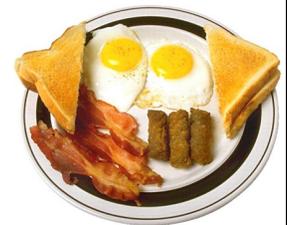
It was suggested that the assessors be invited to the budget meetings to discuss the REVAL process. Is Tanglewood Road finished? The work should be completed in about two weeks.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen A. Hallenbeck, Town Clerk

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All You Can Eat BREAKFAST 7 TO 11 A. M.

NOV. 15th
Dec. 20th
JAN. 17th
FEB. 21st
MAR. 21st
APR. 18th

MEDUSA FIRE COMPANY
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Volunteer News and Events

Medusa Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Monday, November 3rd, at 8:00 PM

Drill & Work Meeting: Monday November 10th and November 17th at 7:00PM

*Special Events: Election Day Buffet—5:00-7:00PM
Cost: \$8.00 Adults; \$4.00 Children 5-12; Free for Children under 5*

*Annual All you can eat Turkey Dinner
Sunday, November 2nd, 11:30-2:00 PM
Cost: \$9.50 Adults, \$4.50 Children 5-12; Free for Children under 5*

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

**Join us for another season of saving lives and homes in your neighborhood!!
Calls as of September 10th : 37**

November:

- 1st - Begin TOY Drive for HCRC
- 3rd - 7pm Company Drill
- 5th - 7pm Ladies Battalion
- 10th - 7pm Company Drill
- 22nd - End TOY Drive
- 26th - 7:30pm Company Meeting

December:

- 1st - 7pm Company Drill
- 3rd - 7pm Ladies Battalion
- 6th - 3:30pm Kids Christmas Party
- 8th - 7pm Company Drill
- 29th - 7:30pm Company Meeting

Special Events:

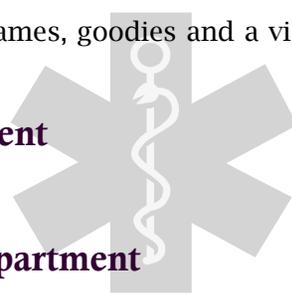
- 11/1 - 11/22 TOY DRIVE to benefit families served by the “Hilltown Communities Resource Center”. Please GIVE GENEROUSLY.....
- 11/23 - 6:30pm Community Caroling
- 12/6 3:30pm Kids Christmas Party - Bring your children for fun, games, goodies and a visit from SANTA !!! (All their friends will be looking for them.....)

Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, November 5th at 8:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, November 19th at 7:00PM



It's A Quagmire! Bring Them Home Now

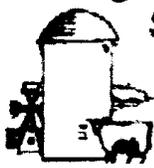
**John & Nancy La Rocca; Mark La Rocca & Nina Nsilo Swai; Tim Lippert;
 Tom & Kathy Mikulka; Sonny & Sue Shufelt; Michael & Gail Benedict;
 Jeff & Sherri Pine; Justin Mikulka & Elise VanAllen; Kerry McFarland;
 Robert and Beth Whiteman; Gordon & Elise Enk; Richard & Nadia Creamer;
 Sue & Jay McChesney; George & Carolin Dempsey; Richard & Mary Ann Ronconi;
 Greg Hostash; Roswell Eldridge; Roger and Bonny Gifford; James Walker;
 Robert Scardamalia; Bill & Barbara DeMille; Tom & Marion Frowein;
 Cynthia Willis; Dick Sabol; Dave & Mary Bryan; Ben Bryan; Emily Bryan;
 Bill & Kathie Quackenbush; Virginia Carter; Joann Eckstut; Tim & Linda Miller;
 Wayne & Charlene Teter; Kevin & Katherine Ceroala; Rich & Linda Snyder; Robert Mitchell and
 Cecile Gleason; Jenny Shufelt; Greg & Diane Bischoff; Helen Tworkov; Gordon & Tracy Benson;
 Dian Ryan; M. Steven Dickerson; Kathy Daniels; Phil Sheehan and Nancy Ortner.**
Groups and Organizations: The Chatham Peace Initiative; Veterans for Peace (Hudson Valley); NY Veterans
 Speak Out; Olean Area Coalition for Peace and Justice; Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace; Troy Peace Action;
 Upper Hudson Peace Action; Women Against War; Veterans for Peace (Chapter 10, The Tom Paine
 Chapter); Schenectady Neighbors for Peace; Vietnam Veterans Against the War; PaxChristiMi.org; Michi-
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Please contact Kathy Wank @ 797-9292 with questions

With the current state of our economy, it is a daily struggle just to get by for many families this holiday season.

We need your help more than ever

Suggested items to donate:

NEW only please, unwrapped toys for infants – teens

Books, art supplies, stocking stuffers, gift cards

Gift wrap, ribbon, tape

Cash/checks payable to HCRC

Drop off locations:

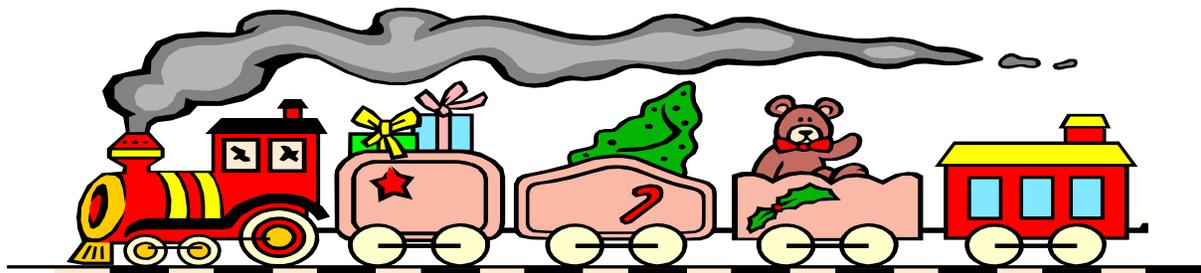
Hilltown Café Rt. 353, Rensselaerville

Medusa Post Office Building, Medusa

Preston Hollow Baptist Church, Rt. 145 Preston Hollow

Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Rd. Medusa

Rensselaerville Transfer Station, open Wed. & Sat. only



Important Contact Information

Town Board Meetings
Second Thursday 7:00 pm

Working Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 pm
before regular meeting

Town Justice Court
Mondays 7:00 pm

Planning Board
First and third Thursdays 7:30 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals
First Tuesday 7:00 pm

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

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

Supervisor's Hours
Wednesdays 10am - 12 pm
Home office 7 days 7:30am - 10:30pm

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

Assessors' Clerk Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday morning

Dog Control Officer
Cheryl Baitsholts
518-797-5201

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

Water/Sewer District Meeting
First Thursday 7:00 pm

Town Supervisor
Jost Nickelsberg

Town Clerk & Collector
Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

Town Justices
Victor LaPlante,
Victoria Kraker

Attorney for the Town
Joseph Catalano

Deputy Town Attorney
Jon Kosich

Councilpersons
Gary Chase, Marie Dermody,
J. Robert Lansing, Sherri Pine

Building Inspector
& Code Enforcement Officer
Mark Overbaugh

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

Highway Superintendent
G. Jon Chase

Planning Board
Muriel Frasher, Chairman
Rebecca Platel, Secretary

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

Deputy Town Clerk
Dee Andrus

Bookkeeper
Patricia Britton

Town Highway Department
518-239-4225, 518-797-3798

Sen. Neil Breslin, 42nd Dist. LOB,
Albany, NY 12247
518-455-2800

Assem. John McEneny,
102nd Dist. LOB,
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,
943-9010
Social number - 239-6166

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

Albany County Sheriff, 911
518-765-2351

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

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