



Town of Rensselaerville

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

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August Town Board Minutes Summary

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The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 12th day of August, 2010 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Dermody and the roll was called with the following results:

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

ABSENT: Councilman Gary Chase, Councilwoman Dale Dorner
Also present were Superintendent Gary Zeh and 36 interested citizens present.

PRESENTATION:

Justin Nevins, Eagle Scout, is here tonight to make a formal presentation having successfully completed his project, which was to raise money for 3 AED Defibrillators for the Towns of Rensselaerville, Durham, and Greenville. Supervisor Dermody mentioned that this is no small effort on your part, the part of your family and the sacrifices you made. We do appreciate it and will be calling about training and we will get it registered. Thank you.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Georgette Koenig asked about Pond Hill Road. It is 2 ½ months before storms and Pond Hill still remains undone. Will the Highway Superintendent address what the plans are to get Pond Hill done before the end of the season?

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on July 8, 2010 and the Work Meeting held on July 6, 2010; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

TRANSFERS: A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to make the following transfers;

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Unclassified Rev - A2770	Medical Ins. - A9060.8	\$1500.00
Increase revenue line and appropriation for correspondence line.		
Contingency - A1990.4	Disability Ins. - A9055.8	\$ 275.00
Disability insurance increase based on payroll audit prepared for NYS Insurance Fund by Clerk 1		
Contingency - A1990.4	Data Processing - A168.4	\$625.00
Data processing for supplies, computer issues, etc...		
Supt. of Highways - A5010.2	Supt. of Highways Cont. - A5010.4	\$ 20.00
Travel expense for Highway Superintendent		
General Repairs Payroll - DA5110.1	FEMA Payroll - DA5151.1	\$1000.00
Self Explanatory		

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Library Bookmark

Library Mission Statement: The Library Board has adopted a draft mission statement and short and long-term goals to complete a five-year-plan. We welcome any input from the community, so please stop in to the Library to see the complete plan and give us your ideas. Our draft mission statement is as follows:

The Rensselaerville Library works to preserve a comfortable historical gathering place that is open, free and inviting to all of the residents of the 5 hamlets and environs. We strive to awaken and promote a life-long love of reading and learning by fostering personal connections and providing access to a stimulating variety of texts, technology and programming.

Annual Lawn Party and Live Art Auction: The Library, Library Board, and Friends of the Library would like to thank the artist and donors, Britt Hammond and Monica North, Russ Carlson, Alberto Caputo and The Way Out Gallery, Richard Tollner, The Palmer House Cafe, Conkling Hall, Richard Balingier and the Community for supporting our recent Art Auction and Lawn Party. A portion of the Art Auction proceeds will be used as a match on a grant to purchase new children's books for the Library.

Second Weekend Film Series at Conkling Hall:

Friday, October 8 at 6:30 P.M. – Iron Man 2. Runtime: 1hr. 32mins. Rated PG.

Saturday, October 9 at 7:00P.M. – The Ghost Writer. Runtime: 2hrs. 32mins. Rated PG13.

Story Time at the Library: Saturday, October 16 at 11A.M. Theme: Music - with stories and crafts.

Guest Author: Marni Graff, author of the mystery novel *The Blue Virgin*, will be here on **Friday, October 15 at 7P.M.** She'll discuss today's changing climate in the publishing world, and the huge increase in independent and self-publishing. Graff will explain the differences between the two pathways, and read from her novel, set in Oxford, England, with an American protagonist, published this spring by a small Baltimore press. After a question and answer session, she'll be available for signing copies of her book.

Fishing Rods: The Library has recently received fishing rods on loan from NY State Department of Environmental Conservation. You can come to the Library and check out a fishing rod just like you would a book. The rod is rigged and ready to go. It comes with a packet of fishing information including pamphlets on fishing regulations, catch and release as well as how to identify what you caught. Just remember those over 16 must have a valid fishing license.

Museum Passes: Looking for a fun day trip for the whole family? The Library has Museum passes available for checkout. These passes grant free admission to any patron who borrows them. Our selections currently include the Old Stone Fort in Schoharie, and the Clark in Williamstown, MA.

Fine Amnesty Week was a success! Thank you to everyone who made donations to the Hilltown Resource Center during Fine Amnesty.



Library Hours:

Tuesday &

Wednesday:

10:00 AM to Noon,

4:00–9:00 PM

Thursday & Friday:

4:00–9:00 PM

Saturday:

9:00–1:00 PM

rensselaervillelibrary.org

Staff:

Kim Graff,
Director

Katie Caprio,
Library Technician

The next **Library Board meeting** is on **Monday, October 18th at 7:00P.M.**

Conkling Hall—What's On In October

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8: Friday Night Movie for Children. 6:30 PM. \$1.00 admission.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9: Second Saturday Movie for Grown Ups. "The Ghost Writer", directed by Roman Polanski. 7:00 PM. \$2.00 admission. BYO treats.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30: A HAUNTED HALLWAY. A dance sponsored by Azalea Blossom, Inc. will feature DJ Richard Tollner, food to purchase, and fabulous prizes from local businesses. 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Open to all ages. A \$5 donation at the door. Azalea blossom is an organization dedicated to the prevention and awareness of domestic and social violence and child abuse through the use of music, multi-media and the arts. For further information, please visit www.AzaleaBlossom.com



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Rensselaerville, NY
(518) 797- 3459

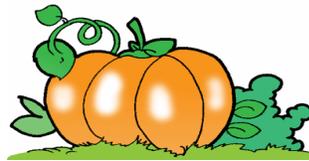
NOVEMBER: CRAFT FAIR. VENDORS, PLEASE CONTACT CHERYL BAITSHOLTS 797 5201. CRAFT FAIR WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM.

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

YOGA: Tuesdays 9 0 10:15 AM. Move, breathe and relax. Good for what ails you. Open to all. Please call Sarah Nelson Weiss at 239 6825 for more information.

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

You are invited to attend Azalea Blossom Inc.'s Annual Dance



Saturday, October 30th

7-10 PM

Conkling Hall, Rensselaerville

*Featuring the DJ talent of Richard Tollner,
The popular Haunted Hallway,
Refreshments for Purchase,
And a raffle of fabulous prizes from local businesses.*

\$5 Donation at door per person

All ages welcome!

All proceeds benefit the SAFE through the Arts Program

www.AzaleaBlossom.com

Senior Corner

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

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

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

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

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

REHDA

Presents the

Rensselaerville Revue!

Sunday, October 10

2:00 to 4:00 at Conkling Hall
8 Methodist Hill Rd.

Come and Perform!

**Or just come and enjoy the show
featuring your friends & neighbors!**

**Either way, admission is \$10
Refreshments will be available for sale**

**Call Jan Bishop (518-797-9727) for
more information and to reserve your
spot on the roster of performers**

Paid Advertisement

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. October's Extra Helpings menus are as follows:

October's Regular menu: \$21.00

- 1.5 lbs. Bacon Wrapped Pork Medallions
- 2 lbs. Chicken Tenders
- 1 1/4 lbs. Turkey Tenderloin
- 2 lbs. Pre-seasoned Meatloaf Mix
- 3 lbs. Apples
- 20 oz. Peeled Butternut Squash

Special #1: \$ 14.25

6 lbs. Sweet Italian Sausage Links (2/3 lb. boxes)

Special # 2: \$ \$ 15.50 PASTA BOX

- 18 oz. Stuffed Shells

- 12 oz. Sun-dried Tomato Stuffed Rigatoni
- 12 oz. Spinach Stuffed Rigatoni
- 13 oz. Lg. Round Ravioli
- 16 oz. Tri-color Tortellini
- 13 oz. Pierogi with Potato, Swiss & Jack Cheese
- 18 oz. Manicotti
- 2 qts. Casa Visco Spaghetti Sauce

Special #3: \$32.00 MEAT BOX

- 2 lbs. Pork Roast
- 2 1/2 lbs. Stew Beef
- 3 lbs. Ground Beef (90/10 (3/1 lb pkgs)
- 2 lbs. Breakfast Sausage Links
- 3 lbs. Chicken Tenders (2 1.5 lbs.)
(Substitutions of equal value may be necessary due to availability.)

PLEASE NOTE: Orders with payment are due at the HCRC office by **October 8th** for pick-up on **October 26th**. HCRC distributes Extra-Helpings at the Rensselaerville Firehouse from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on delivery days. 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.

SAFETY ALERT FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

On September 8, 2010, the NYS Department of Fire Prevention and Control notified the Town that some liquefied petroleum gas (propane) might have been supplied to multiple distributors throughout New York and New England without the required odorant that is needed to be able to smell the propane. This could be a major safety problem for the public because, without the odor added to the propane, the odorless gas is dangerous since easy, rapid detection of a leak will not be possible.

Please consult with your propane supplier. For further information, you can contact the NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control at www.dos.state.ny.us/fire.



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

What's on YOUR mind?

We would like to know your ideas and what you feel we should be writing about in our Concerned Citizens newsletter. Also, we would like you to know that we need financial support in order to continue publishing our newsletter. Please let us hear from you.

Contact us to contribute to our work

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

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

FROM WHERE I SIT

To continue in the tradition set by previous Town Supervisors, it is my hope and intention to write an occasional, if not monthly, article highlighting activities, issues, and accomplishments of your local government. Anyone wishing to have a topic addressed in this column is invited to submit his/her request directly to me at mdermody@rensselaerville.com. Every attempt will be made to accommodate such requests. And, as a working supervisor with posted hours (and my presence often extending beyond those posted hours), my door is always open and visitors are welcome. Appointments are also available during other times; just give me a call to set something up.

These first nine months in office have truly been a baptism by fire: demise and replacement of the furnace at Town Hall, the computer server biting the bullet, the worst snow storms in recent memory. But issues get resolved and we move on.

- SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM -- We were afforded the services of two Town of Rensselaerville teens who engaged in a variety of activities to assist Town Hall staff: scanning documents for archival purposes, organizing documents for destruction/ disposition, faxing documents as needed, painting the Supervisor's office, etc. And all of this has been accomplished at no cost to the Town.
- FEMA - We started the year with eleven folders untouched. In these relatively few short months, there are only two folders left to complete, both of which are partially completed.
- AUDIT - Anthony Fontanelli and Sheldon Smith from County Comptroller Michael Connors' office have been the principal actors working diligently on the audit of the Town's finances. They have also engaged the services of the State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli's office to oversee the work they are doing. In recent conversations with Mr. Connors, he reports that he hopes to have everything completed in time for 2011 budget workshops.
- COPIER LEASE - We have entered into a 5-year lease for a second copier to improve Town Hall efficiency. Having had a second copier for two years, and both being used on a very regular basis, made us realize the importance of having a back-up machine. Delivery, set-up, and installation to our network should be occurring shortly.
- AED - Eagle Scout Justin Nevins presented the Town with an AED (automated external defibrillator). Plans are underway to schedule training for anyone wishing to participate.
- BERNE AUDIT - The Town Board is taking a serious look at the Comptroller's audit of the Town of Berne and seeing how the Town of Rensselaerville can implement some of the recommendations to improve our own operations.
- PAYROLL AUDITS - are now done monthly by Town Board members on a rotating basis. Written reports are on file.
- JOB DESCRIPTIONS - for various Town positions are being updated on a fairly regular basis.
- PHONE REVIEW - We have engaged the services of this company to check up to six years of phone and utility bills to be sure we have not been charged fees and taxes. Their fee is 50% of whatever they recover for us; no recovery, no fee.
- CAR GRANT - After many months and much paperwork, we have finally received \$15,000 in reimbursement for the senior vehicle. A special thank you to Senator Neil Breslin and his staff for their efforts on our behalf.
- ORPS PRESENTATION - Robert Aiken, Northern Regional Manager of the NYS Office of Real Property Services, presented a slide show about assessing on September 7. It marks the beginning of a dialogue about reassessment.
- IMPROVED MORALE AT TOWN HALL - Cooperation and camaraderie prevails throughout. It is a pleasure to work where most people work together hand-in-hand without the "not my job" attitude.

These are just a few of the activities and accomplishments of your Town government since January 1, 2010. Practically every day unearths a new project that needs attention at the earliest possible opportunity. The challenges are great, but the rewards are even greater ... knowing that we're getting this Town back on track and moving in a positive direction.

Remember: What is right is not always popular; what is popular is not always right.
My goal: To do the right thing.

Gold Rush Route

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

Two maps illustrating the route traveled from Rensselaerville to California during the Gold Rush and two booklets of imaginative writing by the late John Geritz have been printed by the Rensselaerville Historical Society and are available for sale.

The maps are a supplement to the *Diary of a Pioneer* published several years ago by the Historical Society. This is the journal which Niles Searls kept when he went across the plains in 1849 during the Gold Rush. The maps were drawn by David Allan Comstock and were published in the first of three historical books he wrote about the settlement of the Gold Country. He gave the Rensselaerville Historical Society permission to reproduce his maps. Persons who have purchased copies of the *Diary* in the past will want these maps as reference while reading the book. The cost is \$1.00 for both maps and an envelope to keep them in.

The Geritz booklet titled *Rensselaerville Musings* contains three eloquently written essays about Rensselaerville, two poems, John's biography, one drawing and 26 photos, eight of which are in color. Most people had no idea that John wrote so well. The other booklet titled *Of Flamingos and Other Fanciful Tales* contains 16 wildly imaginative stories and parodies which John wrote, ten pages of stories about him contributed by friends, and 17 photos, four of which are in color. There is also a large chart he called "A Guide to Rensselaerville, a Village of Superlatives", which is folded into a pocket attached to the inside back cover of the booklet. The booklets are \$10 each.

Locals knew John had a quirky sense of humor but most never saw anything he wrote. The flamingo booklet has humorous stories about local events, most of which never happened, but some of which did, such as the giant flamingo on the Catalpa House lawn and at the Greg Speck house, and the big flamingo roast at the Jenkins Homestead, complete with marshmallows.

These publications are available at the Rensselaerville Grist Mill on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until mid-October when the mill will close for winter. After that, call Marion Williams at 797-5016 or Irene Olson at 239-4345 if you want to purchase copies.

Call Janet Haseley at 797-3194 or e-mail her at edhase@aol.com if you do not have a copy of Niles Searls' *Diary of a Pioneer* but would like to purchase one.

ATTENTION: DEER HUNTERS

DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT
The DMP Application deadline is
October 1, 2010.



Middleburgh Library Happenings

10/5, 12, 19, & 26 - 10:30 AM - Drop-in Storytime - This fun, interactive program is designed for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. We'll read books, sing songs, play games and watch a short film based on a weekly theme. No registration is required.

10/5, 12, 19, & 26 - 3:30 PM - Reading With Indy - This program is designed to allow kids the chance to read to a non-judgmental listener, one who will accept the story exactly as they read it. Indy is a trained and certified therapy dog who along with his trainer, Karen Van Dyke, offers non-judgmental ears to your little one.

10/7, 14, 21, & 28 - 7:00 PM - Knitting Circle - Do you like to knit or crochet or do you participate in other fiber arts? Bring your project and join your neighbors for some creativity and conversation. No registration is required.

10/19 - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion - "Suite Francais" by Irene Nemirovsky - "By the early 1940s, when Ukrainian-born Irene Nemirovsky began working on what would become Suite Francaise - the first two parts of a planned five-part novel - she was already a highly successful writer living in Paris. But she was also a Jew, and in 1942 she was arrested and deported to Auschwitz: a month later she was dead at the age of thirty-nine. Her daughters took the manuscript with them into hiding. Sixty-four years later, at long last, we can read Nemirovsky's literary masterpiece"

10/20 - 10:30 AM - Library Babies - Library Babies is a language enrichment program for caregivers and babies from 3-15 months old. Parent/ Caregiver participation is key to the success of this program. Older siblings are welcome. No registration required.

10/26 - 7:00 PM - The Ghost Hunters Return - Join us as we welcome back the investigators from the Albany Paranormal Research Society. We'll find out what they've been up to this past year, and learn about their newest investigations. As always, bring your stories and questions to share. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

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

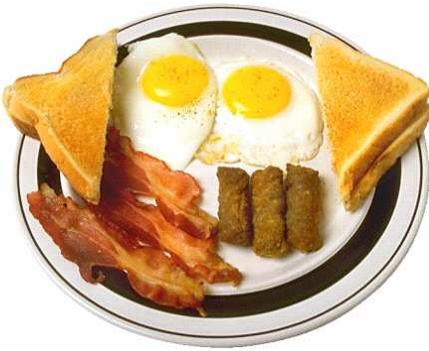
COME TO A HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Preston Hollow Beautification Committee is sponsoring a Harvest Festival Fundraiser on the Columbus Day weekend on October 9th and 10th.

Come and join in the fun at Bayard Elsbree Park from 10AM to 4PM on both days where you will enjoy good food; live music; booths of crafts, baked goods, antiques, stain glass, homemade chocolates, wine tasting, dried flower arrangements; Senior Citizens Flea Market, raffles and more. Also there will be hay rides, games, and face painting for the children.



This is going to be a great opportunity to bring our Hamlets together and build some wonderful spirit.



All You Can Eat BREAKFAST

7 TO 11 AM

OCT. 16th

NOV. 20th

DEC. 18th

JAN. 15th

FEB. 19th

MAR. 19th

APR. 16th

MEDUSA FIRE COMPANY

Free Will Offering



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

ONLY 94 SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL...

SUPPORT FOR SENIORS AND FAMILY SPONSORS SOUGHT FOR HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

IT MAY ONLY BE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER...but, the Hilltowns Community Resource Center (HCRC), a program of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, is already 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 with limited resources for providing clothing and gifts for their children during the December holidays. Please, consider being a sponsor this year!! We emphasize to our families that, because of the economic climate, our focus will be on the children in the households. Sponsors can provide for a whole family if desired, but the primary focus will be the children.

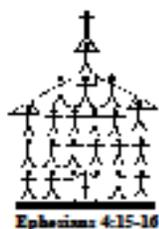
Referrals of families seeking holiday assistance are made to HCRC for holiday by schools, religious organizations, community groups and other service agencies. You may call the office to discuss options available in sponsorship (i.e. number of children). Sponsors will be given a list from a family stating 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 2010 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 that will be placed throughout the community.

Volunteers will be needed to assist in sorting through donated items, setting up the Christmas Store at Woodman Hall, 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.



The Church @ Potter Hollow

Potter Hollow Union Church News

Visit us in our Fellowship Hall! 4824 Potter Hollow Rd. Potter Hollow NY.



Harvest Picnic

Saturday October 30th

3pm – 8pm

at the Aloisi Home!

Food

Games

Pinata

And More!

Bring a dish to pass! Call: 239-4732 and let Kim and Bernie know you're coming and what you would like to bring! If it is too cold or wet we will move to the fellowship hall.

SAVE THE DATE!

December 12th will be our annual Christmas program and party.

Practices are starting in October! Call Kim if you would like to be a part! 239-4732

Ongoing Events

.We are working on adjusting our service times so, call to verify. (518)263-4478

.No Family Night Tuesday October 12th: will be replaced by our Harvest Party.

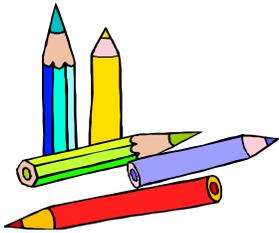
.The Old Country Church SWAP Shop open Wednesday & Friday 10am -2pm

Located in our historic building at the start of Scott Patten Rd. in Potter Hollow

Contact us: Potter Hollow Union Church, Po Box 576, Preston Hollow, NY 12469

Phone:(518)263-4478 or (518)239-8011 e-mail: nathandmiles@hotmail.com

or look for us on FACEBOOK!



RVFD LADIES BATTALION TOY DRIVE

Partners with Girl Scout Junior Troop #1808
And the Hilltown High Achievers 4H Group

TO BENEFIT THE HILLTOWN COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Please help support your community neighbors by donating
toys/books/gift cards/stocking stuffers
for children ages infant – teens

Almost 400 families in the Hilltown community use the Hilltown Community
Resource Center as their life line/support system.

Donations will be collected during the entire month of November.
So give often, and give generously

Drop off locations:

Hilltown Cafe
Town Hall/Refuse Center
Medusa General Store
Rensselaerville Library

Please contact 797-9292 with any large donations or cash contributions.





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Paid Advertisement

Applications for Food Stamps and Medicaid can be made at the Hilltown Community Resource Center.

Please call the center at 797-5139 for detailed information.



NOTICE

The next Waste Oil Collection day at the Transfer Station will be October 23, 2010



Please Take Notice

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on Monday, October 11, 2010 in observance of Columbus Day

A Note from Marion Cooke

Well another month has passed and here we go again!

To update you on the new copier lease that I wrote about last month, at the August 31st special meeting it was brought up again and this time the majority of the board passed leasing it for 5 years for a total cost of \$7680 over the terms of the lease. This lease is for 1500 copies per month so if you do the math it figures out to \$.085 per copy plus paper. For that price we could put a printer/copier at every desk and still have money left over. In my opinion, a second copier wasn't needed at all being we have a leased copier that was supposed to meet all the needs of the town to the tune of costs over \$47,000. This copier was to save money as the newsletter could be done at Town Hall instead of being sent out to print. Majority still rules so I believe the new copier will be at Town Hall by the time you read this.

The Board had previously approved another part time employee who started work on Sept. 1st but the Highway Department is still in need of full time employees. Two full time employees should be replaced soon, but now there are concerns if there is enough money in the health insurance line. We would still have the same number of full time employees as the beginning of the year so why wasn't enough money budgeted? Apparently, health insurance was under budgeted in the 2010 General Fund which is now creating transfers of money monthly.

At the Sept. work meeting representatives from NYS ORPS did a presentation on why a revaluation would be beneficial to the town. The Town Board would have to approve a reval. I think there will be more discussed on this as budget time is fast approaching. Each Board member is checking out costs of different items so that we can see if we can get some items in the 2011 budget. The Town is holding quite a bit of money unappropriated (or in "savings" as you and I normally call it).

At the Town Board meeting on Sept. 9th the purchasing of trucks for the highway department came up again. Gary Zeh had prices on used medium duty trucks and I made a motion to purchase a 2008 Ford 550 for \$44,678 which was approved by majority vote. Next, the bids had been opened on the heavy duty truck at the work meeting and two bids came in. Gary Zeh has parked one plow truck due to safety concerns on exhaust fumes and other repairs it needs. After discussion on money left in the budget, I made a motion to purchase a 1987 Oshkosh for \$32,000 and to fund the balance of what money would be needed out of unappropriated monies the Town has. The vote split with Councilman Kudlack and myself for it while Supervisor Dermody and Councilwoman Dorner voted against it (Councilman Chase was absent). A special meeting was set for more discussion on this for Sept. 23rd so finances can be gone over and I will report back on this next month. Gary Zeh also gave the Board a revised copy of the capital improvement plan that he submitted back in April. This plan states what equipment he thinks will have to be replaced each year in the future. A capital improvement plan needs to be addressed and funded so that the equipment is purchased as needed and so that we do not continue with these problems year after year. The equipment needs to be maintained for the safety of the employees, and the roads need to be maintained so our residents and emergency services vehicles can travel Town roads safely. I sound like a broken record as this argument about equipment has been bashed around at nearly every meeting since April and now winter is fast approaching. I don't believe is spending money on things we don't need but I do believe in keeping employees safe and felt my vote was justified for the heavy duty truck.

As always, these are my opinions/observations only and do not represent the opinions of the entire Town Board. Until next month-----

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Contingency - DA1990.4	Disability Ins. - DA9055.8	\$ 180.00
FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Disability insurance increase based on payroll audit prepared for NYS Insurance Fund by Clerk 1.		
Youth Program CE .41 - A73104.41	Youth Program.41 - A73101.41	\$495.00
Payroll amounts paid per voucher and no payroll line in budget.		

2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. *Motion Carried .Ayes 35) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

July Transfers: The Town Board did not approve the transfer for the newsletter and the Program for Aging in the July transfers. There was an error in the auto fill; the newsletter is not in the red. No transfer of funds needs to be made for the newsletter.

Program for the Aging: A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to make the following transfer for the month of July;

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Contingency - A1990.4	Program of Aging - A7610.4	\$25.00

2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

ABSTRACT 2010 - VOUCHERS, BILLS: The General Fund - \$37,592.20; Highway Fund - \$36,241.44; Sewer District - \$79.80; Water District - \$3050.00. Grand Total - \$77,592.26

Youth Group Services: Vouchers for personal services were received from one of the youth groups. The Town Board discussed whether to pay until January first and then make a policy that it will not be done again or hold off on the voucher until the Board meets with the people submitting a voucher. To pay them you need a contract. Attorney Catalano mentioned that it doesn't fit under the policy of the Town because you don't have the preparatory requirements to pay services for the youth programs.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to pay the signed vouchers except for the personal services for the youth group; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

CORRESPONDENCE

- Jane Hershey - Demolished building in Potter Hollow - Ms. Hershey read a letter to the Town Board regarding cleaning up the debris in a timely manner
- U.S. Census Bureau - The Census Department thanked the Town for providing meeting space for the 2010 Census testing activities.
- Central Hudson - Utility Easements. They would like to work with the local municipalities and planning boards in identifying projects that may potentially affect or occur on or within their transmission utility easements.
- Central Hudson - Poles - Decorative Temporary Attachments. A permit must be obtained from Central Hudson for temporary attachments.
- NYS Real Property Tax Service - the new Equalization Rate for the Town is 54.20%.
- Town of Barker - They are requesting that the Town Board give consideration to joining them in urging the approval of horizontal gas drilling in New York State.

Board of Elections - Two letters were received from the Albany County Board of Elections. One letter thanked the Town for playing an integral part in Albany County's electoral process, showing the fire companies as polling places. The other letter was a request for use of the Town Hall as polling sites.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR DERMODY

- **FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION:** The Town Board reviewed the financial documentation presented at the Work Meeting on Tuesday night.
- **ORPS:** Supervisor Dermody reported that Assessor Pine has managed to secure a presentation from Allison Dooley and Robert Aiken of ORPS on Tuesday, September 7th at 7PM to make a presentation

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about assessing issues.

- **PLANNING/ZONING SECRETARY JOB DESCRIPTION:** The Town Board reviewed the job description. Councilwoman Cooke asked if she answers phones. Yes, she does.
A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the job description for the Planning Board/Zoning Board Secretary; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
 - **PAYROLL AUDIT:** Supervisor Dermody thanked Councilman Chase for auditing the May payroll, Councilwoman Dorner for doing the June audit. Councilwoman Cooke will do the July audit.
 - **DVD:** Supervisor asked Mr. Tollner if she could get copies of the March and June DVD. He reported that he still hasn't transferred them from his camera.
 - **SENIOR VEHICLE FUNDS:** Supervisor Dermody reported that we received the \$15,000.00 for the senior vehicle. The money to purchase the vehicle came out a general equipment CD.
A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to create a general equipment CD and put the \$15,000.00 in it; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
 - **STONE AND SAND:** Supervisor Dermody mentioned that last month the Board talked about the illegal taking of sand, salt, stone from our stockpiles. No Trespassing signs that say "Violator Will Be Prosecuted" are now posted around all the stockpiles. If you see someone taking stone, sand etc. who is unauthorized, you need to get their license plate number and report it to whomever is in the office.
 - **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LETTERS OF INTEREST:** Supervisor Dermody reported that we received two letters of interest. There is only one vacancy, but there is another pending resignation. We need to appoint one of these gentlemen to the ZBA and the other as an alternate. The Town Board will interview Anthony Guadagno and Dennis Pitts at 6:30 PM on August 31st.
 - **EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN for MYOSOTIS LAKE DAM:** Supervisor Dermody reported that she met with Ed Horn from Fraser Associates and Chad Jamison, EN Huyck Preserve to work on the action plan. The completed EAP will be delivered to ENCON by Mr. Horn.
 - **COPIERS:** The lease on the Savin Copier is now over. If we want to buy it we can purchase it for \$1600.00. To send it back we have to pack it, insure it, and ship it. Supervisor Dermody had a quote from STI (Specialized Transportation Incorporated.) who will pack, insure, and ship it for \$335.00. The Town Board had a brief discussion concerning the lease agreement and returning the machine.
A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack authorizing Supervisor Dermody to proceed with this (after reviewing the lease to see if we have to send it back) and return the Savin copier and contact STI for the price of \$335.00 to do the shipping,
- Usherwood Office Technology: Supervisor Dermody reported that the rental cost for the Savin copier was \$306.00 a month (Com Doc was paying this, \$223.00 for the lease and \$83.00 for the maintenance agreement. Usherwood Office Technology is willing to give us a 5 year lease agreement on a Cannon machine, black and white pages up to 30 pages a minute, scanning up to 35 pages a minute for \$128.00 a month. That includes all their travel, labor, parts, supplies (except paper and staples) set up, delivery, installation, on site training, and they will network it for us. The reason we need it is when the ComDoc machine is tied up doing newsletters as well as other tasks, there is another copier on site to use. Councilwoman Cooke asked if we could buy the Savin and get that networked. Supervisor Dermody, we don't have the ability to network it and we would still be paying a fee each month and we would be working with old technology. The Town Board briefly discussed the cost of a new machine versus the old machine (Savin) and paying for a new machine. Councilwoman Cooke mentioned that she hasn't had time to think about a new machine.
- A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody that the Town engage in this 5-year lease for a Cannon copy machine and make arrangements to return the old machine; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. Councilwoman Cooke mentioned that she can't approve the whole motion.

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A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Dermody: *AYE*; Councilwoman Cooke: *NAY*; Councilman Kudlack: *AYE*

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to send back the Savin and assume the cost of transportation if our lease so indicates the need to do so; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. *Motion Carried.*

Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody that we enter into a 5-year agreement to lease the Cannon at \$128.00 a month to include every possible extenuating circumstance except paper and staples; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Dermody: *AYE*; Councilwoman Cooke: *NAY*; Councilman Kudlack: *AYE*

- **PHONE REVIEW:** Supervisor Dermody reported that she met with John Coyne from Phone Review. This company is willing to review up to six years worth of our phone bills and utility bills and see whether or not we have ever been inappropriately charged fees and taxes, etc. Their fee is 50% of whatever they recover for us. If they don't find any overcharges, we owe nothing. Supervisor Dermody read the contract terms to the Board members.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke authorizing Supervisor Dermody to enter into a contract agreement with Phone Review; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- **NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:** Supervisor Dermody reported that she and Brian Wood met and the Town is now in compliance with the National Incident Management System. The application was completed on line. Supervisor Dermody gave to Attorney Catalano a resolution concerning this to review and we will discuss it at the next regular meeting.
- **CIVIL SERVICE:** Supervisor Dermody reported that Civil Service has indicated that some of our job titles don't coincide with their job titles. It is up to us to change them. Supervisor Dermody went over the suggested changes from Civil Service and suggested that we change them. Also talking to Brian Wood (Civil Defense Coordinator), perhaps we should change that job description title to Critical Incident Manager.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to approve the following job title changes suggested by Civil Service: Building Inspector to Building Inspector PT, Water/Sewer Operator to Utility Service Helper, Recycling Coordinator to Recycling Coordinator PT, and Zoning Planning Clerk to Clerk 1 PT. The Civil Defense Coordinator title will be changed to Critical Incident Manger.

Councilwoman Cooke, we already have a Clerk 1 Position.

Supervisor Dermody, yes we do, because of the nature of the job you can have more than one Clerk 1 based on the nature of their jobs.

2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- **SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM:** Supervisor Dermody reported that tomorrow is the last day for the program. The two teenagers provided an incredible service to the Town that didn't incur any cost to us. It has been a tremendous experience for them and a tremendous help for us. It is something that Supervisor Dermody will pursue for next year.
- **HEALTH INSURANCE:** Supervisor Dermody mentioned that we have not yet received the Union decision. Supervisor Dermody explained that the Town Board voted to go with CDCHP but we don't know if that is what we are taking; authorization is needed if we stay with Prism.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack that we stay with Prism for Health Insurance coverage if the members of the collective bargaining unit don't approve the move to CDCHP; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- **CIVIL SERVICE:** Supervisor Dermody mentioned that Civil Service wants us to change the title of the Clerk 2 to the Assessors and Code Enforcement Officer to the title of Clerk 2 PT and that she is limited to less than 20 hours a week to remain part time. Supervisor Dermody would like to make a salaried position for the work she does for the code enforcement officer until the end of the year and

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then monitor that she doesn't work over the 20 hours per week. The assessors' clerk position is already a salaried position.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to make the position to the code enforcement office a salaried position; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- **WASTE OIL COLLECTION:** Supervisor Dermody reported that we collected 37 gallons of used oil on July 23rd. The next collection dates are August 21st and September 18th.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept the Supervisor's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

TOWN ATTORNEY: Attorney Catalano reported that he did the addendum to the collective bargaining agreement for the authorization of training. Attorney Catalano reported that the assessors have some news on the current tax case.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to accept the Attorney's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (3)*

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- **POND HILL ROAD:** Superintendent Zeh mentioned that he plans on getting to Pond Hill Road after working on Fleming Road next week.
- **TRUCK BIDS:** Superintendent Zeh handed to the Town Board a summary of the truck bids opened at the work meeting. The Town Board reviewed and discussed the work sheet submitted by Superintendent Zeh.

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that she thought that when we put these bids out, it was with the expectation that we could match the \$30,00.00 or \$35,000.00 cost that you were looking at for the Oshkosh. This is way over.

Superintendent Zeh, everyone bid a new truck when we were looking for a used 2007 or newer truck.

Attorney Catalano mentioned that you could reject all bids and shop around for a used vehicle.

Superintendent Zeh will check around for a used truck.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to reject all bids received; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- **CURRENT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WORK:** Superintendent Zeh reported that the highway department has been patching potholes with asphalt. They have been working on Pucker Street and Pearson Road; next week they will go to Fleming Road and then on to Pond Hill Road.
- **AMEND HIGHWAY AGREEMENT:** Superintendent Zeh would like to amend the Highway Agreement to take off Pond Hill Phase 2 and put Siebert Road as the alternate.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to amend the Highway Agreement to the document dated August 12, 2010; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- **EQUIPMENT RENTAL:** Superintendent Zeh would like to rent an asphalt paver to run crusher run through to put down the sub-base on our roads. The rental rate is \$6500.00 a month from Cobleskill Stone.

The Town Board and Superintendent discussed this rental and the work.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to approve the rate of \$6500.00 per month for a paver for one to two months maximum; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- **PART TIME EMPLOYEE:** Superintendent Zeh would like to hire this person for the part time employee for the highway department. Superintendent Dermody thought that Supervisor Zeh was going to bring us the top 3 choices. Supervisor Dermody would like to discuss this in Executive Session at the end of the meeting. Further discussion on this topic was tabled at this time.

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- **UTILIZATION REPORT:** Superintendent Zeh reported the excavator was used at an 87% utilization rate.

Superintendent Zeh mentioned that if anyone had a tree down or a pot hole to call his office.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Superintendent's report; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

TOWN CLERK: Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported the following collected and paid out for the month of July 2010; Town Clerk Department - Total Collected - \$1,077.32. Paid to the Supervisor - \$914.42 (fees); Paid to the Albany County Clerk - \$24.80 (dog license); Paid to NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets - \$6.00 (spay and neutering Program); Paid to NYS Departmental Conservation - \$109.60 (sporting license); Paid to NYS Department of Health - \$22.50 (marriage license). Water Rents Collected - \$5066.35. Sewer Rents Collected - \$3978.53.

Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported on the upcoming changes to the Dog Licensing Law; the State will no longer be doing dog licensing. The Towns will be taking over this job. The Town will have to have a Local Law in place by December 2010. The Town Board has a lot of decisions to make before December concerning the new changes.

Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported that copies of the Codification Portfolio of the Town's legislation have been received from General Code. The portfolio must be reviewed and returned to General Code by October 15th.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to accept the Town Clerk's Report for the month of July 2010; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR:

- CEO Overbaugh reported the following collected for the month of July 2010: 1 Home Addition, 1 Pool Permit, 4 Solar Panels, 1 New Home Construction. Total Collected \$460.00.
- CEO Overbaugh spoke about the fee schedule that he is working on.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept CEO Overbaugh's report; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT:

- Assessor Pine spoke about the Cold War Veterans Exemption. Assessor Pine also spoke about the small claims suit concerning Verizon; this has been settled.
- Assessor Pine spoke about the past equalization rates.
- Assessor Pine mentioned that he read in the paper that the Capital District has the lowest foreclosure rates in the country.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept the Assessor's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE: No report.

CURRENT EVENTS:

- The Board of Elections will be at the Town Hall on August 28, 2010 to demonstrate the new machines.
- Library Cocktail Party will be at Conkling Hall on Saturday, Labor Day Weekend, 4 to 6 PM.
- Good Cause Club will be holding a play Saturday and Sunday at Conkling Hall.
- Car Show, Sunday, 11 am to 4 pm at Town Line Auto.

OLD BUSINESS

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2010 - A LOCAL LAW entitled "Commercial Wind Power Facilities Law of 2010 of the Town of Rensselaerville".

Attorney Catalano reported that we had the public hearing Tuesday night. We have not heard from Albany County Planning Department yet as to their recommendation. Attorney Catalano asked that the

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Town Board schedule a special meeting sometime before September 3rd to discuss this local law.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to set a Special Meeting for August 31st, 7 PM to discuss and possibly act on Local Law No. 2 for the year 2010; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that we also want to discuss the recommendation from the Town of Berne's audit at this special meeting. The Town Board agreed to add this to the agenda for the Special Meeting on August 31st. The used truck issue will also be added to this agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that we do not have anything listed under New Business.

VOUCHERS: Councilwoman Cooke mentioned that we didn't make a motion to pay vouchers.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to pay all signed vouchers; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Richard Amedure mentioned that he has an issue with the emergency communications tower; an application has been received from River Valley Communications. There will be a public hearing on a proposed tower located on County Route 353.
- Gerald Wood thanked Superintendent Zeh for the work he has done, and commented on the equipment that he has to work with. Also, there is a hazardous situation on Kenyon Road; there are ATV's coming down and four pieces of equipment sitting on the side of the road. The Town Board should go up there and take a look.
- K.B. Cooke agreed with Gerald Wood concerning the equipment. Mr. Cooke also spoke about Pearson Road and the need for a new highway employee. Why are you going into executive session to discuss this?
Supervisor Dermody mentioned that it is a personnel issue.
- Richard Tollner mentioned that he doesn't understand how the town can spend \$7680.00 on a transaction and not place a bid.
Attorney Catalano, it is a lease and doesn't require a bid.
- Jeff Pine mentioned that he agrees that we have to fully staff the highway department. If you have 40 applications, let's have the top three or four, do a background check and a license check.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to go into Executive session to discuss personnel issues and that Superintendent Zeh and Attorney Catalano attend; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack (9PM). *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to come out of Executive Session (9:29PM); 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to approve the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent for the part time employee, Warren Bashwinger, subject to the appropriate background and license check to be performed by the Town; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried.*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;
Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

Volunteer News and Events

Medusa Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Monday, October 4th, at 8:00 PM
Drill & Work Meeting: Monday, October 11th and 18th at 7:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

Join us for another season of saving lives and homes in your neighborhood!!
Calls as of September 10th : 35

October:

4th - 7pm Company Drill
6th - 7pm Ladies Battalion
10th - 8-11 Pancake Breakfast
11th - 7 pm Company Drill
27th - 7:30pm Company Meeting

November:

1st - 7pm Company Drill
3rd - 7pm Ladies Battalion
8th - 7 pm Company Drill
24th - 7:30pm Company Meeting

Special Events - October:

- 11/1 - 11/29 TOY DRIVE to benefit families served by the "Hilltown Communities Resource Center". Please GIVE GENEROUSLY.....

Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, October 6th at 8:00PM

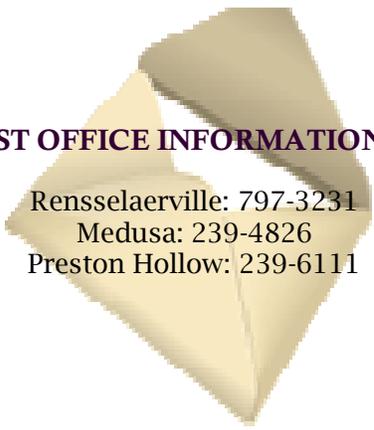
Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, October 20th at 7:00PM

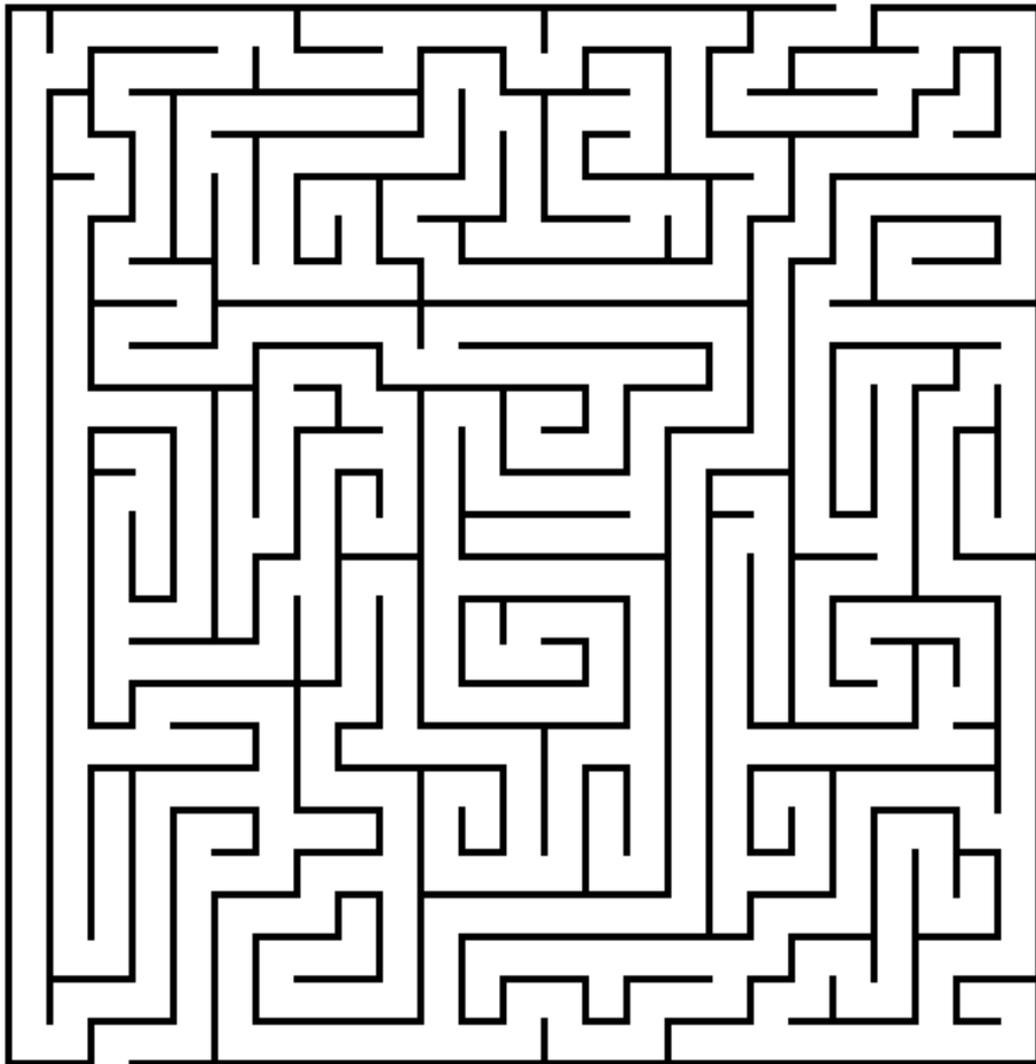


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Rensselaerville: 797-3231
Medusa: 239-4826
Preston Hollow: 239-6111



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Important Contact Information

<u>Town Board Meetings</u> Second Thursday 7:00 pm	<u>Town Supervisor</u> Marie Dermody 518-239-4552 (H)	<u>Town Hall</u> 518-797-3798; 518-239-4225 Fax: 518-239-6339
<u>Working Meeting</u> Tuesday 7:00 pm before regular meeting	<u>Town Clerk & Collector</u> Kathleen A. Hallenbeck	<u>Town Highway Department</u> 518-239-4225, 518-797-3798
<u>Town Justice Court</u> Mondays 7:00 pm	<u>Town Justices</u> Victor LaPlante Timothy Miller	<u>Sen. Neil Breslin, 46th Dist.</u> Capital Bldg., Room 502 Albany, NY 12247 518-455-2800
<u>Planning Board</u> First and third Thursdays 7:30 pm	<u>Councilpersons</u> Gary Chase, Marion Cooke, Dale Dorner, John Kudlack	<u>Assemblyman John McEneny, 104th Dist.</u> LOB, Room 648 Albany, NY 12248 518-455-4100
<u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u> First Tuesday 7:00 pm	<u>Building Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer</u> Mark Overbaugh	<u>County Legislature, 39th Dist.</u> Alexander (Sandy) Gordon 144 Beebe Road, Berne, NY 12023 518-872-2602
<u>Building Inspector/Zoning Officer</u> Thursday 8:00-10:00am, 7-9 pm	<u>Assessors</u> Jeff Pine, Donna Kropp, Michael Weber Rachel Chase, Clerk II	<u>Albany County Highway Dept.</u> 518-239-6715, 518-239-6710
<u>Town Clerk's Hours</u> Monday-Wednesday 9:00am-3:30pm Thursday 1:30pm-7:30pm Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon	<u>Highway Superintendent</u> Gary Zeh	<u>Rensselaerville Fire Company, 911</u> Social Number - 797-3218
<u>Supervisor's Hours</u> Monday, 9am—12 noon Wednesday, 9am—12 noon Friday following monthly TB meeting 9am—12 noon Other times by appointment	<u>Planning Board</u> Muriel Frasher, Chairman Kathy Wank, Secretary	<u>Tri-Village Fire Company, 911</u> Social number - 239-6780
<u>Assessors' Hours</u> Thursday 6:00 pm-8:00 pm	<u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u> Alden Pierce, Chairman Kathy Wank, Secretary	<u>Medusa Fire Company, 911</u> Back up emergency number, 765-5979 Social number - 239-6166
<u>Assessors' Clerk Hours</u> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday morning	<u>Deputy Town Clerk</u> Dee Andrus	<u>Rensselaerville Vol. Ambulance, 911</u> For Information - 518-797-5233
<u>Dog Control Officer</u> Cheryl Baitsholts 518-797-5201	<u>Bookkeeper</u> Andrea Cornwell	<u>Albany County Sheriff, 911</u> 518-765-2351
<u>Town Refuse Station Hours</u> Wednesday and Saturday 7:00am-3:45pm		State Police
<u>Water/Sewer District Meeting</u> First Thursday 7:00 pm		<u>Rensselaerville and Hilltowns, 911</u> 518-477-9333

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