



Town of Rensselaerville

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July 2011 Town Board Minutes Summary

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 12th day of July, 2011 at 7:06 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 Robert Bolte, Councilman Gary Chase, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman John Kudlack, Town Attorney Joseph Catalano, Town Clerk Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

Also present were Acting Superintendent David Potter and 32 interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

- Margaret Sedlmeir -- Town Wide Community Calendar to be housed at the Town Hall

PRESENTATION - HELDERBERG HILLTOWN ASSOCIATION - BARBARA HUSEK & TIM LIPPERT

Barbara Husek is on the steering committee of the Helderberg Hilltowns Association consisting of people from Berne, Knox, Rensselaerville, and Westerlo working together to help preserve and promote local farms, businesses, and organizations. The Helderberg Hilltowns Association website is, www.hilltowns.org. At this point their activities are free.

They are in the planning stage for making a fall farm and artisan tour to encourage people off the hill to visit our farms, crafters and businesses. The preliminary date is September 10th and 11th.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the minutes for the Work Meeting held on June 9, 2011; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke; Nays (0) Abstained (1) Kudlack*

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to accept the minutes for the June 14, 2011, Public Hearing; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0); Abstained (2) Chase, Cooke*

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 14, 2011; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0); Abstained (2) Chase, Cooke*

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the minutes for the Special Meeting of June 23, 2011; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0); Abstained (1) Bolte*

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

From	To	Amount
SS8120.4 Sanitary Sewer	SS8130.4 Treatment/Disposal	\$41.14
SS8110.4 Administration	SS8130.4 Treatment/Disposal	8.53
Central Hudson Bill		

2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

ABSTRACT 2011- VOUCHERS,BILLS - A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to pay all signed vouchers; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

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Library Bookmark

What's New?

Fine Amnesty: Do you have over due Rensselaerville Library books, audiobooks, movies, magazines? Starting **Wednesday, 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 or school supplies for the Hilltown Resource Center. So dig through the closets and drawers, search the bookcases and family car, and recover those Library items. Fine Amnesty does not apply to lost items. *In high demand.

The Board of Trustees of the Rensselaerville Library Cordially Invite You to: The **Annual Lawn Party on Saturday, September 3, 2011 from 4 - 7 P.M.** at The **Bal-linger Gardens** on Methodist Hill Road, Rensselaerville. \$20 includes one drink and tickets are available at the door.

Weekend Film Series at Conkling Hall (8 Methodist Hill Rd):
September 9, 2011 at 6:30P.M. Hoodwinked too! Hood vs. Evil Run Time: 87 minutes Rated: PG
September 10, 2011 at 7:00P.M. Win Win Run Time: 106 minutes Rated: R
 Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase.

READ with Helen of Troy a Therapy Dogs, Inc. therapy dog - Saturday, September 10 at 10A.M. Sign up at the Library for your 15 minutes to read with Helen.

Story Time returns with "Science is FUN!" The dates will be **September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 10 at 10:30A.M.** The theme for September is "Boats: Sink or Float?"

The next **Library Board Meeting** is on **Monday, September 19 at 7P.M.** Open to the public.

Start back to school with the with the **most important school supply.** September is **Library Card** sign up month. The Library provides our students with free access to databases, free internet access, access to all the libraries in the Upper Hudson Library System and exciting and engaging programs. Getting a library card is easy just stop by the circulation desk for further assistance.

Students, the Library is offering **free tutoring** this school year. The tutors are certified teachers of various grades and subjects. If you are interested please call the library (797-3949) with the following information: name, grade, and phone number of interested student, the subject(s) for which tutoring is required, the days of the week (T-F) that the student is available to come to the Rensselaerville Library for after-school tutoring. If you are interested in becoming one of our tutors, please call the Library or email the Director.

Visit the Library during **Banned Books Week September 24 through October 1** to check out books that have been banned over the years.

The Library would like to **thank our Summer Reading Program sponsors:** FunPlex FunPark, The Huyck Preserve, The Price Chopper Golub Foundation, Spectrum Theatres, Stewart's Shops Upper Hudson Library System, and Zume Flume for their support.

The Library has **FREE Museum Passes** to the **Clark** and the **Old Stone Fort Museum** in Schoharie. We also have **fishing rods** available for loan.



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*The Library is
 located at
 1459 C.R. 351,
 Rensselaerville.*

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*

rensseleavillelibrary.org

Staff:
 Kim Graff,
 Director

Katie Caprio,
 Library Technician

Position Vacant
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Conkling Hall—What's On In September

Saturday, September 3: Saturday on the Sidewalk. The last market of our summer season. Coffee, tea, lemonade, sandwiches, pastries, baguettes, special rolls, honey, green, red and yellow produce, quiche, beef, chicken, eggs from local farmers and vendors. 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday September 9, 10, and 11, R'Ville Stage Creations present "Arsenic and Old Lace". A new local theater group brings us laughs and intrigue. Friday and Saturday at 7:00 PM; Sunday at 3:00 PM. Tickets \$10, adults; \$8 seniors and students.

Thursday, September 15: Conkling Café. A coffeehouse with an open mic. Hosted by Peter Michael. Musicians arrive 7:00-7:30 PM. Music follows. Coffee, tea, cookies available. Free Will Offering.



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

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 1: The CHILI COOKOFF returns. And we introduce ARTISAN BEER TASTING. Live music, too. Time: 12:00 noon to 3:00 PM.

Categories: Traditional Hot, Traditional Mild, Local (three or more local ingredients), White and Vegetarian.

Tastings: Four chili tastings for \$12.

Conkling Hall chili, artisan beer, soft drinks will be for sale as well.

Prizes, professional judges and "People's Choice". Awards presented at 3:00 PM.

If you make a mean chili, enter it in the Chili Cook-Off. Entry fee is \$15 per batch. Each entrant must bring 1.5 gallons of chili in a crockpot and a 12 ft. extension cord.

On-line registration at www.blacksheepdesigns.com/chili.html. Or call Diana Dietrich (518-797-3902) or Tim Lippert (518-339-6030). Registration deadline is September 28, 2011.

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

Tuesdays 9:00 - 10:15 AM Yoga

Wednesdays 5:45 - 6:15 PM Pilates

Thursdays 8:30 - 9:45 AM Yoga (for experienced practitioners)

Saturdays 9 - 10 AM Pilates

All classes open to all except as noted.

Submitted by D. Dietrich

COME TO A HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Preston Hollow Beautification Committee is sponsoring it's **2nd Annual Harvest Festival Fundraiser** on Saturday, October 1, 2011.

Come and join in the fun at Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park from 10AM to 5PM. The event will feature good food, live music, silent auction, Irish step dancing, booths of crafts and collectables, baked goods, antiques, stain glass, homemade chocolates, wine tasting, plant sale and horticultural advice, dried flower arrangements, raffles and much more for your enjoyment. Also, there will be hay rides, games, wheel of fortune, face painting, and more, for the children. A highlight of the day will be an ANTIQUE CAR SHOW.

Free Admission.

This is a great opportunity to bring our Hamlets together and build some wonderful spirit!



Submitted by M. Sedlmeir

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.

SPORTING LICENSE

Sporting Licenses went on sale August 15th. Deadline for Deer Management Permit is October 1, 2011.



Your Turn to Serve?

The Town Board seeks letters of interest from anyone wishing to serve on a committee to study the pros and cons of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) within the Town of Rensselaerville. Applicants should have an open mind regarding this issue and be willing to be thorough in their study and research of this matter. We hope to have a comprehensive review of hydro-fracking, similar to the excellent work done previously by the Wind Power Committee. They set the bar quite high..

Please submit your letter of interest to Town Clerk, Kathy Hallenbeck, via USPS (87 Barger Rd., Medusa, NY 12120, email (townclerk@rensselaerville.com) or fax (239-6339) by Thursday, September 8, 2011.



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The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on September 5, 2011 in observance of Labor Day.

The Town Clerk's office will close at 10:30 AM on September 16th to attend a Town Clerk's meeting.

A Report from the Supervisor

As we approach the autumnal equinox, the days might be getting shorter but our list of things to do at Town Hall doesn't seem to be shrinking much!

We have received word that our final report for the GIS grant regarding a needs assessment has been accepted. We should be receiving the second half of our award (\$6,923) in the near future. And now we await with baited breath to see if our grant application in the amount of \$43,475 is awarded for Phase I implementation of the recommendations highlighted in the Needs Assessment. Many thanks to Bowne Management Systems for guiding us through the labyrinth of applications and reports. They are instrumental in helping us secure this funding and opening the door to many exciting possibilities for the Town with regard to Geographic Information Systems.

Another training session on Workplace Violence/Sexual Harassment is scheduled for Monday, September 12, here at Town Hall. This session is specifically for members of our fire departments, ambulance squad, and Town employees/appointees who have not yet availed themselves of this required training. There's a good chance that we'll be able to once again secure the services of Jay Lewandowski, Loss Prevention Specialist from Wright Risk Management, to conduct this training session.

Thanks are extended to Attorney Joe Catalano for his willingness to work on sample security checklists, employee questionnaires, and incident reporting forms in order to customize them to the needs of the Town of Rensselaerville. This is another component of the directive regarding Workplace Violence, and I appreciate his willingness to volunteer for this project.

On Wednesday, August 3, about 20 interested citizens viewed the movie *Gasland*, a documentary on the results of hydraulic fracturing in other parts of the country. A spirited debate followed, proving this to be a somewhat passionate issue on both sides. Please look elsewhere in this newsletter regarding a committee that will be forming to study "fracking" in terms of what it means for the Town of Rensselaerville.

I am pleased to report that we have received full reimbursement, minus our deductible, for the June 8 storm that did considerable damage, especially to the Town's electronics. We have now put into motion the steps necessary to get these various components either repaired or replaced.

There will be a Medusa End-of-Summer Festival on Saturday, August 27. Please check the Community Calendar (which can be accessed through the Town's web site at www.rensse-laerville.com.) Also there will be a Hilltowns Farms & Artisans Tour on September 9 & 10. See www.Hilltowns.org for complete information.

As always, please keep in mind that I keep regular office hours and am available all other times by phone or email. Feel free to stop by for a chat.

Marie

VFW Memorial Garden — Many Thanks to the following Contributors To Date:

- Jan & Dave Bowdish
- Dave Dillworth, Phase III Electric (East Durham)
- Marie & Ed Dermody
- James Glorioso
- John Ingalls, GNH Lumber (Greenville)
- Wallace Kappler
- Lou's Automotive (Greenville)
- Otto Metzger
- David Potter and Town of Rensselaerville Highway Department
- Richard Sabol
- Walter Schloen

Please do your part to make this list grow. We envision the final result as a tribute to our veterans as well as a peaceful gateway to Town Hall. Please do what you can to respond to the mailers that were recently sent to all Town residents.



The Rensselaerville Library is deeply grateful for the community-wide participation in and support for our Festival of Writers: A Sense of Place, which was held on July 28-31st. Over 250 people were in attendance overall, and over 30 community volunteers supported the event. The Festival's success as a fundraiser for the library will support building improvements, the development of new programming, the enhancement of our collection, and garden beautification

Many thanks to our Steering Committee (Lisa Jemison, Chair, Liz Britton, Kim Graff, Rosie Kuhar, Linda Miller) and all our supporters and volunteers

Individuals:

Robert & Barbara Blum
 Marvin & Laura Bolotsky
 Noel Brennan
 Virginia Carter
 William P. Carey Foundation
 Katherine Dieckmann
 Roswell Eldridge
 Lee Gould
 George & Teresa Grace
 Barbara Heath
 Susan Kessler
 Ann Kuhar
 David McCabe
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 The Racetrack, Westerlo
 The Rensselaerville Fire Department
 The Rensselaerville Historical Society
 The Westerner, Greenville
 Town of Rensselaerville
 Way Out Gallery, Rensselaerville

Advisory Committee

John Arrighi, Liaison to Conkling Hall & Technical Support
 Virginia Carter, Grants & Foundation Support
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 Laurie Lynn Fischer, Director of Public Relations

Tom Gilroy, Event Staging & Book Sale Liaison
 Karen Greendale, Gallery Liaison & Grant Writer
 Lynn Love, Event Coordinator & Grant Writer
 Daniel McNamee, Advisor
 Marilyn Oliva, Advertising, Donations and Parking Support
 Sandra Varno, Volunteer Coordinator

Festival Volunteers

(If we missed anyone, we apologize for the oversight.)
 Sue Arbit
 Diane Baillargeon
 Tracy Bensen
 Laura Bolotsky
 Susan Britton
 Sharon Costello
 Barbara DeMille
 Diana Dietrich
 Dale Dorner
 Barbara Dudley
 Roswell Eldridge
 Laurie Lynn Fischer
 Josh Friedman
 Matthew Graff
 Penny Grimes
 Diana Hinchcliff
 Barb Husek
 Chad Jemison
 Jon Kosich
 Tanya Krohn
 Donna Kropp
 Connie Kudlack
 Jack Kudlack
 Bill Logan
 Patrick Martin
 Nate Mills
 Mimi Moriarty
 Claire North
 Molly O'Neill
 Maryann Ronconi
 Andy Rooney
 Mary Jane Schroeder
 Kris and Bob Tanner
 Caroline Wallis
 David Weiss
 Sarah Nelson Weiss
 Marion Williams
 Alan Wilson
 Stella Yelich

Submitted by K. Graff

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Helderberg Hilltowns Association Web Site

The Helderberg Hilltowns Association (HHA) has a web site at www.Hilltowns.org. The Helderberg Hilltowns Association (HHA) consists of neighbors from Berne, Knox, Rensselaerville, and Westerlo working together to help preserve and promote local farms, businesses, and organizations - and the web site is one method we are using to meet these goals.

The web site will be useful only if it has accurate, comprehensive information, and you can help us by filling in the form below (or emailing the same information to John Elberfeld at Jelberfeld@AOL.COM). Send the completed form to: John Elberfeld, 66 Beebe Road, Berne, NY 12023 (518) 872-2082

We will put this information up on the web site for FREE with no obligation.

You MUST have a home or business located in Berne, Knox, Rensselaerville, or Westerlo.

Your Name: _____

Company (or farm) : _____

Location (town): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Web Site: _____

Facebook: _____

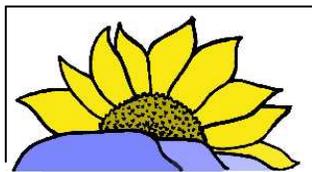
Blog: _____

Products and Services: _____

Description of your operation: _____

Send graphics or photos to Jelberfeld@AOL.COM . Enclose a business card. Help us create a great page.

Submitted by B. Husek



Helderberg Hilltowns Association announces -

Discover the Hilltowns – Farms and Artisans Tours

Saturday and Sunday, September 9 and 10, 2011

Participants in this first of a kind Hilltown event include Hilltown farmers, crafters, quilters, artists, restaurants, markets and delis.

Check out the web site, www.Hilltowns.org., for a complete schedule of events.

Submitted by B. Husek

Board of Assessment Review Vacancy

The Town Board seeks letters of interest from anyone wishing to serve on the Board of Assessment Review to fulfill the unexpired term of Ellen Moak, who recently resigned for health reasons. The Board meets the 4th Tuesday of each May to hear taxpayer grievances regarding their property taxes. Subsequent meetings are then scheduled as necessary to decide the fate of each grievance. The position requires training, but certification is for 5 years.

Please submit your letter of interest to the Town Clerk, Kathy Hallenbeck via USPS to 87 Barger Rd, Medusa, NY 12120, email, town-clerk@rensselaerville.com, or fax 239-6339 by Thursday, September 8, 2011.

Waste Oil Collection Day:

Saturday, August 27th
Saturday, September 24th
7AM—Noon

Rensselaerville Democratic Social Club Annual Picnic

Sunday, September 11, 2011 — 1pm 'til ?
Bayard Elsbree Park, Preston Hollow

Free Food, Drink, and Music

*Visit with friends and neighbors. **ALL are welcome!***
Bring your appetite and a covered dish to share, if you wish.
Plan on having a Good Time!

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Volunteer News and Events

Medusa Volunteer Fire Department

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, September 6th, at 7:30PM
Company Drill: Monday, September 12th, at 7:00 PM
Work Night: Monday, September 19th at 7:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

Calls as of August 10, 2011: 25

<u>September:</u>	<u>October:</u>
7 th - 7:00 pm Battalion Meeting	3 rd - 7:00 pm Company Drill
12 th - 7:00 pm Company Drill	5 th - 7:00 pm Battalion Meeting
19 th - 7:00 pm Company Drill	10 th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
28 th - 7:30 pm Company Meeting	26 th - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

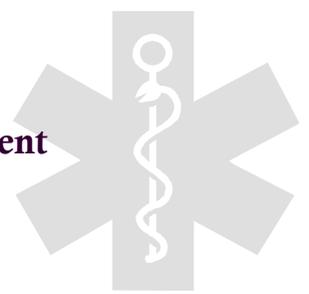
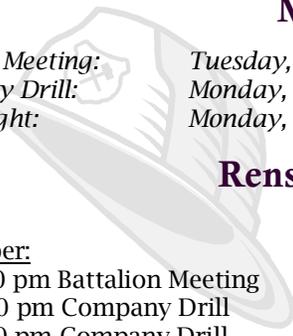
Enjoy your summer! If you are drinking, please do not drive!

Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, September 7th at 8:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00PM





Church Services

Preston Hollow Baptist Church

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

Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church

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

United Church of Christ

Medusa, 239-4843 or 722-8126
Worship: Sunday - 10:00AM

Trinity Episcopal Church

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

Potter Hollow Union Church

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

RENSSELAERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUMMER 2011 SERVICES

Services begin at 11 am. The church is located on Main Street in the hamlet of Rensselaerville.

- August 28 **"Mystery School"** Reverend Michael Ellick, Associate Pastor, Judson Memorial Church, New York City
September 4 **"A Little Bit Swerved"** Barbara G. Wheeler, Auburn Center for the Study of Theological Education, New York City

Middleburgh Library Happenings

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9/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 -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.

9/6, 13, 20, 27 - 10:-30 AM - **Drop-in Storytime** - This fun, interactive program is designed for little ones age 0 - 5 and their caregivers. We'll read stories, sing songs, play games, and watch a short film based on a weekly theme. No registration required.

9/10, 17, 24 - **Writing with Heart - 10:00 AM** - For adults, both novice and experienced writers. Through the three workshops we will explore the elements of creating fiction -- plot, characterization, scene, dialogue, action - with a larger mission of creating fiction that speaks from the heart. Mary Cuffe Perez is recipient of a 2007 Artists Grant from NYSCA for her poetry collection, Nothing by Name.

Registration is required.

9/12 - 7:00 PM - **Library Board of Trustees Meeting.**

9/14 - 10:30 AM - **Drop-in Storytime** - This once a month program is especially for 3-5 year olds and their caregivers. Doreen McCoy will delight your little one with stories, songs, puppets and a simple craft. No registration is necessary.

9/27 - 7:00 PM - **In Concert - Sonny & Perley** - The exciting duo of Sonny Daye and Perley Rousseau achieves a rare musical symbiosis developing and perfecting their unique blend of Jazz, Bossa Nova, American Songbook Standards, and International Cabaret which has become their musical signature. Suggested donation \$10.00.

9/28 - 10:30 AM - **Doodlebugs Preschool Art Program** - Little ones ages 2 and up and their caregivers can grab a smock and join us for a monthly art program at the library. We'll read a story and create something based around a monthly theme. ***Registration is requested.***

For more details and added programs go to our website at www.middleburghlibrary.org.

Submitted by S. & A. LaMont

July 2011 Town Board Minutes Summary

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CORRESPONDENCE

- Claire Neuroth - Thank You & Donation
- Ellen Moak - Resignation from Grievance Board of Assessment Review
A motion was made by Councilman Chase accepting Mrs. Moak's letter of resignation from the Board of Assessment Review; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
- Brookside Rural Cemetery Association - need for additional funding
Supervisor Dermody mentioned that Brookside had asked for \$2400.00. We realized that there were two cemeteries not getting any funding, we ended up with 5 cemeteries, funding at \$1500.00 a year. This letter from Brookside Rural Cemetery Association mentions that the \$1500.00 does not cover their costs and they were never aware of the decrease in their budget allotment. They are asking us to reinstate the \$900.00. The money is used for mowing, trimming, cost of fuel for the mowers. Barry Cooke mentioned that it cost the Cemetery \$3600.00 to keep the grounds maintained.
A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody that we grant the request from the Brookside Rural Cemetery Association for the additional \$900.00 in funding, and that they approve a transfer from the contingency account to go into the Brookside Rural Cemetery Association's budget line for this year; 2nd by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
- Wayne Teter - Siren at the Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Company
- Helen Kosorek - has received approval to show the film "Gasland"

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR DERMODY

- FINANCIAL REPORT: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that right now half of our vouchers are in the old system, half are in the new system, and some of them are in both. Tomorrow the County Auditors will be here, we will be going live, we will do our first check run. Supervisor Dermody would like you not to consider approving the Abstract of Vouchers. In August there will be a presentation on how Munis differs from our current program.
- OPERATING STATEMENT FOR JUNE AND SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS: The Operating Statement for June is from the old system and the Summary of Accounts are okay. They can be approved this evening.
A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to approve the Operating Statement and Summary of Accounts; 2nd by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to table the approval of the Abstract of Vouchers because of the dual system; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes, (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
- PAYROLL AUDITS: Councilman Kudlack will do the April and May payroll audits; Councilwoman Cooke will do the June and Councilman Bolte will do July.
- WORKPLACE VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL HARRASSMENT TRAINING: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that Jay Lewandowski, our Loss Prevention Specialist from Wright Risk Management, will present 4th training on Tuesday, July 26th at 7 PM at the Town Hall.
- JOB DESCRIPTION: CLERK 1: CLERK TO HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: In front of the Board tonight is the revised Job Description based on general Civil Service tasks as well as specific tasks of the job.
A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to approve and adopt the job description for the Clerk to the Highway Superintendent as presented tonight; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
- AUD: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that there is quite a mess to straighten out. The County Auditors are helping to get the General Fund straightened out, the Accountant is working on the AUD and we are working on the Trust & Agency Account. We are making progress. There are issues that need to be resolved. This is the first year that you cannot submit the report with critical errors.
- VFW GARDEN: Supervisor Dermody reported that Dave Dillworth from Phase III Electric in East Durham did the electrical work on the VFW Memorial Garden without charge to the Town. The initial materials have been ordered and received. Supervisor Dermody thanked Acting Superintendent Potter and his crew for continuing to do the ground work.
- AUTHORIZING A COOPERATIVE PURCHASEING AGREEMENT WITH ALBANY COUNTY - RESOLUTION - R071211A
ALBANY COUNTY AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASING SUPPLIES: Supervisor Dermody presented the Town Board with an Excel sheet showing the cost of office supplies from W. B. Mason who has the County bid price and Reliable Office Supplies. There is quite a difference in price.
The following resolution was made by Councilman Bolte and seconded by Councilman Kudlack:
WHEREAS, the Albany County Legislature has authorized Albany County to enter into a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with all Municipalities within Albany, and
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Town of Rensselaerville and Albany County taxpayers for government

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entities to obtain quality goods and services at the most economical price; and WHEREAS, significant savings may be achieved through a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Albany County, wherein commodity and service needs are combined to offer prospective vendors higher volume opportunities which result in lower costs, and WHEREAS, the Town Board believes it is in the best interest of the Town of Rensselaerville taxpayers to have the option when appropriate to purchase commodities and services through cooperative purchasing with Albany County and other participating Municipalities in order to keep costs down; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Albany County; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Town Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

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

- GIS: Supervisor Dermody reported that the final report is in. She is finishing up the paperwork to get the remaining \$6,923.00 of our Grant money.
- CIVIL SERVICE: Supervisor Dermody reported that on June 15th, she, Town Clerk Hallenbeck, and Bookkeeper Hunt met with representative from Civil Service. It was an excellent meeting. Many issues were clarified. We received a list of our positions and classifications and the Civil Service job descriptions for most of the positions in town government. As we move forward with updating our job descriptions, we will take those civil service items and put where appropriate.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Supervisor's report; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack.

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

TOWN ATTORNEY:

"GASLAND". Attorney Catalano mentioned that the Board should authorize Supervisor Dermody to make the arrangements for this film showing.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to authorize Supervisor Dermody to schedule the viewing of the movie "Gasland" sometime in August or the first available date; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried.*

Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

Attorney Catalano had no more business to bring before the Town Board.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- BIDS - USED EQUIPMENT: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that we opened bids at 6:30 this evening. A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to award the bids to the Highest Bidders for the following equipment:
 - the 1990 International 2574 Dump/Sander Body, 4x2 (plow frame) for the bid price of \$868.00;
 - the 1992 International 2574 Dump/ Sander Body, 4x2 for \$701.00;
 - the 1999 Ford F350 Dump with Sander, 4x4 (plow) for \$1202.00; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

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

There were 5 bids submitted for the 2000 Ford F250 Pickup Truck; the two highest bidders submitted the same bid amount.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to reject all bids for the 2000 Ford F250 Pickup 4x4 (plow) and that this item be rebid for the August meeting; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- JULY 3RD STORM: On July 3rd we received a lot of rain; they had some culvert issues and some roads impassible for a short time.
- CULVERTS: They changed some culverts on Edwards Hill Road and on Tanglewood Road.
- BLACKTOP: Seibert Road has been blacktopped; the County is going to help do the shoulders.
- PEARSON ROAD EXTENSION: The County is completing the paper work. They are going to give up Pearson Road Extension; the land will go back to the property owner.
- TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES: Acting Superintendent Potter reported that Ralph Marsh has used up his 250 hours. He has been a good help to us. Acting Superintendent Potter asked if Doyle Shaver could have an additional 100 hours.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to extend Doyle Shaver's temporary employment by 100 hours of work, no benefits, no overtime, maximum 30 hours per week and getting truck driver's pay; 2nd by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- BATTERIES STOLEN: Acting Superintendent Potter reported that we had two batteries stolen out of the bulldozer that was being used at the Kenyon Road site. He would like to put a lock on the gate and give the fire

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companies a key so that they can still use the training facility. This was reported to the Sheriff's Department and Insurance Company. The equipment is no longer left up there.

The Town Board mentioned that this gate was supposed to be locked.

- **TRUCK WASHING PAD:** Acting Superintendent Potter asked the Board if he could put in a truck washing pad at the end of the garage by the employee's parking lot. He would like to put in a 16 by 20 foot concrete pad, the cost would be about \$1500.00 and it would be inspected by CEO Overbaugh.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to allow Acting Superintendent Potter to install a 16 by 20 foot concrete pad at the end of the highway garage for the purpose of washing town trucks, cost around \$1500.00; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- **WARRANTY ON NEW TRUCK:** Acting Superintendent Potter asked the Board about getting an extended warranty on the new truck, the cost would be \$2560.00.

The Town Board would like Acting Superintendent Potter to get more information on this warranty before making any decisions.

- **COMPUTER:** Acting Superintendent Potter asked if he is going to get his computer back

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that i.t.s. is working on it.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept the Acting Superintendent's report; 2nd by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

TOWN CLERK:

Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported the following collected and paid out for the month of June 2011: Town Clerk Department - Total Collected \$1174.14. Paid to the Supervisor - \$906.84 (fees); Paid to NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets - \$53.00 (Dogs - State Surcharge); Paid to NYS Departmental Conservation - \$191.80 (sporting license); Paid to NYS Department of Health - \$22.50 (marriage license). Water Rents Collected - \$0.00. Sewer Rents Collected - \$514.00.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Town Clerk's Report for the month of June 2011; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR:

- CEO Overbaugh reported the following collected for the month of June 2011: New Home Construction - 1; Home Addition - 1; Deck - 1; Total Collected \$294.64.

- **CONCRETE PAD:** CEO Overbaugh mentioned that the pad should be a bit longer, 16 by 24 feet.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to amend the motion concerning the concrete pad to change the size from 16 by 20 foot to 16 by 24 foot; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- **ACCIDENT:** CEO Overbaugh briefly spoke about the fatal accident of a 26 year old man on Kenyon Road last weekend. This was a very tragic accident.
- **BOARD OF HEALTH :** CEO Overbaugh mentioned that he has been working with Health Protective Services and the Board of Health on a problem house with adults in it. He also met with the Department of Agriculture & Markets concerning issuing permits.
- **911 PROBLEMS:** CEO Overbaugh reported that a couple of homes did not have 911 numbers. These have been taken care. Barry Cooke does the measuring for the numbers.

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

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT: No Report.

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE: No Report

REFUSE/RECYCLING:

Refuse/Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of June 2011: Green Fiber (paper products) - 9.96 tons, Rensselaer Iron & Steel - 3.63 tons; Tires - 40, City of Albany Landfill - 66.55 tons, Sierra Fibers (comingled) - 5.56 tons and Waste Oil collected - 14 gallons.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Case, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

CURRENT EVENTS:

Blood Drive - There is a blood drive on July 22, 2011, 1 to 8 PM, at the Tri-Village Fire House.

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OLD BUSINESS

MYOSOTIS LAKE ROAD – RESCIND LAST MONTH'S MOTION – CORRECT ROAD NAME – MYOSOTIS LAKE LANE:
A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to modify last month's motion concerning the naming of Myosotis Lake Road and correcting the road name to Myosotis Lake Lane; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

NEW BUSINESS

- **FURNACES:** Councilman Bolte suggested that we get rid of the two furnaces in the Highway Garage and put in a larger hot air furnace and take out the electric heat in the Superintendent Office and put in piping from the hot water furnace by the meeting room down to the break room and superintendent's office. Councilman Bolte also mentioned that we have to come up with a more efficient way to collect the waste oil. There will be saving on service contracts and electricity with these changes.

Councilman Bolte, Councilman Kudlack, and Mr. Bowdish will work on these issues.

Attorney Catalano suggested including Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck in your waste oil discussions since he is the person who deals with the collection of the oil.

- **MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE** - The new reimbursement rate for mileage is \$0.555.
- **PLANNING BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT:** Supervisor Dermody reported that the Town Board interviewed 4 people interested in the position to fill the unexpired term of Raymond Welsh, term to expire on 12/31/2013.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to appoint Walter Cook to fill an unexpired term on the Planning Board, term ending on 12/31/2013; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. Motion did not pass. *Ayes (2) Bolte, Cooke; Nays (3) Dermody, Chase, Kudlack*

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to appoint Roger Gifford to the unexpired term of Raymond Welsh on the Planning Board, term to end 12/31/2013 contingent on his resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Chase, Kudlack; Nays (2) Bolte, Cooke*

Attorney Catalano mentioned perhaps the Board should contact the people who were interested in the position on the Planning Board to see if they are interested in the open position on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

COMMUNITY WIDE CALENDAR:

The Town Board discussed this issue and decided to do it on a trial basis.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to have a Community Wide Calendar located at the Town Hall and do it on a trial basis until 12/31/11; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Mr. Cook asked if Acting Superintendent Potter had the name of the Officer to whom he reported the stolen batteries. He had some stolen out of his tractor.

Acting Superintendent Potter will give Mr. Cook the name after the meeting.

- Mr. Tollner asked for the names of the bidders. He can get this information after the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to go into Executive Session to discuss the Union Contract and that Attorney Catalano attend; 2nd by Supervisor Dermody. (8:35PM) *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to come out of Executive Session; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. (8:44PM) *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays(0)*

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried.*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck
Town Clerk

(Note: Full Town Board minutes are available at Town Hall or on the Town's web site, www.rensselaerville.com.)

PRESTON HOLLOW BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Preston Hollow Beautification Committee would like to thank the following people who have donated to our wonderful hanging flower basket project to date.

		IN MEMORY OF			IN MEMORY OF
Edward J.	Acciardi		Anthony	Maltese	
James and Donna	Barnes	Edward Barnes	John and Bridget	McCormack	
Ronald	Bates		Mike and Corky	Mulqueen	
Dorothy	Como		Thomas and Mary	Mullahy	Maura Mullahy
Irene	Cook	Milton Cook	Jeff and Sherry	Pine	
Edward and Susan	Damm		Clara and Lloyd	Potter	their parents
Kelly	Davis		Brett and Connie	Pruiksma	
George and Carolin	Dempsey		Betty Ann and Eddie	Rogers	Ernest Cook
Anthony and Rosemary	Donato		Dick	Sabol	Alice Schloen
Mr. and Mrs. Mitch	Ellinson		Walter	Schloen	Alice Schloen
James A.	Glorioso		Peter and Margaret	Sedlmeir	their parents
Anthony	Guadagno		Dorothy and Rick	Simons	
Carter D.	Hodgkin		Wayne and Charlene	Teter	Ralph and Gladys Teter
Jeanette	James	Mildred Sullivan	Holly and Robert	Ullstrom	Erik and Gertrude Nelson
Barbara	Juliano	Ray Juliano	Sandra	Varno	
Cooksburg Lumber Co.			Aurora and John	Wennstrom	Jack Wennstrom
Wallace and Joan	Kappler	Alice Schloen	Bill	Whitbeck	
Sean	Keegan		Cynthia	Willis	John Wilson
Gregory and Sharon	Kirby		Kim	Winans	Gerald Winans
Karl and Amy	Kraker		Gerald and Brenda	Wood	
Larry and Gail	Losee		Jimmy Walker's Greenhouse		

The Committee would also like to express its gratitude to Dottie Como for the donation of the American Flags that will be hung on the holidays in loving memory of her husband Joseph "Skip" Como.

The Committee continues to accept donations and anyone wishing to donate to this project can make your check payable to the Preston Hollow Beautification Committee and mail it, along with the form below, to Margaret Sedlmeir, 2 Pearson Rd., Preston Hollow, NY 12469.

**** It's not too early to save the date of Saturday October 1, 2011 for our second annual Harvest Festival! ****

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE IN MEMORY OF _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

NEW Important Contact InformationTown Board Meetings

Second Tuesday 7:00 pm

Working MeetingThursday preceding regular meeting
7:00 pmTown 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

Fourth Thursday 7:00 pm

Town Supervisor

Marie Dermody

518-239-4552 (H)

Town Clerk & Collector

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

Town Justices

Victor La Plante

Timothy Miller

CouncilpersonsRobert Bolte, Gary Chase,
Marion Cooke, John KudlackBuilding Inspector& Code Enforcement Officer

Mark Overbaugh

Assessors

Jeff Pine, Donna Kropp,

Michael Weber

Rachel Chase, Clerk II

Acting Highway Superintendent

David Potter

Planning Board

Muriel Frasher, Chairperson

Kathy Wank, Secretary

Zoning Board of Appeals

Roger Gifford, Chairman

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Dee Andrus

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518-455-2800

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LOB, Room 648

Albany, NY 12248

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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

Hilltown Community Resource Center

518-797-5256

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