



Town of Rensselaerville

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September Town Board Minutes Summary

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The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 10th day of September, 2009, at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. Supervisor Nickelsberg and Deputy Supervisor Tollner were not present at 7 PM, and the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine authorizing Councilwoman Dermody to conduct the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Nickelsberg; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Councilman Chase—AYE, Councilwoman Dermody—AYE, Councilman Lansing—AYE, Councilwoman Pine—AYE

The meeting was convened by Councilwoman Dermody at 7:03 PM and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Councilman Gary Chase, Councilwoman Marie Dermody, Councilman J. Robert Lansing, Councilwoman Sherri Pine, Town Attorney Joseph Catalano, Town Clerk Kathleen A. Hallenbeck, Bookkeeper Andrea Cornwell

ABSENT: Highway Superintendent G. Jon Chase

There were 40 interested citizens present.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Mr. Amedure spoke concerning the audience getting out of control.
- Mr. Gerald Wood asked how the Pearson Road Project is going and when do they expect to finish and why does it appear crocked? Attorney Catalano will ask the engineer about the placement of the culvert.

Attorney Catalano, talked to the engineer and it appears that they are on time and it should be completed by next week.

(Supervisor Nickelsberg arrived at 7:07 PM and took over the running of the meeting.)

MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to accept the minutes for the following meetings; Regular Meeting - August 13, 2009, Special Meetings - July 28, 2009, August 27, 2009 and March 17, 2009; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

ABSTRACT 2009-09 VOUCHERS,BILLS: September 9, 2009 - The General Fund - \$10,492.14; Highway Fund - \$85,316.51; Lighting Districts - \$437.78; Water District - \$433.11; Sewer District - \$857.24; FEMA - \$145,841.43. Total - \$243,378.21. Pre-Pays - August 27, 2009 - General Fund - \$9,755.39; Highway Fund - \$6,262.09.

The Town Board questioned the number of Highway Superintendent and General Law books that Supervisor Nickelsberg has purchased. He said he would get the names of the people he has given them to for the Board members.

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

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

TRANSFERS: Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that we are at the point that we are going to have to cash in the Pearson Road CD to pay for part of the Schoenecker bill.

Bookkeeper Cornwell explained the following transfers to the Board.

A motion was made to make the following transfers:

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Library Bookmark

November, November - it's time to remember...
 The (first flakes of) snow, and the tendrils from chimneys,
 the crackling of leaves as they scurry in flurries
 that hint at the winter that's fast in approaching,
 that whispers of cider, and chocolate (hot!)
 and mittens.
 But for now...
 It's November!

Library Services You Can Use!

Did you know (??) that the Rensselaerville Library offers a selection of **online databases**, provided by Upper Hudson Library System (UHLS)? All you need is a research topic and a library card! Visit <http://www.uhls.org/new/databases.asp> (also linked from our Library's web site) and check out the selection of databases on Art & Literature, Business & Finance, Education, For Kids & Teens, Health & Medicine, Multi-Subject and Newspapers! If you need assistance using the online databases, stop in the Library and ask Liz for a crash course in online databases (henceforth known as: "Databases101"). With school assignments staring at you from your backpacks, what a great time to get acquainted with the online tools available to you!

We also offer **Inter-Library Loan** services through UHLS, as well as out-of-system loans for those hard-to-find materials. Can't find what you're looking for on our shelves? Ask us to find it for you!

Ever wonder, "What's New on the shelves?" Check out our web site's link to "What's New?" for an updated list of materials added in the last 30 days. Don't see something you're looking for? Make a suggestion for our collection. You know best what you want to read, and we want to know.

As always, you can request and renew materials using the "My Account" link on our web site. If you haven't familiarized yourself with all of the online options available to you, stop in and ask for an introduction to <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org>. Our staff is here to help!

Friday Night Dungeons & Dragons is always a hit with teens at the Library, starting at 6:30PM and open to all levels of experience. Thanks to the teens who come every Friday (and give me pizza and cake) for their continued patronage and courteousness. As well, thanks to the community for their understanding that our shhhh-ing rules are slightly bent from 6:30-9PM on Fridays. It's hard to be quiet when you're battling other-worldly creatures!

This Month's Story Times: November 14th and November 28th at 10AM - Ask to sign our Email list if you'd like to be notified of our Story Time schedule.

Please join us for our **First Friday Family Film Series at Conkling Hall on Friday, November 6th at 6:30P.M.** (Film: TBA)



Staff:

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

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

Library Hours:

Tuesday &

Wednesday:

**10:00 AM to Noon,
 4:00-9:00 PM**

Thursday & Friday:

4:00-9:00 PM

Saturday:

9:00-1:00 PM



Conkling Hall—What's On In November

Pilates: Saturdays 9 - 10 AM Mat class. Strengthen your abdominals, gain long, lean muscles and work with good alignment. Appropriate for all levels. Open to all. Call Sarah Nelson-Weiss 239-6825 for more information.

Yoga: Tuesdays 9 - 10:15 AM. Move, breathe and relax. Good for what ails you. Open to all. Please call Sarah Nelson-Weiss at 239-0825 for more information.

You can contact Conkling Hall at 518-797-3459 or read our website at www.ConklingHall.org. We send 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



The Assessors' Corner

A certain "citizens" group has raised some question in their latest mailing concerning our recent comparisons of taxes with the Towns of Berne and Westerlo. Hopefully this addendum will clear up some of their confusion.

- ⇒ First -Average single family house means just that, the average value of what a house would sell for.
- ⇒ Second -Towns in Albany County all use the same method to list similar property. The most common group of single family homes in all three towns is called a 210 (single family dwellings of conventional construction located on ten acres or less). This enabled us to cross town lines to do an apples-to-apples comparison.
- ⇒ Third -The towns of Berne and Westerlo were used for their similar demographics and their being located in the same county as Rensselaerville. These towns are also often used for comparison at Town Board meetings.
- ⇒ Fourth - No exemptions were included for simplicity. There are literally hundreds of exemptions available in New York State.
- ⇒ Fifth - Again for simplicity, total taxes were listed to reflect the full tax burden for the owner of a single family home in each town. But in the interest of clarity, here is the breakdown of town and county taxes using the same type property in the original chart. Rensselaerville: \$1,320.00; Westerlo: \$1,038.00; Berne: \$1190.00.
- ⇒ And lastly, without getting too "geeky," the COD mentioned in their mailing is algorithmic equation based on a theoretic bell curve. Towns with homogenous properties and no influence from wealthy downstate buyers fare much better on this theoretical bell curve. The Town of Rensselaerville is not going to score as high as the state would like until out-of-town buyers stop paying higher and higher prices for local real estate. This equation has been out of whack in the Town of Rensselaerville for years and will likely continue to be. What does that mean to the town? Not much really; it is beyond our local control, and the equation has lost most of its relevance in this current real estate market.

Please feel free to contact the Assessing Department for any of your assessing questions or concerns. Happy and healthy turkey day!

Jeffry Pine, Assessor

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,

Election Day Buffet Dinner

Sponsored by the Medusa Firehouse

November 3, 2009 ~ 5pm—7pm

\$7.00 per person ~ Eat in or take out



TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC
NEW SERVICES & UPGRADES



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**Thursday, November 5th
7 PM
Rensselaerville Meeting Center**

-This session is open to the public at no charge-
Please RSVP by October 30th at (518) 356-1523

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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:

Extra Helpings Menu: \$21.00

- ⇒ 10-12 lb. Whole Turkey
- ⇒ 1 lb. Beef Stew Meat
- ⇒ 1 lb. Mild Bulk Sausage Roll
- ⇒ 1 Dozen Fresh Large Eggs
- ⇒ 5 lbs. Bag Potatoes
- ⇒ 1 Bunch Sleeved Celery

Special # 1: \$13.25

- ⇒ 2 lbs. Cooked Shrimp (41- 50 Count)
(Peeled/ Cleaned/ Deveined. Thaw and serve with your favorite cocktail sauce!)

Special #2: \$19.00

- ⇒ Fresh Spiral Cut Ham 8.5 lb. Avg. weight

Special # 3 Meat Box: \$32.00

- ⇒ 2.5 lbs. IQF Chicken Breasts (Boneless & Skinless)
- ⇒ 2 lbs. Sweet Italian Sausage Rope
- ⇒ 3 lbs. Ground Beef 90/10
- ⇒ (3/ 1 lb. Packages)
- ⇒ 3 lbs. Salisbury Steaks
- ⇒ 2.5 lbs. Gourmet Meatballs (Fully Cooked)

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

PLEASE NOTE: Orders *with payment* are due at the HCRC office by **November 6th** for pick-up on **November 19th**. HCRC distributes Extra-Helpings at the Rensselaerville Firehouse from 11:00 to 12:00 p.m. and at St. Bernadette's Church in Berne from 11:15 to 11:45 p.m. on delivery days. **Please note the new pick-up times.** 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.

A New Justice in Town

Justice Victor LaPlante recently swore in Timothy Miller of Rensselaerville as the newest Justice for the Town of Rensselaerville. He was appointed by the Town Board at the October 8 meeting as an interim judge to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Justice Victoria Kraker.



Pictured left: Timothy Miller being sworn in by Justice LaPlante. *Pictured right:* Newly sworn in Justice Miller and his wife, Linda.

Middleburgh Library Happenings

11/3 - Election Day

11/4 - 1:00 PM - Wednesday Matinee - Coming to America Film Series

"In America" (PG 13) - Free Popcorn

11/5 - 7:00 PM - Mr. Lincoln's Chair: - The Shakers & Their Quest for Peace - A presentation by author Anita Sanchez.

11/5 - 7:00 PM - Knitting Circle - Bring any handwork you do and visit.

11/9 - 7:00 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting

11/10 - 10:30 AM - Drop in Storytime

Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays and a short movie. This fun, interactive program is meant for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. No registration is required.

11/10 - 3:30 PM - Reading with Indy. Indy is a trained and certified therapy dog who along with his trainer, Karen Van Dyke, offers non-judgmental ears to your little one. Children who are just beginning to read, need practice reading or simply need a confidence boost, will find Indy a great friend!

11/11 - 1:00 - Wednesday Matinee - Coming to America Film Series

"Sweet Land" (PG) - Free Popcorn

11/12 - 7:00 PM - Knitting Circle

11/17 - 10:30 AM - Drop in Storytime

Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays and a short movie. This fun, interactive program is meant for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. No registration is required.

11/17 - 3:30 PM - Reading with Indy. Indy is a trained and certified therapy dog who along with his trainer, Karen Van Dyke, offers non-judgmental ears to your little one. Children who are just beginning to read, need practice reading or simply need a confidence boost, will find Indy a great friend!

11/17 - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion - "The Little Giant of Aberdeen County"

11/18 - 10:30 Am - Library Babies - Storytime for the Very Young! The Third Wednesday of Every Month. This special storytime is designed especially for babies 3 - 14 months and their caregivers. We'll read, sing, bounce and have fun all while teaching pre-literacy skills. No registration is required.

11/18 - 1:00 PM - Wednesday Matinee - Coming to America Film Series

"The Visitor" (PG 13) - Free Popcorn

11/19 - 7:00 PM - Knitting Circle

11/21 - 9 to 2 - Drop-in Craft - Pine Cone Turkey's

11/21 - 11:00 AM - Family Film - "Monsters vs. Aliens" Free Popcorn

11/24 - 10:30 AM - Drop in Storytime

Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays and a short movie. This fun, interactive program is meant for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. No registration is required.

11/24 - 3:30 PM - Reading with Indy. Indy is a trained and certified therapy dog who along with his trainer, Karen Van Dyke, offers non-judgmental ears to your little one. Children who are just beginning to read, need practice reading or simply need a confidence boost, will find Indy a great friend!

11/25 - The Library will close at 2PM

11/26 - Closed - Thanksgiving Day

12/6 - The Middleburgh Library would like to invite you to travel with us by bus to the "Museum Mile" in New York City. For more information, stop in the library and pick up an information packet.

For further details and future programs, check out our web site at www.middleburghlibrary.blogspot.com or stop in the library.

Please Take Notice

The Refuse-Recycling Center will be closed
November 11, 2009 in observance of Veterans Day.

For your convenience, it will be open on
Tuesday, November 10, 2009, 7:00am—3:45pm.



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

**NOVEMBER 21ST
JANUARY 16TH
FEBRUARY 20TH
MARCH 20TH
APRIL 17TH**

**MEDUSA FIRE COMPANY
Free Will Offering**



**HALLOWEEN NIGHT
MEDUSA PLAYGROUND PAVILLION**



**TRICK
* OR *
TREAT**



**10/31/09
5PM TO 7 PM**



FOR A TEAM THAT WILL WORK FOR YOU

Myra
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Assessor

Michael
WEBER
Assessor



Church Services

Preston Hollow Baptist Church

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

Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church

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

United Church of Christ

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

Trinity Episcopal Church

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

Potter Hollow Union Church

4824 Potter Hollow Mountain Road
Potter Hollow, 263-4478
Worship: Sunday - 10:00AM
Coffee Hour & Sunday School—11:30AM
Call for Bible Study and Prayer Group

Please Take Notice:

Some of our Town email addresses have changed.
The new email address are noted on the Important
Contact Information page (Page 23).

What's In a Name?

By Janet Haseley, Research Chair, Town of Rensselaerville Historical Society , 518-797-3194, edhase@aol.com

When we ran several articles a while back about the origin of names of roads in the town of Rensselaerville, a lot of people commented on how interesting the information was, and several people wrote to add additional information. Now we would like to challenge readers to help the same way with information on the names of natural features in the township.

Lincoln Pond was named for Levi Lincoln who had a sawmill there. Sickule Pond was named for the Sickule family who owns the land around it. Why is Fox Creek named Fox Creek? What other names might have a story behind them? Write to edhase@aol.com or POB 76, Rensselaerville, NY 12147 with any information you have, and we will publish it in future editions of the town newsletter.

Lake Myosotis used to be called the Big Pond and that is why the road nearby is called Pond Hill Road. But why was the name changed to Myosotis?

The book *Old Rensselaerville* written by Mary Fisher Torrance in 1939, says on page 51 that Joshua Bogue drowned in "The Big Pond" and that later the lake was named Myosotis by Deborah Wickes. According to his gravestone in the Rensselaerville Cemetery, Joshua G. Bogue was 20 years old when he died on June 24, 1844. This was nine years before Deb married Charles W. Mulford, so she was a teenager when Joshua drowned. Myosotis is the Latin name for the small blue flower whose common name is Forget-Me-Not. There are a lot of Forget-Me-Nots around the lake. Did Deb name the lake for the flower alone, or because the name suggested a memorial to Joshua?

Potter Hollow Union Church News

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

Morning Worship
10am

**Mustard Seed Coffee Hour,
Youth & Adult Bible Studies**
11:30am

Praise & Prayer
6:30pm

Midweek Bible Studies

Call for location and details.

COMMUNITY HARVEST PARTY

October 31st 5:30-8:00pm



Dessert Social
Face Painting
Games
Clown
And More!



Admission is a bag of candy or dessert!

Community Christmas Pageant We need you!



Teens and children are invited to participate in our pageant. We are looking to start practices in October. Call Kim Aloisi if interested 239-4732.

Messenger

*A local ensemble of musicians, from The Trinity Baptist Church in Catskill.
Offering Traditional Melodies of Praise*

Sunday October 25th
6:30pm

Admission: is FREE
Evening Events Include:

Concert,
Old time Sing Along,
& Refreshments.

John Osborne Ministries

Where Jesus is Lord He's the only way to heaven

*Jesus took note from
I am the way, the
truth, and the life,
no man comes unto
the Father, but by
me. (John 14:6)*



FREE Country Gospel Concert
Sunday November 15th
6:30pm

SUPPORT FOR SENIORS AND FAMILY SPONSORS SOUGHT FOR HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

I KNOW....IT'S ONLY OCTOBER!!! But, the Hilltowns Community Resource Center (HCRC), a program of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, is beginning to coordinate its annual winter holiday program. We are all feeling the economic pinch, so this is a hard time for us to ask but, as we proceed with our efforts we need to know that you are with us. As always, we are seeking individuals, families, organizations and businesses interested in assisting struggling Hilltown families which leaves them limited resources for providing clothing and gifts for their children during the December holidays. There is still time to consider being a sponsor this year!! We've emphasized to our families that, because of the economic climate, our focus would be on children in the households. Sponsors may want and be able to provide for a whole family, but the primary focus will be the children.

Referrals of families seeking holiday assistance are made to HCRC for holiday by schools, religious organizations, community groups and other service agencies. You may call the office to discuss options available in sponsorship (i.e. number of children). Sponsors will be given a list from a family stating their immediate needs and desires to use a guide when shopping. **Cash donations** for sponsorship are also welcomed. Family names are kept confidential and a code number is assigned to each.

If you are interested in being a 2008 Christmas Program sponsor, please call HCRC at 797-5256 as soon as possible.

In 2007, the Hilltowns Community Resource Center began the HCRC Holiday Fund for Seniors which replaced the Albany Times Union Fund for the Elderly. We are continuing that effort this year which provides seniors with a little extra cash during the December holidays. Annually, HCRC, with the help of the Helderberg Kiwanis and St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar, has served approximately 70 Hilltown senior citizens in December by providing a food basket meeting his or her dietary requirements, small gift items and a small check. Anyone interested may contribute to the Hilltown Fund for Seniors by writing a check payable to HCRC with a notation in the memo line...Senior Fund. Dollars will be redistributed to eligible seniors through Catholic Charities. Contributions may also be made at collection buckets placed through out the community.

Volunteers are also needed to assist in sorting through donated items, setting up the Christmas Store at Woodman Hall, assisting at the holiday party for kids, packing and delivering food baskets, and other tasks during the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Volunteers may also conduct workplace food drives which HCRC collects for distribution to families not only during the holidays, but year round. Please call HCRC anytime at 797-5256 to volunteer, or to ask questions about The Christmas Program or other Hilltown Community Resource Center services.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Take Notice

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on the following days:
November 3rd—Election Day
November 11th—Veterans Day
November 26th & 27th—Thanksgiving Holiday

HAVE YOU HAD ENOUGH YET?

ARE YOU TIRED OF A LEADER WHO CAN'T OR WON'T FULFILL THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE JOB?

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Office of General Counsel, Region 4

1130 North Westcott Road, Schenectady, New York 12308-2014

Phone: (518) 357-2048 • Fax: (518) 357-2087

Website: www.dec.ny.gov



Alexander B. Gorman
Commissioner

September 11, 2009

Just Nickelsburg, Supervisor
Town of Rensselaerville
87 Darger Road
Medusa, NY 12120

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

7007 3020 0000 6421 1869

Re: SPDES Permit NY0240770
Rensselaerville Wastewater
Treatment Facility
Permit Renewal
Albany County

Dear Mr. Nickelsburg:

This letter is to inform you that the Town was granted an extension to complete the request for information to renew the permit for the Rensselaerville wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) until June 23, 2009. After the documentation was not received, William Mirable from our Central Office then contacted you and granted an additional extension until August 24, 2009. This request for information was not received. Additionally, there are other permit related issues that have not been satisfactorily addressed. I am requesting that you meet with us in our office to discuss the lack of a valid permit authorizing discharges from the WWTF, review documentation related to the operation and maintenance of the WWTF, and any other concerns.

Please be aware that discharge without a permit is a serious issue, which could open the Town up to a civil law suit or enforcement action by this Department. Contact me on September 21st at (518) 357-2268 to arrange this meeting.

Sincerely,

Carrie C. Bustow
Environmental Program Specialist

CCB/vaa-Rensselaerville

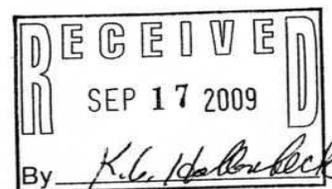
cc: Dell Shaver w/ insp. report
69 County Route 351, Rensselaerville, NY 12147

MEMORANDUM

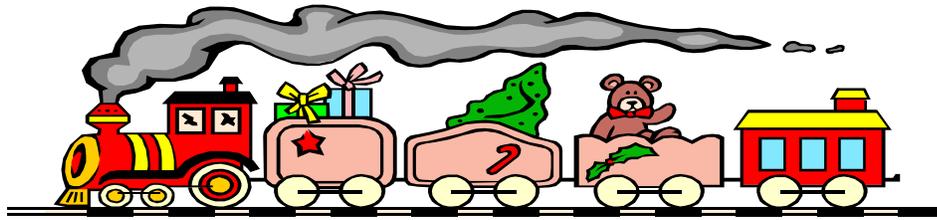
To: Jost Nickelsburg, Town Supervisor
From: Joseph M. Catalano, Esq., Town Attorney
Re: Failure to Sign Checks for Approved Vouchers
Date: September 17, 2009
CC: Kathleen Hallenbeck, Town Clerk
Andrea Cornwell, Clerk 1
Jon Kosich, Esq., Deputy Town Attorney
Town Board
Jon Chase, Highway Superintendent

It has been brought to my attention by Andrea, the Clerk 1, that you have refused to sign 15 checks totaling over \$79,000 that have been cut to pay vouchers approved by the Town Board. It is my understanding that these checks were cut by Andrea for payment of vouchers that fully comply with the Town's voucher procedures and have been examined and approved for payment by the Town Board. As such, these vouchers represent valid claims against the Town. The Board's approval and subsequent motion to pay all approved vouchers represent a directive to you as Supervisor to pay them. Your unilateral refusal to sign the checks that have been processed for payment is without legal justification and constitutes a breach of the duties of the Supervisor. It also exposes the Town to interest charges and liability for non-payment of materials and services rendered to, and received by, the Town. It will also cause problems with vendors since they may justifiably refuse to provide any future materials or services to the Town given the Town's failure to promptly pay for materials and services received. In addition, since the vendors in question have performed services and supplied materials to the Town, they have an irrefutable right to be paid.

Once the Town Board approves vouchers for payment, it is your duty and obligation as Supervisor to see that those vouchers are promptly paid. If you continue to unilaterally refuse to meet your duties of office, any damages incurred by the Town due to your actions or inaction may expose you to personal liability for such damages. Therefore, I strongly suggest that you sign the checks that have been prepared by Andrea. If the checks are not signed by Monday, September 21st, I will have to advise the Town Board that a legal action against you may be necessary.



ARE YOU READY TO PUT AN END TO DIVISIVE GOVERNMENT?
VOTE FOR RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL GOVERNMENT!
VOTE THE DEMOCRATIC TEAM ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009!



TOY DRIVE

November 1 – 29, 2009

To benefit the Hilltowns Community Resource Center

Hosted by the Rensselaerville Fire Department Ladies Battalion

HCRC serves the towns of Berne, Knox, Westerlo, and Rensselaerville. They currently assist approximately 300 families in need.
Please contact Kathy Wank @ 797-9292 with questions

You're only a kid once... Won't you please help?

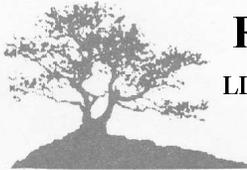
Suggested items to donate:

- 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
- Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Rd. Medusa
- Rensselaerville Transfer Station, open Wed. & Sat. only



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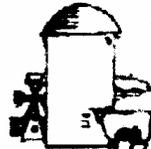
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General Fund

From:	To:	Amount:
A1990.4	A1430.4	\$ 65.00
Contingency Account	Personnel Contractual/Contractual obligations	
A1990.4	A7610.1	\$ 400.00
Contingency Account	Personnel	
Aging line has been cut in half for this year's budget		
A1990.4	A5010.4	\$200.00
Contingency Account	Highway Supt./Contractual—Cell Phones	
A2770 Unclassified Revenues \$3000	A81260.2	\$94,900.00
A910 Un-appropriated Fund Balance Reserve (Return from Sewer District - Reserve) \$91,900.00		
Need to move money to appropriate line		
SS 910 Sewer Reserve to A910 Un-appropriated Fund Balance General		
Highway Transfers:		
DA5110.4	DA5130.4	\$21,900.00
General Repairs Contractual	Machinery Contractual	
Due to repairs etc in machinery line		
DA 910 Un-appropriated Fund Balance	DA5110.4	\$268,000.00
Reserve for FEMA - Return to General Repairs for FEMA Pearson Road		

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to approve the transfers; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Nickelsberg read a letter from the Albany County Department of Budget & Finance, 112 State Street, Albany, NY concerning amnesty for people who have not paid their land taxes yet. The program runs through November 30, 2009.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Nickelsberg asked if anyone had any questions on his reports. Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that we had a discussion and a vote, and on that vote he was in favor of seeing requests as a board before we were going to give it to the Budget Committee and that turned to be very close time wise. He also voted for it, but he would like to make the following motion.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg allowing the Budget Committee to have any information that they need to help in budget process and rescind the previous motion and get information in to them in 24 or 48 hours or as soon as we can; 2nd by Councilman Lansing.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Nickelsberg—AYE, Councilman Chase—NA, Councilwoman Dermody—NA, Councilman Lansing—AYE, Councilwoman Pine—NA

Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that we discussed information at the last meeting.

Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that he can legally give out information that is not confidential. If he is here and somebody asks for it, guess what.

Supervisor Nickelsberg discussed the line by line budget, the new vehicle - we need to know when we will get the check for the grant.

Bookkeeper Cornwell mentioned that she has two letters from FEMA. One was attached to a check for \$2948.32 for the December 2008 storm and that there is another check on the way in the amount of \$18,560.23 for the same storm. The paperwork has been processed.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that we are looking at the FEMA Project that Mrs. Pearson headed; we got \$404,000.00. Supervisor Nickelsberg talked about the Road Agreement and FEMA projects. A lengthy discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to add the list of roads that have been listed on the reports from the Highway Superintendent to the Highway Agreement

Supervisor Nickelsberg stated that Councilwoman Dermody does not have the floor.

Councilwoman Dermody made a motion that we follow the advice of our Town Attorney to put the FEMA roads on the Highway Agreement and proceed from this day forward in that manner with Bookkeeper Cornwell coordinating with the Highway Clerk; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Nickelsberg—NA, Councilman Chase—AYE, Councilwoman Dermody—AYE, Councilman

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Lansing—NA, Councilwoman Pine—AYE

Councilwoman Dermody read the following report from Superintendent Chase;

1. The Highway Department is finishing up a section of Roney Road that was damaged from the August 22nd 2009 rain storm.
2. Continuing to patch and grade various town roads as necessary.
3. Ditching Pearson Road, the estimated date of opening Pearson Road for vehicle use is September 28, 2009.
4. The Albany County engineering is doing the engineering work for the intersection of CR 352 and Pearson Road. This will save the town approximately \$28,000.00.
5. Vehicles in need of repair, Vehicle # 14, 1 1987 International dump truck, the transmission is not shifting, it has an Allison automatic transmission and an oil leak. This truck cannot be used as it is. The mileage is over 200,000 and the speedometer has been broken for 2 years or more. The repair on the speedometer is a unit in both the dash and parts of the transmission, the body of the truck is rotted out. In my opinion the cost of repair is more than the truck is worth. Vehicle # 2, 1 1992 International dump truck with over 200,000 miles, it needs a new clutch assembly, body repair and the engine uses about 1 ½ gallons of oil a day. The truck also needs transmission work. It jumps out of gear. Vehicle # 9, a 1999 one ton F350 Ford dump with plow and sander, the body is rotten, this truck is used on side roads where a large plow cannot maneuver easily, it has over 100,000.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg to let Superintendent Chase repair the vehicles that need repair, try and do as much as he can in-house and for the lowest possible cost.

Councilwoman Dermody asked if we should get some estimates on repair first.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, sure, if it is over \$10,000.00 we have to bid it out.

Councilman Chase asked where are we going to get the money to pay for the repairs.

Councilwoman Pine, there is no money in his repair line. We will have to take it from another line in his budget.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, we have to get an amount from Superintendent Chase and figure out where we can get the money and see if we can go forward.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg to find out where there is money left in the budget that can pay for this and that Superintendent Chase give us estimates at the next meeting relative to what he thinks it will cost to fix these trucks. Councilman Chase suggested getting estimates and then worry about the money; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept Superintendent Chase's report

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg to not accept Superintendent Chase's monthly report. Supervisor Nickelsberg asked for a second for Councilman Chase's motion; seconded by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Nickelsberg—NA, Councilman Chase—AYE, Councilman Lansing- Neutral, Councilwoman Dermody—AYE, Councilwoman Pine—AYE

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT - AUGUST: Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported the following collected for the month of August 2009: Total Collected in the Town Clerk's Department - \$3,348.15. Paid to Supervisor Nickelsberg (fees) - \$711.22; Paid to Albany County Treasurer (dog lic.) - \$17.62; Paid to NYS Agriculture & Markets (spay/neutering program) - \$6.00; Paid to NYS Environmental Conservation (sport lic.) - \$2,568.31; Paid to NYS Department of Health (marriage lic.) - \$45.00. Water Rents Collected - \$2130.43. Sewer Rents Collected - \$1125.25.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to accept the Town Clerk's monthly report for August 2009; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: Code Enforcement Officer Overbaugh reported the following permits issued for August 2009: 2 Building New Accessory, 1 Home Addition, 2 New Home Construction, 1 Accessory Repairs for a total of \$326.20.

Councilwoman Dermody moved that, based on Code Enforcement Officer Overbaugh's report from Tuesday night, she recommends that the Town Board put out an RFP for someone to do the repairs as outlined in his report for repairs for the offices and meeting room ceilings; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Councilwoman Dermody, in terms of the roof shingles, CEO Overbaugh feels that if we do the ceiling repairs, the insulation, and the venting, leaking might not be a problem and then we can put this off until we see how the interior work works.

OIL TANK FOR WASTE OIL FURNACE: COE Overbaugh reported that he and Attorney Catalano did a walk around.

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They measured the oil tank and looked at the spot for the proposed addition. He did not feel that there should be an addition on the back side of the building because all the water comes off the roof and goes down around the building. The septic system is also located out there. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the waste oil tank and the waste oil furnace.

A meeting will be set for September 21, 2009, at 7 PM to discuss this issue.

Supervisor Nickelsberg will contact Mr. Robinson and Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck concerning this meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept Code Enforcement Officer Overbaugh's report for August; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Catalano reported that he drafted an easement for the Kraker Property by the Pearson Road Project. The paperwork is all completed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody that Supervisor Nickelsberg be authorized to sign the easement paperwork for the Kraker Property and that it be filed at the Albany County Clerk's Office; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT: Assessor Pine mentioned that the STAR exemption has been cut 10% across the board. No one was notified about this. Assessor Pine spoke about the school taxes and the value change and the real estate sales. If anyone has any questions, please stop at his office.

Supervisor Nickelsberg asked what the definition of a fairly decent market is. Assessor Pine mentioned that sales have slowed down but not a dramatic amount.

Supervisor Nickelsberg reported on the discussion he had today with the Superintendent of Greenville School. One of the things we can do it go to some of the school board meetings and try and get on some of these boards. Greenville School's tax to us was between a 9 and 14% increase and she thinks that will continue. She attributes that to our rate going down to 48.5% of the uniform percentage of value used to establish assessments in the municipality.

The Town Board discussed this issue at length. Mr. Abbott asked if it would make sense to create a committee to work on these issues.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the Assessors Report; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Joli Pizzigati handed out the minutes for the last Budget Committee meeting. The Budget Committee had to hold their last meeting outside because they didn't have access to the building. They need to set up something so that they can get into the building.

Supervisor Nickelsberg suggested getting them key and code to the building.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg authorizing the Budget Committee to have a key and code to the building; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Joli Pizzigati mentioned that the Committee discussed that the town budget does not include appropriation of highway department permanent improvements that are shown in the Highway Agreement. The \$73,000.00 is not included in that number. Discussed briefly was the RFP process.

A motion was made Councilman Chase to accept the Budget Committee report as presented by Joli Pizzigati; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

CURRENT EVENTS: Jack Long mentioned that the Historical Society is going to have their Annual Meeting in Medusa. Medusa Fire Department Breakfast will be September 19th, 7 to 11AM.

BOARD OF ETHICS: Georgette Koenig reported that all the paperwork is in order. The Board suggested that the appointees in January receive a copy of the Code of Ethics and that they review it and sign a statement that they have done so.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to accept the Board of Ethics report as given by Georgette Koenig; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE: Jack Long reported on plans they have received from J. Kenneth Fraser Associates concerning the work on the impounding dam. They will need the Town Supervisor's signature for the permit from DEC in order to do the work at the impounding dam.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine authorizing Supervisor Nickelsberg to sign the paperwork for

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the DEC permit to get the work completed at the impounding dam; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the report given by Jack Long for the Water/Sewer Committee; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2010 BUDGET: A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg to set a Special Meeting for October 5, 2009, 7 PM for the purpose of presenting the 2010 Tentative Budget to the Town Board by the Town Clerk; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

SENIOR VEHICLE: The Town Board opened bids on August 27, 2009 for a vehicle to be used to transport seniors. The 2009 Ford Van F350 would be used as a trade in. Twenty-eight notices were sent out, we received 2 bids. Bids were received from the following; DePaula Chevrolet Hummer Inc., 785 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12206, they bid a 2009 HHR FWD 4dr LS, net after trade and rebates \$15,260.00. Vision Ford, 4545 Ridge Road, West, Rochester, NY 14626, They bid a 2010 Ford Escape XLS four door SUV for \$16,996.00 with trade in. Councilwoman Dermody did a comparison between the two vehicles. The Town Board discussed both vehicles and felt that the HHR would be easier for seniors to get into.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to purchase the 2009 HHR LS from DePaula Chevrolet Hummer Inc. for \$15,260.00; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Nickelsberg—NA, Councilman Chase—AYE, Councilwoman Dermody—AYE, Councilman Lansing—AYE, Councilwoman Pine—AYE

FUNDING: We will receive a grant for \$15,000.00 to pay for this vehicle.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to transfer money from the equipment reserve .2 of 3092 account in the amount of \$16,000.00 to the budget line of A7160.2 for the purchase of the HHR; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Nickelsberg—NA, Councilman Chase—AYE, Councilwoman Dermody—AYE, Councilman Lansing—AYE, Councilwoman Pine—AYE

Councilwoman Dermody will call tomorrow and let DePaula know that the Town Board approved this purchase. Do we have a preference for color? Red is the priority but we will take what ever they give us.

EARTH TECH: We have a voucher that hasn't been paid and we don't know why. This is back from 2007. We need to know what it is for. Supervisor Nickelsberg will contact Mr. Coalts about this voucher and report back to the Town Board.

NEW BUSINESS

HISTORICAL MARKER: Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that she investigated the historical markers. The sign itself is \$895.00. There is an additional cost for the pole. The Historical Society would be more than happy to take on this project. Councilwoman Dermody asked that they contact Gene Smith to get input for wording of the sign. They will do this.

Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned The Right to Farm Act; if we have adopted it, we need to put up signs. This will be checked into.

YAHOO EMAIL: Councilwoman Dermody reported that she has 3 more people or departments to migrate to Yahoo email. We are going to keep the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Justice, Newsletter and one other with the Rensselaerville.com. Once we have them all up and running, she will put a memo in the newsletter announcing the change. We should keep the Rensselaerville.com address for an extra month and then cancel the other ten so that we are not paying the \$25.00 a month for them.

RISK ASSESSMENT: Mr. Doyle from Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill, Certified Public Accounts, PC was present to discuss the Risk Assessment that they submitted. It was decided to discuss this in Executive session at the end of the meeting.

NOTIFICATION OF LAST SECURITY ALARM: Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that Town Clerk Hallenbeck got a call from the Security System on August 2nd. Until Tuesday night Sherri didn't know about it. The last time this hap-

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pened, we talked with you and asked that you personally notify us so that when somebody in the community approaches us about what happened at Town Hall, we have an idea of what they are talking about.

Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned for the Town Board members to call him.

Councilwoman Dermody asked how can we call if we don't know an incident has occurred. He is supposed to call the Town Board members.

The Town Clerk explained what happened that day.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody that from this day forward, whenever this is an incident at Town Hall that requires the intervention of the Alarm Company, the Fire Company, the Ambulance, the Police, the Sheriffs Department, that the Supervisor contact each Town Board member to fill us in so that when we are approached by community members we have a clue of what is going on; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

TOWN JUSTICE POSITION: Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that Justice Victoria Kraker has resigned her position as of September 1, 2009. This position needs to be filled.

We should put out some sort of notice asking for letters of interest.

Attorney Catalano mentioned that the Town Board can appoint an interim justice until January 1 of 2011. Next year the person will have to run for election.

Court Clerk La Plane explained to the Town Board what the judge position entails. Anyone interested should attend DA night just to get an idea on what goes on in the court.

A notice will be put in the newsletter to have the letters of interest to the Town Board by October 6th. Councilwoman Dermody will write the notice for the newsletter.

Attorney Catalano will have a resolution for the October meeting thanking Victoria Kraker for her service to the Town.

LUCILE KROPP LETTER - ASSESSMENT, TAXES, ASSESSORS AND SENIOR BUS: Supervisor Nickelsberg read a letter from Lucile Kropp concerning her assessment which she believes it is too high, the equalization rate, not being able to get an exemption, please put the Grievance day in the newsletter and we need a second vehicle to take people to the doctor appointments. (Letter on file)

Assessor Pine asked that Mrs. Kropp stop at his office and discuss the issue of an exemption.

PLANNING BOARD/ZONING BOARD CLERK - RESIGNATION: Supervisor Nickelsberg read a letter from Rebecca Platel stating that she is resigning her position as Clerk to the Planning Board, Zoning Board and Zoning Review Committee effective November 1, 2009. She will be available to train the incoming person over the next two months.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to accept the resignation of Rebecca Platel, with regrets; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Councilwoman Dermody will put this position opening in the newsletter. Anyone interested must have their letter of interest in by October 5, 2009. Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that Rebecca will be missed

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Joli Pizzigati asked about the AT&T cells phones. Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that we just renewed the contract for two years. Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that she uses a GO Phone. Perhaps we should see what it would cost to get out of the contract and do the Go Phones.
- Mr. Gloriosio suggested asking Mrs. Bobrick to come back for the open position for Planning and Zoning Clerk. Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that she has a very good job, but we can ask.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to go into Executive Session to discuss Risk Assessment and the budget committee and that Attorney Catalano attend; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg, (9:25PM)

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to come out of Executive Session; 2nd by Councilman Chase. (10:40PM)

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

The Town Board discussed giving requested information to the Budget Committee. The Town Board in a past motion moved to have the Budget Committee bring their request to the Town Board and they would review the request and ok the request. Supervisor Nickelsberg will try and get another opinion concerning this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 PM, 2nd by Councilwoman Pine. Motion Carried.

Volunteer News and Events

Medusa Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Monday, November 2nd, at 8:00 PM

Drill & Work Meeting: Monday, November 9th and 16th at 7:00PM

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Calls as of October 8th : 37

November:

- 1st - Begin TOY Drive for HCRC
- 2rd - 7pm Company Drill
- 4th - 7pm Ladies Battalion
- 9th - 7pm Company Drill
- 25th - 7:30pm Company Meeting
- 29nd - End TOY Drive

December:

- 2nd - 7pm Ladies Battalion
- 5th - 3:30pm Kids Christmas Party
- 7th - 7pm Company Drill
- 14th - 7pm Company Drill
- 30th - 7:30pm Company Meeting

Special Events:

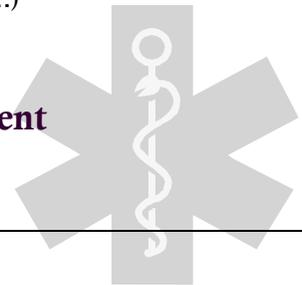
- 11/1 - 11/29 TOY DRIVE to benefit families served by the "Hilltown Communities Resource Center". Please GIVE GENEROUSLY.....
- 11/23 - 6:30pm Community Caroling
- 12/5 3:30pm Kids Christmas Party - Bring your children for fun, games, goodies and a visit from SANTA !!! (All their friends will be looking for them.....)

Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department

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

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Department

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



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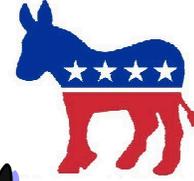
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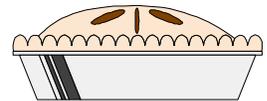
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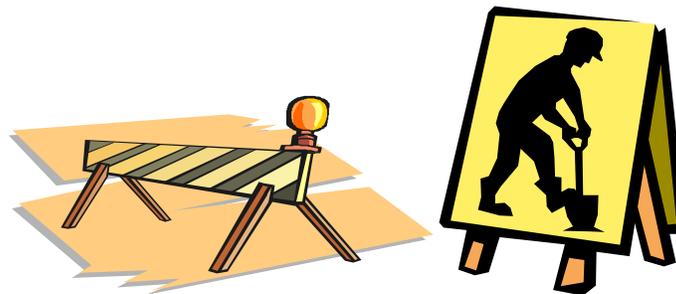


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First Tuesday 7:00 pm

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Thursday 8:00-10:00am, 7-9 pm

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Thursday 1:30pm-7:30pm
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First Thursday 7:00 pm

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Jost Nickelsberg

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Social number - 239-6166

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