



# Town of Rensselaerville

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

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## July 2010 Town Board Minutes Summary

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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, Councilman Gary Chase, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilwoman Dale Dorner, Councilman John Kudlack, Town Clerk Kathleen A. Hallenbeck, Deputy Town Attorney Jon Kosich  
Also present were Superintendent Gary Zeh and 23 interested citizens.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** There were no audience comments at this time.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 10, 2010 as corrected (change **They** to **Superintendent Zeh**, page 5 under Rensselaerville and Preston Hollow Park Committees) and the Work Meeting held on June 8, 2010; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Dorner. *Motion Carried Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

**TRANSFERS:** The Town Board reviewed the Transfers as submitted by Clerk 1/Bookkeeper Cornwell, transfers questioned are noted with an "\*". More information is needed on these two transfers. Supervisor Dermody will discuss them with the bookkeeper.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Contingency - A1990.4	Grievance - A1480.4	\$100.00
(Paid for grievance board expenses for grievance day for secretary)		
*Contingency - A1990.4	Central Mail - A1670.4	375.00
(Newsletter postage and contractual cost for July 2010)		
Contingency - A1990.4	Data Processing - A1680.4	1050.00
(Computer costs, upgrades, repairs, and emails etc.)		
Safety Insp. - A3620.4	Safety Insp. - A3620.2	195.00
(Purchase of new computer, software requirements, installations.)		
*Contingency - A1990.4	Program for Aging - A7610.4	25.00
(Cover program costs for the Aging.)		
Generals Repairs, Ps Services - DA5110.1	FEMA Coordinator - DA5151.1	400.00
(Cover monthly FEMA coordinator payroll costs to close out past projects)		
Administration Cont. - SS8110.4	Administration, Equip - SS8110.2	100.00
(Equipment purchase for sewer)		

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to make all transfers except \* A1670.4 Newsletter and A7610.4 Program of Aging; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

**ABSTRACT 2010 - 07 VOUCHERS, BILLS:** The General Fund - \$12,774.95; Highway Fund - \$14,175.33; Lighting District - \$581.42; Sewer District - \$198.80; Water District - \$5,521.55. Grand Total - \$33,252.04. Total Pre-Pays; General Fund - \$10,778.61, Highway Fund - \$5,460.93, Total - \$16,239.54

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to pay all signed vouchers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

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*Library Bookmark**What's New?*

Thanks to library patrons Lynn Love and Ginny Carter for making the library literary events in July possible. Thanks too to all those who worked behind the scenes to make both the Peter Trachtenberg workshop/reading and the Galway Kinnell reading sold-out successes: the library staff and trustees, and our friends at Conkling Hall John, Arrighi who designed the beautiful poster and set up the sound for the Galway Kinnell event, and both John Arrighi (again) and Jan Bishop who helped set up more than 100 chairs for that reading.

The Rensselaerville Library would like to thank all the Summer Read Participants and the following supporters: FunPlex Fun Park, New York Sea Grant, Price Chopper's Golub Foundation, Purling Roller Rink, Spectrum 8 Theatres, Stewarts Shops, Vince Anna's Restaurant, and Zoom Flume for making our Summer Read Program a flotilla of fun.

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:** Please join us on Saturday, September 4, 2010 for our Annual Lawn Party at 4pm, tickets are \$15 per person at the door. This year, the event will be preceded by a Live Art Auction at Conkling Hall from 2-4pm, featuring the works of several local artists. Preview of items will be at the Way Out Gallery September 1-3, from 11-3pm. For more information visit our Web site at [www.rensseleervillelibrary.org](http://www.rensseleervillelibrary.org), call the Library at 797-3949 or e-mail us at [rvll1@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:rvll1@uhls.lib.ny.us).

**September Movies:**

- Second Weekend Family Film (9/10/10) at 6:30pm, Diary of a Wimpy Kid -It's Not a Diary, It's A Movie! Rated PG, 1hr. 32mins., at Conkling Hall.
- Second Weekend Film (9/11/10) at 7pm, The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo - English subtitles, Rated R, 2hrs. 32mins, at Conkling Hall.

**Story Time at the Library:** Saturday, September 18, 2010 at 11am, Cute as a Bug - with stories and crafts.

**Library Board Meeting:** Monday, September 20, 2010 at 7pm at the Library.

**Get the Smartest Card @ your library®** September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and the Rensselaerville Library wants to make sure that all Rensselaerville residents, and especially children, have the most important school supply of all - a library card. It is the one item that gives you access to nearly everything on the Web and in print and provides personal assistance to help you find what you're looking for. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning. Getting a



The next **Library Board meeting** is on **Monday, July 19th 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**[rensseleervillelibrary.org](http://rensseleervillelibrary.org)***Staff:**Kim Graff,  
DirectorKatie Caprio,  
Library Technician*(Continued on page 3)*

## *Conkling Hall—What's On In September*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4:** The last Saturday on the Sidewalk Market for this year. Food, produce, meat, cookies from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 10:** Friday Night Movie for Children. 6:30 PM. \$1.00 admission.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:** Second Saturday Movie for Grown Ups. "Girl With The Dragon Tattoo" will show at 7:00 PM. \$2.00 admission. BYO treats.

**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 - 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](http://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](mailto:ConklingHall@earthlink.net).



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## **RENSELAERVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROMOTES VILLAGE "MAIN STREETS"**

Ken Storms, 797-5154; [kenstorms2010@gmail.com](mailto:kenstorms2010@gmail.com)

The Town of Rensselaerville Historical Society invites you to a special program, titled **Making History: Revitalizing "Main Streets" in the Town of Rensselaerville**, as part of its Annual Meeting and Pot-Luck Supper on Saturday, September 11.

The village Main Streets of Preston Hollow, Potter Hollow, Medusa, and Rensselaerville used to be bustling commercial centers. Is it possible to restore some of the vitality of these historic places? This program will feature a representative from the Preservation League of New York State and others who will discuss the League's recent designation of the hamlet of Rensselaerville as a "Seven to Save" site and what this can mean for other villages and hamlets in the Town. State and county resources that are available to help revitalize, develop and improve local villages will be surveyed and discussed and we'll look at current and potential projects in all villages of the Town.

The supper and program will follow the Annual Business Meeting for the Town Historical Society. The Annual Meeting begins at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Pot-Luck Supper at 6:00 p.m., and the "Making History..." program at 7:00 p.m., all at the Medusa Fire Hall.

All interested persons are welcome to attend. Please bring a dish to share at the Pot-Luck. Beverages will be provided.

## ***Library Bookmark***

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library card is easy just stop by the circulation desk for further assistance.

**Fine Amnesty:** Do you have over due Rensselaerville Library books, movies, magazines? Starting August 31 through September 7 is Fine Amnesty Week. In order to qualify, you must bring in a bottle of shampoo\*, canned soup or other nonperishable item for the Hilltown Resource Center. So dig through the closets, drawers, bookcases, and tree forts for those library items and get them back to the Rensselaerville Library. \*In high demand.

## *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.

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## *ONLY 110 SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL...*

### SUPPORT FOR SENIORS AND FAMILY SPONSORS SOUGHT FOR HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

IT MAY ONLY BE SEPTEMBER...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.

## *Extra Helpings Food Buying Club — Available to Everyone*

Extra Helpings is a program of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York and is offered to the community through The Hilltowns Community Resource Center (HCRC) in Westerlo. The program is open to all individuals regardless age or income. Anyone is welcome to purchase any or all of the package options. September's Extra Helpings menus are as follows:

### **September's Regular menu: \$21.00**

- 1 (1 lb.) Pkg. Canadian Bacon
- 3 lb. Box John Morrell All Meat Franks
- 3 lb. Bag I.Q.F. Boneless Chicken Breast
- 1-1/2 lbs. Holton (¼ lb.) Beef Patties
- 1 lb. Bag I.Q.F. Strawberries
- 1 lb. Bag I.Q.F. Mixed Berries  
(Blackberries, Blueberries and Strawberries)

### **Special #1: \$ 17.50**

- 8 lbs. Fresh Boneless Center Cut Pork Loin

### **Special #2 \$12.50**

- 5 lb. Block Sliced White American Cheese

### **Special #3: \$32.00 MEAT BOX**

- 2 lbs. Cranberry & Apple Stuffed Pork Chops
- 3 lbs. Honey Mustard Flavored Chicken Breast
- 3 lbs. Home Style Beef Patties
- 2 lb. Maple Breakfast Sausage Links
- 3 lbs. Chicken Patties

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** Orders with payment are due at the HCRC office by **September 9<sup>th</sup>** for pick-up on **September 28<sup>th</sup>**. HCRC distributes Extra-Helpings at the Rensselaerville Firehouse from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on delivery days. There will no longer be a distribution site in Berne. 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 HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**The Preston Hollow Beautification Committee  
will sponsor**

### **A Fall Fundraiser**

**DATE:** Saturday, October 9, 2010 and Sunday, October 10, 2010

**TIME:** 10AM – 4PM

**PLACE:** Bayard Elsbree Town Park in Preston Hollow

**Mark your calendars now.**

*Come and enjoy Pumpkin breads, pies, crafts, silk flower arrangements, antiques, wine tasting, raffles, refreshments, live music and more.  
Watch for more publicity as the time comes closer!*

### **NOTICE**

The Waste Oil Collection days at the Transfer Station will be August 28, 2010 and September 18, 2010

### **REMINDER**

Board of Elections will be at the Town Hall on August 28th so that people may view the new voting machines.

### *Middleburgh Library Happenings*

9/2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 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.

9/7, 14, 21, 28 - 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.

9/13 - 7:00 PM - **Library Board Meeting**. The public is welcome.

9/28 - 7:00 PM - **Woody Guthrie performance by Will Kaufman** - In what he described as a presentation rather than a concert or lecture, Will Kaufman, an American academic, singer and multi-instrumentalist, outlines the historical context of many of the songs of Woody Guthrie, one of the most iconic figures on the folk music scene. He illustrates it with slides of contemporary photographs projected onto a huge screen behind him as he talks about and sings Woody Guthrie's empathetic and now so-familiar songs of the Dust Bowl refugees and the Great Depression of the 1930's.

More programs may be planned for September. Stop in the library, or visit our web site.



## *Please Help*

.....the Venison Donation Coalition (VDC) celebrates our Tenth Year of sportsmen helping those in need.

Over 750,000 lbs of donated venison has lent a hand to 3 Million folks. **THANK YOU!** With over 500,000 deer hunting licenses sold in NY each year, **ONLY \$10,000/yr** is being gathered from the license outlets when you buy your licenses. **PLEASE** be sure to tell your license issuing agent you want to support Venison Donation with a dollar or more when you buy your license.

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## 2010 New York Big Game Seasons



### Northern Zone

#### Deer

Bowhunting Season*:	Sept. 27 - Oct. 22
Muzzleloading Season:	Oct. 16 - Oct. 22
	Dec. 6 - Dec. 12 (certain WMUs)
Regular Season:	Oct. 23 - Dec. 5

#### Bear

Early Season*:	Sept. 18 - Oct. 15
Bowhunting Season*:	Sept. 27 - Oct. 22
Muzzleloading Season:	Oct. 16 - Oct. 22
Regular Season:	Oct. 23 - Dec. 5

### Southern Zone

#### Deer

Bowhunting Season:	Oct. 16 - Nov. 19, Dec. 13 - Dec. 21
Regular Season:	Nov. 20 - Dec. 12
Muzzleloading Season:	Dec. 13 - Dec. 21

#### Suffolk County – Deer

Regular Season (bowhunting only, either sex):	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31
Special Firearms Season** (special permit, weekdays):	Jan. 3 - Jan. 31, 2011

#### Westchester County – Deer

Regular Season (bowhunting only, either sex):	Oct. 16 - Dec. 31
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#### Bear (see season maps for Bear Hunting Area boundaries)

##### Central - Western Bear Hunting Area

Bowhunting Season:	Oct. 16 - Nov. 19, Dec. 13 - Dec. 21
Regular Season:	Nov. 27 - Dec. 12
Muzzleloading Season:	Dec. 13 - Dec. 21

##### Southeastern Bear Hunting Area

Bowhunting Season:	Oct. 16 - Nov. 19, Dec. 13 - Dec. 21
Regular Season:	Nov. 20 - Dec. 12
Muzzleloading Season:	Dec. 13 - Dec. 21

\* 2009 - 2010 hunting licenses and tags are required when hunting prior to Oct. 1, 2010.

\*\* The Special Firearms Season in parts of Suffolk County is open for deer of either sex, Monday thru Friday only, using shotgun and muzzleloader, and requires a special landowner endorsement and Town Permit.

### *More Hunting Information*



NYSDEC has given us a limited supply of hunting, fishing, and trapping guides. Sportsmen are encouraged to visit [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov) to get the most up-to-date hunting, trapping and fishing information and view or print the online version of the 2011-2012 guide.

Deer Management Permit Hunters – The deadline for DMP application is October 1, 2010.

## The *Other* Concerned Citizens Speak Out

How can the self-proclaimed Concerned Citizens of Rensselaerville consider themselves non-partisan when they report only part of a story? How can they call themselves ethical when they hide behind a cloak of secrecy, keeping their membership a deep, dark secret? How can they propose to invite anyone and everyone to join their ranks when they do not publicize their meeting dates, times, or places? It is time for the *Other* Concerned Citizens of Rensselaerville to set the record straight.

For those of us who keep abreast of what is happening in this Town, we observe that the Democratic members of the Town Board are 100% in favor of sufficiently funding and staffing the highway department within the budget process, keeping in mind the economic uncertainty that presently prevails. However, it is interesting to note that two of the charter members of the CCR who are now advocating unlimited spending for the highway department are the same people who once voted to lay off an additional highway employee as well as not to fill a mechanic's position made vacant by a retirement. This decision alone has cost the Town dearly as the data now shows that it was more costly to outsource this work than to do it in-house. They also harangued the previous highway superintendent whenever he requested to replace equipment. The true cause for the current state of affairs lies with previous supervisors who threw roadblocks in the path of the highway department.

And yet, with this new administration and Town Board, we see considerably more cooperation with the highway department than has existed for years. This is the Town Board that has agreed to pay for building upgrades, to pay for training for the highway crew, to pay for the Superintendent's attendance at the Highway School, to pay for a seasonal worker, to pay for an additional part-time employee, to improve the rate for the expensive rental of equipment, and has authorized the bidding for a used medium duty truck. The Town Board has been respectful to and cooperative with the highway department far more than the previous administration ever was. However, that does not mean that the highway department, or any other Town department for that matter, can get everything it wants without adequate planning and budgetary provisions.

The highway department should not be a partisan entity, but publications such as the latest CCR newsletter have served to continue the public discourse that marked the last four years as possibly the worst in Rensselaerville history.

The taxpayers should take comfort in knowing that the Town Board is aware of the need for the safety of our employees as well as our residents. Managing the taxpayers' money judiciously is not equivalent to saying "no" to the highway department. It is, in fact, acting prudently in all matters financial.

It is our understanding that upon the submission of a viable and fiscally reasonable 5-7 year replacement plan from the highway superintendent, (one that does not involve borrowing money thereby increasing the cost to the taxpayers), it is our understanding that the Town Board will strive to accommodate the terms of this plan. Requests for such a plan have been made numerous times. Even casual observers know that, months later, the Town Board continues to await compliance with this request.

*Proudly paid for by the Democratic Social Club  
(whose entire membership list is available upon request)*

### *Please Take Notice*

**The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on  
Monday, September 6, 2010 in observance of Labor Day**

## A Note from Marion Cooke

First I would like to say that the hanging flower baskets that were paid for by donations are now up in Preston Hollow. A thank you goes out to the volunteer committee for taking the initiative to do this.

Another month has gone by but I was pleased to see how many people attended the August Town Board meeting. I will briefly summarize some of the items before the Board.

A resident near the building that was knocked down on Town property in Potter Hollow read a letter concerning her opinion of burning it. The Town Board did not take any further action on this at the meeting.

Jeff Pine, Assessor, reported on the equalization rate from the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services. A representative from NYS will be at the September work meeting with a presentation and the public will also be able to ask questions during that portion of the meeting. I understand they will be answering questions concerning what a reval process details that night also. I am sure it will be interesting to me, as I personally have little knowledge about assessments, etc.

Kathy Hallenbeck, Town Clerk, reported that we received notice that the Town will be required to issue our own dog licenses next year. From what I have been reading, New York State thought it was too costly to handle the licensing, so they past it down to the local level. Since the Town will get to keep all revenues, the Town Clerk will be figuring out how much it will cost to process a license and what she will need to buy before January 2011.

The Town Board had opened bids on a 2007 or newer medium duty truck at the work meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup>. All bids that came in were for new trucks and nothing for used equipment. Gary Zeh felt that he could find a good used truck to replace the medium duty truck so the bids were rejected. The Town also has bids out for a used heavy duty plow truck that are due back in September. This is another piece of equipment which is also greatly needed and being the rest of the Board says a new one is out of the question until it can be figured into the budget, I hope we can get some reasonable bids back on this.

I had asked at the work meeting about some budget line items that I didn't understand. I had question the line item on June highway wages being high but I was wrong as there was 5 payroll periods that month and I admitted my error at the meeting when I realized the reason. Also the first week of May's payroll came out of snow removal as it covered the last week of April. The other questions I asked about were explained that night, but more questions arose this month that I will discuss with the Supervisor. I feel if you don't understand something it is better to ask questions so that you can be informed and learn.

The Town Supervisor presented a proposal to lease another copier machine for the cost of \$128 per month for five years at the Town Board meeting. I felt that being the Board did not get this information on another copier until that night, I could not make a decision on such short notice, so therefore I did not approve it. Leasing another copier did not pass at this meeting, as two Board members were absent, but I am sure it will come up again at the next meeting.

As always, these are my opinions only and do not represent the opinions of the rest of the Town Board.

I hope everyone enjoys and has a safe Labor Day weekend! Until next time----

*Paid Advertisement*

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***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.***



# All You Can Eat BREAKFAST

**SEPT. 11th**

**OCT. 16th**

**NOV. 20th**

**DEC. 18th**

**JAN. 15th**

**FEB. 19th**

**MAR. 19th**

**APR. 16th**

**Free Will Offering**

**7 AM TO 11 AM**

## MEDUSA FIRE COMPANY

### POST OFFICE INFORMATION

Rensselaerville: 797-3231

Medusa: 239-4826

Preston Hollow: 239-6111



### *Flute and Piano Lessons*



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**Church Services**

**Preston Hollow Baptist Church**

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

**Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church**

Summer Session Worship - 11:00AM  
Coffee Hour following 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

**2010 Summer Services at the  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Rensselaerville, New York  
11:00 a.m.**

***"IF YOU WOULD JUST AGREE WITH ME, THEN EVERYTHING WOULD BE ALL RIGHT."***

**August 29:** "Navigating  
Life's One-Way Streets"

The Reverend Dr. Lee H. Wesley, Interim Pastor, New Hope  
Lutheran Church; Jamaica, New York City

**Sept. 5:** "Opinions"

Dr. Barbara G. Wheeler, Director



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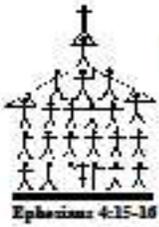
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## The Church @ Potter Hollow

### Potter Hollow Union Church News

VISIT US in our Fellowship Hall! 4824 Potter Hollow Rd. Potter Hollow NY.

## John Osborn in Concert!

**Sunday**  
**September 26th**  
**6:30pm**



[www.johnosbornministries.org](http://www.johnosbornministries.org)

*John is a local county gospel singer from Hunter, NY. A simple country boy with big country sound. All are invited to share in this blessing of music and just being together!*  
*Coffee and refreshments will be served.*  
*Call: (518)263-4478 for more details.*

*"Chit - Chat"*  
*your way to health!*  
*September 15th & 29th.*  
*Nutritional consultant Alice Cross of "Baby Step Your Way to Health" will be available for "chit - chat" outside our Swap Shop. Alice is a mom, grandma & cancer survivor that realizes the importance of taking care of the physical & spiritual body. Stop by to "Chit Chat" from 10am - 2pm, & leave with a few easy steps you can take towards better health.*

## Ongoing Events

**Sundays: 10am Morning Worship/ 11:30am Mustard Seed Coffee Hour & Youth & Adult Bible Studies. September 12th (and every 2nd Sunday) pot luck in place of coffee hour and Bible studies.**

**Tuesday September: 14th and every 2nd Tuesday: 6pm - 8pm: Family Night. This month's theme: Good Company!**

**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](mailto:nathandmiles@hotmail.com)

or look for us on FACEBOOK!

***Volunteer News and Events***  
**Medusa Volunteer Fire Department**

*Company Meeting: Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 PM*

*Drill & Work Meeting: Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM*



**Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department**

*The sun is shining and Summer is HERE!! Make it safe for all, far and near!!  
 Calls as of July 5, 2010: 38*

**September: (What's NOW?)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - 7pm Ladies Battalion
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 7pm Company Drill
- 11<sup>th</sup> - FOOD DRIVE BEGINS
- 13<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm Company Drill
- 19<sup>th</sup> - 8-11am Pancake Breakfast
- 29<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm Company Meeting

**October: (What's Coming?)**

- 4<sup>th</sup> - 7pm Company Drill
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 7pm Ladies Battalion
- 9<sup>th</sup> - FOOD DRIVE ENDS
- 10<sup>th</sup> - 8-11am Pancake Breakfast
- 11<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm Company Drill
- 27<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm Company Meeting

**Special Events - October:**

- 10/9 Food Drive Hilltown Resources Ends
- 10/10 8am-11am Pancake Breakfast: What could be better than pancakes on a cool Fall day? Bring the family and/or Meet up with your neighbor's for a special treat!!!
- 10/31 2pm Halloween Party - Bring all the young folks to enjoy the afternoon with their friends, neighbors, crafts and games.

**Looking into the future:**

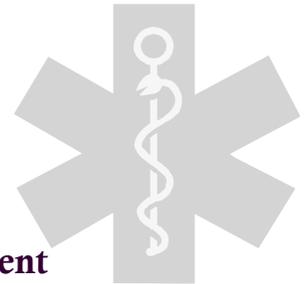
- 11/1 to 11/30 Toy Drive

**Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department**

*Company Meeting: Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00PM*

**Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Department**

*Company Meeting: Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM*



**NOTICE; ORPS PRESENTATION**

Assessor Jeffrey Pine has arranged for two representatives from the Office of Real Property Services (ORPS) to make a presentation at the September 7, 2010 Town Board work/agenda meeting, 7 pm. Allison Dooley (Customer Relations Manager) and Robert Aiken (Northern Regional Manager) will discuss assessing issues such as re-val and will entertain questions from the audience. The Town Board welcomes taxpayer participation during this part of the work/agenda meeting. Bring your questions and/or concerns and have them addressed during this session.

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**CORRESPONDENCE:** Albany County Action Partnership - They will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Head Start Kick-Off Event on July 21, 2010, 1 to 3:30 PM at 3 Lincoln Square, Albany, NY. The public is invited.

### REPORTS

**SUPERVISOR DERMODY:** The Town Board reviewed and discussed the financial report as submitted by Clerk 1/Bookkeeper Cornwell.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorner to accept the financial report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Chase. After a brief discussion concerning the financial report, Councilwoman Dorner withdrew her motion.

This report will be discussed next month or at a special meeting.

- **PROCUREMENT POLICY** - Supervisor Dermody mentioned that with the uncertainty of the economy right now, we don't know what kind of money we are going to get from the State and County. Several years ago the Town Board had decided to lower the ceiling on the Procurement Policy so they could keep a tighter handle on our funds. Should the Board consider, on a short term basis, revisiting that issue and lower our ceiling so that we have a better handle on what is spent, what is saved and how it is spent? The Town Board discussed this briefly. Supervisor Dermody would like the Town Board to review the policy, look at our operating statement that we got tonight, and see whether or not it is time to revisit that issue. This will be put on the August Work Meeting agenda.
- **PAYROLL AUDIT** - Councilman Chase will audit the May payroll and Councilwoman Dorner will audit the June payroll.
- **SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT** - Supervisor Dermody reported that we started the Summer Youth Employment Program yesterday; we have two young ladies who work 9am to 1pm, 5 days per week until August 13th. They are being paid by the County.
- **WASTE OIL COLLECTION** - We only received one gallon of waste oil at our last collection day on June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **COMPTROLLER AUDIT** - The auditors have collected the data they need and are currently working on their draft report. If they need anything further, they will contact us for the documents.
- **FEMA** - Supervisor Dermody reported that we just sent in our 8<sup>th</sup> folder and we have three folders left to go. Supervisor Dermody explained to the Town Board what projects are left.
- **DRAFT EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN (EAP) - LAKE MYOSOTIS DAM** - The Town Board received the EAP from J. K. Fraser & Associates for the Lake Myosotis Dam. Supervisor Dermody asked that the Town Board members review the information and that we set a special meeting for July 22<sup>nd</sup> to go over the EAP. The EAP must be submitted to the State by August 10, 2010.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to hold a Special meeting on July 22, 2010, 7 PM to discuss and act on the Emergency Action Plan; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Dorner. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- **STONE & SAND** - Supervisor Dermody mentioned that she has been notified that people have been seen taking stone and sand. If they are caught they will be prosecuted.
- **JOB DESCRIPTION - PLANNING BOARD/ZONING BOARD SECRETARY** - Supervisor Dermody presented to the Town Board the old job descriptions and the new descriptions for them to review. This will be reviewed and acted on at the August meeting.
- **UNION CONTRACT** - Supervisor Dermody mentioned that in the near future we are going to have to enter into negotiations, whether before or after budget time. Supervisor Dermody asked that the Town Board begin to look at the contract and see if they have any changes to suggest.
- **MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> MEETING DVD** - Supervisor Dermody asked Mr. Tollner if he had this DVD yet and she also asked if she could get a copy of the June 2010 meeting because her camera didn't work. Mr. Tollner will try and get these DVDs.

- Councilwoman Cooke asked about the Department of Aging - has Mr. Scarano gotten back to Supervisor Dermody concerning the senior bus and transportation. Supervisor Dermody mentioned that she has not heard from him.

- Councilwoman Cooke asked if the Town Board was going to review the Town of Berne audit. Supervisor Dermody mentioned that one issue has been taken care of which is the segregation of duties concerning the bank reconciliations. We will discuss this audit further at budget time.

- Councilwoman Cooke asked if we have heard anything from the Department of Labor concerning the violations. Supervisor Dermody, we haven't heard anything from them.

- Councilwoman Cooke asked if our data is being stored off site. Yes it is.

- Councilwoman Cooke asked about the records room, any idea, was Jeff Pine going to figure out what to do. Supervi-

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sor Dermody, this could be done when we are discussing building issues in the budget.

- Councilwoman Dorner suggested that each one of us come up with a list of things that we are concerned about and then make it a priority.

- Councilwoman Cooke asked if we have heard anything from Central Hudson on our electricity. Central Hudson came and took the blanket off; we haven't heard anything from them yet.

- FOIL POLICY - Councilwoman Dorner is working on this policy.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Supervisor's Report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Dorner.

*Motion Carried Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** Attorney Kosich had nothing to report.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:** Superintendent Zeh reported the following;

- Current Highway Work -The Highway Department has been ditching, grading, asphalt patching, and mowing the roads and lanes in the Town. The posted signs have been replaced at the old Kenyon Road dumpsite. The other signs had been torn down.

Superintendent Zeh reported that Carver Sand and Gravel, who was the low bidder for in-place paving has presented the Town with a reduced paving rate that is currently \$11.00 per ton lower than their original bid. Superintendent Zeh recommended amending the Highway Agreement (pull Camp Winsockie and Phase 2 of Pond Hill Road) and paving Siebert Road. The Town Board, Superintendent Zeh, and Attorney Kosich discussed this issue at length. Carver got the original bid; we do not have to re-bid.

Attorney Kosich or Attorney Catalano will check on how to change the Highway Agreement. This topic will be discussed at the special meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- Maintenance and Repairs - His maintenance and repair line item (DA5130.4) is almost depleted. He requested transferring \$20,000.00 from his General Repairs Payroll (DA5110.1) line to the Maintenance and Repairs line to cover further repairs. The Town Board discussed this issue.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to transfer \$20,000.00 from General Repairs Payroll (DA5110.1) to Maintenance and repairs (DA5130.4); 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- 1983 Oshkosh -He would like permission to proceed with the repairs on the 1983 Oshkosh. He got a quote from WW Transmission to rebuild the transfer case for less than \$6500.00 and a replacement rear end will cost \$2500.00 or less. Ben Funk quoted \$8000.00 to \$9000.00 to rebuild the transfer case.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorner to authorize Superintendent Zeh to accept the quote of \$6500.00 from WW Transmission to have the transfer case rebuilt; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- 1987 Oshkosh - He looked at 5 trucks and the best one suited for our needs and was in good condition was a 1987 Oshkosh. It has been partially reconditioned; it has 60,000 miles on it, automatic transmission, plow, wing, stainless steel sander and to finish reconditioning the chassis is under \$32,500. He located the original owner which was the Town of Lancaster and he spoke to the driver. Councilwoman Cooke asked if we could put this out to bid so we could see what is out there.

The Town Board discussed this issue at length and decided to discuss it further at the Special Meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke authorizing Superintendent Zeh to write up specification for a used 4 wheel drive truck with wing and plow, 50,000 plus GVW, and present it to the Town Board for review at the Special Meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup>; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Dorner.

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

- Medium Duty Truck Specifications - The Town Board was presented with the specifications for the truck. He would like to put it out to bid.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for a used Medium Duty Truck, 4 x 4, 2007 or newer; bids to be received by the Town Clerk on August 10, 2010 at 6:45 PM and opened at 7:15 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- Part Time Employee - Superintendent Zeh would like to hire a part time employee. The Town Board discussed the pay rate, hiring and firing of an employee, and interviewing an applicant. The pay rate would be 75% of the base pay.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to advertise for a part time employee for the Highway Department; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Dorner. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

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- Reclassify Employees - Superintendent Zeh would like to reclassify two employees according to the Union Contract. When an employee is working on major repairs, he would like them to get the mechanics rate, which is \$.40 more per hour.

Councilman Chase mentioned that this is a personnel issue and he would like to discuss it in executive session. This will be done at the end of the meeting.

- Employee Training - Attorney Catalano will need to write up an addendum to the Union Contract that says for any reason in the future we suspend the training that the \$.10 an hour that we are paying per man is not construed as a raise in salary.
- Safety - The highway employees continue to have weekly safety meeting.
- On Line-Auction - Superintendent Zeh will forward to the Town Board members information on on-line auctions to sell some of our equipment.
- Route 85 Project - Superintendent Zeh reported that he went to the Capital District Transportation Committee meeting yesterday. The CDTC is currently looking at rural projects for their next round of selection.
- Park Committees - Superintendent Zeh spoke to Copeland Coating concerning the Parks' tennis court projects. There will be a \$1,790.00 savings. The Town Board needs to have a breakdown for each park.
- Stone & Sand - Superintendent Zeh did not know that people were taking salt and sand. He mentioned that people are dropping refuse off at the garage door. He asked if a camera at the corner of the building would help these situations.
- Superintendent Zeh mentioned that if anyone has any downed branches or trees, pot holes, washouts, drainage issues, please contact him.

Supervisor Dermody asked if the excavator we are renting is getting used. Superintendent Zeh said that they try and use it every day.

(Complete Highway Superintendent Report on file in the Town Clerks Office)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorner to accept the Superintendent's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

**TOWN CLERK:** Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported the following collected and paid out for the month of June 2010: Town Clerk Department - Total Collected - \$1,869.16. Paid to the Supervisor - \$1,471.32 (fees); Paid to the Albany County Clerk - \$47.65 (dog license); Paid to NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets - \$45.00 (spay and neutering Program); Paid to NYS Departmental Conservation - \$305.84 (sporting license); Paid to NYS Department of Health - \$20.00 (marriage license). Water Rents Collected - \$1,967.38. Sewer Rents Collected - \$917.48.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of June 2010; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Cooke. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR:** CEO Overbaugh reported the following permits and funds collected for the month of June 2010: 4 - Building Repairs, 3 - New Home Construction, 1 - Accessory Building, 1 - Building New Accessory, 2 - Decks, 1 - Agriculture Use Permit.

CEO Overbaugh reported that the old building owned by the Town by the school house in Potter Hollow has been taken down by Ed Reinhardt. He did an excellent job. The plan is to burn the debris. A neighbor does not want it burned due to health problems. CEO Overbaugh and Councilman Kudlack will contact this person and come up with a plan to benefit everyone.

CEO Overbaugh briefly spoke about his computer problems. They are being taken care of by i.t.s.

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

**ASSESSING DEPARTMENT:** There were no assessors present to give a report.

**WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE:** Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported that the Army Corps of Engineers has approved the work on the Impounding Dam and will be mailing the permit this week.

**WIND POWER COMMITTEE:** Noel Abbott, Chairman, mentioned that the overall recommendation of the Wind Study Committee for the industrial wind power installation within the Town of Rensselaerville should not be permitted. Chairman Abbott and Mr. Sedlmeir mentioned the following key reasons for these recommendations:

- Industrial Wind Power is strongly out of alignment with the Town of Rensselaerville's Comprehensive Plan. Note: This reason alone would be enough to justify a strong recommendation prohibiting them.

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- There is significant health, environmental, and safety concerns associated with Industrial Wind Power.
- Albany County does not have the sustained high level of wind speed to make Industrial Wind Power viable for consistent energy production.
- Citizen's property value would be negatively affected.
- On a cost-benefit basis, the income to the Town would be minimal, while the costs to the quality of life would be disproportionately large. Also, the total costs to the Town in terms of time spent by the Town Board, town committees, town attorneys, Highway Superintendent, and other town employee's time would be large, and is often uncounted in the project's life cycle costs.
- Irreversible decision: Once Industrial Wind Turbines are installed, it would be practically impossible to remove them. Industrial Wind leases give developers long term property control through long initial terms and option extensions: Shell Oil's contract provides the developer with control for as long as 67 years from contract signing. Flat Rock Wind Power's Amended and Restated lease for Tug Hill provided the developer with control for as long as 46 years. That would commit the town to these industrial installations for the equivalent of three generations.
- The Town would likely lose control of its ability to independently negotiate with Wind Developers.
- Even if the Town attempted to restrict Industrial Wind Power zoning to a small portion of the Town, Wind Developers could challenge that zoning and quite possibly be successful in overturning it. It would be easier for a wind developer to successfully challenge a zoning restriction than a total prohibition based upon the comprehensive plan.

The Town Board will receive a complete document on the findings of the Wind Committee concerning industrial wind power. The Town Board will review the document and discuss it further at the special meeting to be held on July 22, 2010.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorner to accept the report given by members of the Wind Power Committee on industrial wind power; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

**CURRENT EVENTS:** There will be a Blood Drive on July 23, 2010, 1 to 6 pm at the Preston Hollow Fire House.

### OLD BUSINESS

**PRESTON HOLLOW PARK COMMITTEE & RENNELAERVILLE PARK COMMITTEE - TENNIS COURTS** - Discussed earlier in the meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

**ALBANY COUNTY SHERIFF ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT PROGRAM:** This is a contract between the Town of Rensselaerville and the County of Albany to provide for the Town's participation in the County's Emergency Medical Services Program in order to provide Advanced Life Support Services. The cost to the Town for the period 1/1/10 - 12/31/10 would be \$44,605.05.

The Town Board discussed the agreement.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase authorizing Supervisor Dermody to sign the "Agreement for Advanced Life Support Services between the County of Albany and the Town of Rensselaerville"; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

**NEW YORK STATE AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM - RESOLUTION 20100708A:** Supervisor Dermody explained the State Retirement Resolution to the Town Board.

The following resolution was made by Councilwoman Dorner and seconded by Councilman Chase.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Rensselaerville hereby establishes the following as standard work day for elected and appointed officials and will report on the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of the body: Town Clerk - Standard Work Day - 7 hours/day; Deputy Town Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer, Clerk 1, Clerk 2, Attorney, Deputy Attorney and FEMA Clerk - Standard Work Day - 6 hours/day.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results: *Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

**RESIGNATION: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS & ZONING REVIEW COMMITTEE:** The Town Board received two letters from Alden Pierce resigning his position from the Zoning Board of Appeals and also his position on the

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Zoning Review Committee.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept Mr. Pierce's resignations from the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Zoning Review Committee; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

Supervisor Dermody will write Mr. Pierce a thank you for his service to the Town.

Roger Gifford, a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, is willing to take Mr. Pierce's position as chairman.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to appoint Roger Gifford Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals to the end of the year; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Dorner. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

A replacement is needed for this position; a notice will be put in the newsletter. Letters of interest will be received until the 10<sup>th</sup> of August. Attorney Kosich spoke about the need for a quorum.

**THE GREENVILLE MOUNTAIN VIEW PIONEER:** Supervisor Dermody mentioned that she has received the legal rates for this newspaper and they are comparable if not better than the *Altamont Enterprise*.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to appoint the *Greenville Mountain View Pioneer* as another official newspaper for the Town; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

### **MEDUSA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY - NEW MEMBER - HEATHER FITZPATRICK**

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to add Heather Fitzpatrick to the membership list for the Medusa Volunteer Fire Company; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

**HEALTH INSURANCE:** Supervisor Dermody mentioned that at our Work Meeting on Tuesday night we had Erin Nevins, our insurance broker, give us a presentation on our health insurance plan. Mrs. Nevins explained that the present Empire plan will no longer exist. It is going to be something different, although the rates aren't going to go up very much, the benefits are going to go down considerably. Mrs. Nevins presented 2 CDCHP plans. She will meet with the highway employees to go over these plans.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

- Georgette Koenig, asked about the Carver trucks traveling Pond Hill Road to about 8 to 10 fully loaded trucks over the last two weeks. In terms of the Highway Agreement, what was the washout on Pond Hill and how does it effect not doing work on Pond Hill? There is a safety cone sitting on the side of the road and other damages on the road. It is much more traveled than Camp Winsockie Road. The damage to the road is getting continually worse. Superintendent Zeh mentioned that Carver is not hauling for the Town. Pond Hill Road will be worked on; they are still going to do ditching and putting a crown on it. Phase 1 is still on. He was talking about Phase 2 in his report.

- Mr. Tollner asked if we a liable having under-aged kids handling Town records. Are they covered by insurance, are they supervised a 100% of the time?

Attorney Kosich mentioned that age doesn't matter for legal liability. Attorney Kosich would have to look at the insurance policy. Supervisor Dermody mentioned that all the things that they are working with are available under FOIL. They are supervised at all times.

- Gerald Wood asked about Pearson Road and is it going to be fixed. Supervisor Dermody, it is on the Highway Agreement. Superintendent Zeh mentioned that it will be fixed this year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made by Councilman Chase to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. (9:15pm). *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to come out of Executive session; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dermody. (9:30pm) *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Councilman Chase to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried.*

### **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck, Town Clerk

(Notes: Full Town Board minutes can be found at the Town's web site [www.rensselaerville.com](http://www.rensselaerville.com) or at Town Hall.)

***NEW Important Contact Information***

Town Board Meetings  
Second Thursday 7:00 pm

Working Meeting  
Tuesday 7:00 pm  
before regular meeting

Town Justice Court  
Mondays 7:00 pm

Planning Board  
First and third Thursdays 7:30 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals  
First Tuesday 7:00 pm

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

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

Supervisor's Hours  
Monday, 9am—12 noon  
Wednesday, 9am—12 noon  
Friday following monthly TB meeting  
9am—12 noon  
Other times by appointment

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

Assessors' Clerk Hours  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday morning

Dog Control Officer  
Cheryl Baitsholts  
518-797-5201

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

Water/Sewer District Meeting  
First Thursday 7:00 pm

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

Town Clerk & Collector  
Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

Town Justices  
Victor LaPlante  
Timothy Miller

Councilpersons  
Gary Chase, Marion Cooke,  
Dale Dorner, John Kudlack

Building Inspector  
& Code Enforcement Officer  
Mark Overbaugh

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

Highway Superintendent  
Gary Zeh

Planning Board  
Muriel Frasher, Chairman  
Kathy Wank, Secretary

Zoning Board of Appeals  
Alden Pierce, Chairman  
Kathy Wank, Secretary

Deputy Town Clerk  
Dee Andrus

Bookkeeper  
Andrea Cornwell

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

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518-239-4225, 518-797-3798

Sen. Neil Breslin, 46th Dist.  
Capital Bldg., Room 502  
Albany, NY 12247  
518-455-2800

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

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

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

Rensselaerville Fire Company, 911  
Social Number - 797-3218

Tri-Village Fire Company, 911  
Social number - 239-6780

Medusa Fire Company, 911  
Back up emergency number,  
765-5979  
Social number - 239-6166

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

Albany County Sheriff, 911  
518-765-2351

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

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