



Town of Rensselaerville

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

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**SUMMARY OF TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 9th day of August, 2012 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Councilpersons Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir, Attorney Fallati, TRK and Town Clerk Hallenbeck
Also present was Highway Superintendent Bates and 11 interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

REPORTS/BUSINESS

MINUTES, TRANSFERS AND PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS: Motions were made to accept the minutes of the July 10th Work Meeting, July 12th Regular Meeting and July 25th Special Meeting, to make transfers and pay all signed bills.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you was received from the Brookside Cemetery thanking the Highway Department for the work they did in putting up a flag pole.

SUPERVISOR LOUNSBURY: Supervisor Lounsbury reported that Sarah Hunt, her Bookkeeper, is back and doing well.

Supervisor Lounsbury reported that we have received FEMA funding.

Supervisor Lounsbury's report was accepted.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Mill Dam: Superintendent Bates reported that the Town and the Albany County Highway Department finished cleaning out the Mill Dam and the dry hydrant has been installed.

Trees for Trips: Superintendent Bates reported on the Trees for Trips program sponsored by the Cooperative Extension of Greene County and Cornell University. This program is to stabilize the stream banks that were damaged by Hurricane's Irene and Lee last year. This is a volunteer program.

Road Repair: Superintendent Bates reported that they are working on the following roads, Pond Hill, Fleming, Cheese Hill, Cooke and Smith Roads.

Equipment: Superintendent Bates reported that he has repaired and is repairing a couple of the trucks and the excavator.

Superintendent Bates' report was accepted.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: The Town Board accepted the Town Clerk's monthly report and payroll report and moved to purchase the loaner computer from i.t.s for \$350.00. The Town Clerks computer died in June and she has been using a loaner computer.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: CEO Overbaugh gave his monthly report on permits issued and also reported that Homeland Security is doing work at the AT&T Tower. The Town Board accepted the Code Enforcement Officers Report.

ASSESSORS REPORT: Assessor Tollner reported that July has been very quiet, they are changing their hours on Thursday from 6 to 8PM to 6:30 - 8:30PM. Assessor Tollner reported on the STAR and Enhanced Star Exemption. Assessor Tollner's report was accepted.

WATER/SEWER DISTRICT REPORT: Doug Story, Water/Sewer Committee member, reported that the hydrants they have are very old and they are hard to get parts for. The sand is filtering better, the water flow and tests are good. Doug Story's report was accepted.

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Middleburgh Library

9/4, 11, 18, 25 - 1:00 PM - Mahjong Lessons - Have you ever wanted to learn the ancient game of Mahjong. Take lessons this summer at the library. No registration required.

9/6, 13, 20, 27 - 7:00 PM - Knitting Circle - These friendly ladies (*men are welcome, but we haven't seen any yet!*) knit and crochet, embroider and quilt, and more. You can learn a new skill here or share your own special talents with others - or just craft in the company of friends. Drop in anytime! *No registration required.*

9/10 - 7:00 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting - The public is welcome so please join us.

9/11, 18, 25 - 10:45 AM - Drop-in Storytime - Get ready to move in this interactive storytime designed especially for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. We'll read books, sing songs, recite fingerplays, dance and watch a short movie based on a weekly theme. *No registration required.*

9/12 - 7:00 PM - In Concert - Mike Agranoff - Equally at home in the contemporary and traditional camps of the Folk world, he is a fine musician and storyteller. His prime instrument is the guitar, upon which he shines with intricate finger style arrangements of anything from Tin Pan Alley tunes of the '20s to fiddle tunes to his own music.

9/18 - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion - "The Red Thread" by Ann Hood - Hood's latest engaging novel is a timely exploration of the adoption process, specifically the adoption of Chinese girls by five couples in Providence, Rhode Island, brought together by Maya and her Red Thread Adoption Agency. *Books are available at the circulation desk.*

9/24 - 6:00 PM - Cooking By The Book - "The Beekman 1802 Heirloom Cookbook" - Do you love browsing through cookbooks and trying new recipes or cooking techniques? The Middleburgh Library is happy to introduce its newest book club, "Cooking by the Book." We pick the cook book; you pick and make a recipe! **Registration Required.**

For more details, visit our website Events Calendar.

For updated information check out our NEW website at www.middleburghlibrary.info.

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.

Attention Town Residents

The Town Clerks Office will be closed August 31 and September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.

Rensselaerville Library

What's New?

Thursday, August 30th at 7pm Knox residents **John Elberfeld and Jane McLean** and authors of *Helderberg Hilltowns* will share stories about life in the Hilltowns, illustrated by a PowerPoint slide show of vintage photographs. A signed copy of *Helderberg Hilltowns* will be donated as a way of saying, "Thank you" for the community support received by the authors. The Helderberg Hilltowns cover 40% of Albany County, yet comprise only 4% of the population. Berne, Knox, Rensselaerville, and Westerlo make up the western part of Albany County, a remote and rural area frequently unfamiliar to those living "below the hill." Following the presentation, the authors will answer questions about Hilltown history, their research, and the process of writing a book for Arcadia Publishing. They will sign copies of *Helderberg Hilltowns*, including special dedications as requested. Books may be purchased with cash or check.

Library's Annual Lawn Party, Saturday, September 1st, 4-7pm at the Ballinger Lawn. Tickets are \$20 at the door includes one drink and music. Please bring an appetizer to share.

Fine Amnesty: Do you have overdue Rensselaerville Library books, audiobooks, movies, magazines? Starting **August 28 through September 1** is Fine Amnesty. In order to qualify, you must bring in a bathroom supplies, nonperishable food items or school supplies for the Hilltown Resource Center. So dig through the closets, book bags and drawers, search the bookcases and family car, and recover those Library items. Fine Amnesty does not apply to damaged or lost items.

The **Library Board of Trustees Meeting and Annual Meeting** are on **Monday, September 10th at 6pm**. Meetings are held at the Library and are open to the public. Please join us for a tour of the remodeled lower level of the Library and coffee and dessert.

The Rensselaerville Library invites you to join its small, informal and supportive **writers' group**. Writers of all interests, backgrounds, and abilities are welcome. We currently have a mix of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry writers. You will always have time to write during our 2 hour session, and you will never be "forced" to share anything. If you have "works-in-progress" or would just like to put pen to paper, the library's writing group will give you the time and support you need. If you have any questions, you can call Linda Miller at 936-4402. **Next meeting Monday, September 10th, 2012 at 7pm.**

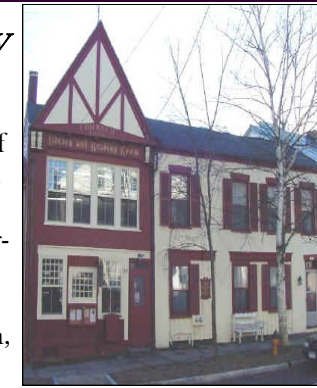
The Library will be participating in the **Discover the Hilltowns - Farm and Artisans Tours** on Saturday, **September 15th from 10-1pm** with a used **book sale**. If you have books to donate please bring them to the Library during operating hours by September 12th.

Mystery author Marnette K. Graff returns to the Library on Thursday, September 20th at 7pm for a reading of *Green Remains*, the second in the Nora Tierney mystery series.

The **Greenville Scott M. Ellis Elementary School Guided Reading** reference sheets are available at the Library. The sheets help parents support the reading instruction their child is learning in school.

Rensselaerville Library has received a **Community Art\$grant** for a new project, *Sense of Place*, to capture local resident stories from the Town of Rensselaerville which may otherwise be lost to history. Storyteller and author, **Bairbre McCarthy**, will be working with members of the community to share your personal stories that connect you to the Township of Rensselaerville; stories of growing up, working, visiting or moving to Rensselaerville. Contributors can digitally record their story either at the Library or with the Friends of the Library member Gail Haines. Interested residents should contact the Library at 797-3949.

Do you have an Ereader? You have access to **free ebooks and audio books** through the Library and your Library card. No Library card, just stop into the Library and we can help you. Visit <http://digitalcollection.uhls.org/> to start download-



Library Board of Trustees Meeting

**Monday,
July 16th at 7:00P.M.
Open to the public**

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

Library Hours:

Tuesday & Wednesday:

10:00 AM - Noon,

4:00-9:00 PM

Thursday & Friday:

4:00 - 9:00 PM

Saturday:

9:00-1:00 PM

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Staff:

Kim Graff,

Director

Katie Caprio,

Library Technician

Amber Case

Madeline Ouellette

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Technology giving you angst? Or do you need help with Microsoft Word, setting up an email account etc.? Sign up for one-on-one assistance with Kim, call the Library to schedule an appointment.

Local organizations looking for meeting space consider the newly renovated Community Room in the Library. If your organization would like to meet in the Library on a regular schedule the Library has filing cabinets available for you to store your documents. Contact Kim to schedule the use of the room.

If you would like to contact the Library Director by email please feel free to do so - director@rensselaervillelibrary.org Follow us on FaceBook at www.facebook.com/rensselaervillelibrary The Library has an **electronic newsletter** announcing programs and events at the Library. If you would like to have the newsletter delivered to your email account you can sign up online at <http://bit.ly/A3YQaa>.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Open to any Town of Rensselaerville resident interested in sitting on the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate. This Board meets the first Tuesday of every month, as needed. The purpose of the Zoning Board of Appeals is to interpret the Town's current Zoning Law as deemed necessary, and review Zoning Law variance request when applications fail to meet the Planning Board or Code Enforcement Officer's regulations. Alternates will be required to attend all meetings, and vote only when a quorum needs to be met. Please send letters of interest to Kathy Hallenbeck, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120.

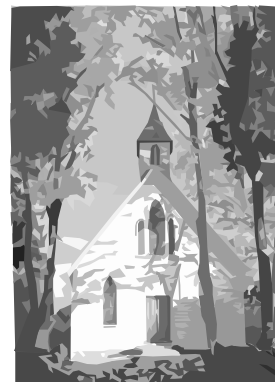
ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

The Town of Rensselaerville Assessors office will be out, visiting properties in the months of August, September, and October to improve our property photo inventory for future recordkeeping.

Please note STAR and SENIOR and ENHANCED STAR applications are due on or before March 1, 2013. Any of the STAR applications can be submitted from now until March 1, 2013.

Town Assessors
Town of Rensselaerville assessors@rensselaerville.com 518-239-4225 office 518-239-6339

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

Conkling Hall - What's On In September

NEW DATE!! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8: VILLAGE VOICES PRESENTS "THE MIKADO" by Gilbert and Sullivan. An abridged Village-Voices-Own Concertized version. 7:00 PM. Free will offering.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21: CONKLING CAFÉ . An open mic event hosted by Peter Michael. We encourage all forms of appropriate performance art for all ages. Mic, sound system and piano available. Donations are appreciated. Coffee, tea and treats are available. Performers arrive at 7:00 - 7:30 PM. Music follows.

GENTLE, EFFECTIVE MOVEMENT CLASSES WITH SARAH NELSON WEISS, OPEN TO ALL.

YOGA:
Tuesdays 9:00 - 10:15 AM (\$10)
Thursdays 8:30 - 9:45 AM (New Time for Summer Only) (\$10)

PILATES:
Wednesdays: 5:45 - 6:15 PM
Saturdays: 9:00 - 10:00 AM

For information contact Sarah at 517 239 6825



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

IMPORTANT TOWN E-MAIL ADDRESSES

- Town Supervisor: vlounsbury@rensselaerville.com
- Town Clerk: townclerk@rensselaerville.com
- Newsletter Coordinator: newsletter@rensselaerville.com
- Board of Ethics: ethicsboard@rensselaerville.com
- Code Enforcement Officer: codeenforcement@rensselaerville.com
- Assessors: assessors@rensselaerville.com
- Planning Board: planning@rensselaerville.com
- Councilwoman Marion Cooke: mcooke@rensselaerville.com
- Councilman Robert Bolte: rbolte@rensselaerville.com
- Councilman John "Jack" Kudlack: jkudlack@rensselaerville.com
- Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir: msedlmeir@rensselaerville.com
- Highway Superintendent Randy Bates: rbates@rensselaerville.com

Waste Oil Collection Day:
Saturday, September 29th
7AM—Noon





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Volunteer News and Events

Medusa Volunteer Fire Department

Monthly Meeting: Monday, September 3rd at 7:30PM
 Company Drill: Monday, September 10th at 7:00PM
 Work Night: Monday, September 17th at 7:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

Calls as of August 16, 2012: 19

September:

5th - 7:00 pm Battalion Meeting
 10th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
 17th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
 22nd - Firemen's Dinner - See below
 26th - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

October:

1st - 7:00 pm Company Drill
 3rd - 7:00 pm Battalion Meeting
 8th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
 27th - Blood Drive - 7:00 am-noon
 31st - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

Upcoming Events:

September 22nd - Firemen's Dinner at Conkling Hall Cost is \$35 per person. Includes dinner catered by The Palmer House Café. Music provided by Captain Squeeze and the Zydeco Moshers. Cash bar. To order tickets, please call 797-3171 or 797-5287. Tickets are limited so please order early! All are welcome!

October 27th - American Red Cross Blood Drive - 7:00 am - Noon

The need is constant and the gratification is instant! Please donate.

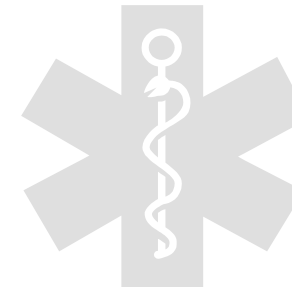
****A special thank you to our advertisers, friends and neighbors for supporting our calendar drive!**

Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, September 5th at 8:00PM (Drill at 7:00PM)

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Department

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



Updated Contact Information

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| <p><u>Town Board Meetings</u> Second Thursday 7:00 pm <u>Working Meeting</u> Tuesday preceding regular meeting 7:00 pm <u>Town Justice Court</u> Mondays 7:00 pm <u>Planning Board</u> First and third Thursdays 7:30 pm <u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u> First Tuesday 7:00 pm <u>Building Inspector/Zoning Officer</u> Thursday 8:00-10:00am, 7-9 pm <u>Town Clerk's Hours</u> Monday-Wednesday 9:00am-3:30pm Thursday 1:30pm-7:30pm Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon <u>Supervisor's Hours</u> Monday - Friday 1pm - 4pm <u>Assessors' Hours</u> Thursday 6:30 pm-8:30 pm <u>Assessors' Clerk Hours</u> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday morning <u>Dog Control Officer</u> Cheryl Baitsholts 518-797-5201 <u>Town Refuse Station Hours</u> Wednesday and Saturday 7:00am-3:45pm <u>Water/Sewer District Meeting</u> First Thursday 7:00 pm</p> | <p><u>Town Hall</u> 518-797-3798; 518-239-4225 Fax: 518-239-6339 <u>Town Supervisor</u> Valerie Lounsbury <u>Town Clerk & Collector</u> Kathleen A. Hallenbeck <u>Town Justices</u> Gregory Bischoff Timothy Miller <u>Councilpersons</u> Robert Bolte, Marion Cooke, John Kudlack, Margaret Sedlmeir <u>Building Inspector</u> <u>& Code Enforcement Officer</u> Mark Overbaugh <u>Assessors</u> Donna Kropp, Richard Tollner Michael Weber Rachel Chase, Clerk II <u>Highway Superintendent</u> Randy Bates <u>Planning Board</u> Richard Amedure, Chairperson Kathy Wank, Secretary <u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u> James Glorioso, Chairman Kathy Wank, Secretary <u>Deputy Town Clerk</u> Dee Andrus <u>Clerk I</u> Sarah Hunt</p> | <p><u>Town Highway Department</u> 518-239-4225, 518-797-3798 <u>Sen. Neil Breslin, 46th Dist.</u> Capital Bldg., Room 413 Albany, NY 12247 518-455-2800 <u>Assemblyman John McEneny, 104th Dist.</u> LOB, Room 648 Albany, NY 12248 518-455-4100 <u>Co. Legislator, Deborah Busch, 39th Dist.</u> 518-872-0146 <u>Albany County Highway Dept.</u> 518-239-6715, 518-239-6710 <u>Rensselaerville Fire Company, 911</u> Social Number - 797-3218 <u>Tri-Village Fire Company, 911</u> Social number - 239-6780 <u>Medusa Fire Company, 911</u> Back up emergency number, 765-5979 Social number - 239-6166 <u>Rensselaerville Vol. Ambulance, 911</u> For Information - 518-239-4560 <u>Albany County Sheriff, 911</u> 518-765-2351 State Police <u>Rensselaerville and Hilltowns, 911</u> 518-477-9333 <u>Hilltown Community Resource Center</u> 518-797-5256</p> |
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Preston Hollow Beautification Weekend



Save the DATES—**Preston Hollow Beautification Weekend September 15 and 16. (Rain date Sept 22, 23) 9:00am to 12:00 noon.**

The Preston Hollow Beautification Committee invites all households to participate in our “Beautify Your Yard Weekend” in conjunction with a Fall Flower and Bake Sale. Households along Route 145 in Preston Hollow are invited/encouraged to participate.

Each household will be given bags in which to deposit spent foliage that may have fallen from trees and/or weeds, and flowers, etc. Bags can be picked up at the parking lot of the Greenhouse on Route 145. Your filled bags will then be picked up by the Committee shortly after noon each day. You are encouraged to get out this weekend to meet your neighbors and enjoy the coming of Fall while at the same time contributing to the beautification of our Hamlet.

Also visit the **Fall Flower and Bake Sale** which will be held at the Greenhouse on Route 145, Friday, September 14, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Saturday, September 15, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and Sunday, September 16, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. There will be a variety of flowers, pumpkins, corn stalks and home made baked goods for sale. The proceeds will be used during the following year by the Beautification Committee for its many projects working towards the Beautification of the Hamlet.

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department Presents Firemen’s Dinner



Saturday, September 22nd

Conkling Hall

Cost is \$35 per person

Dinner catered by The Palmer House Café

Music provided by Captain Squeeze and the

Zydeco Moshers

Space is limited. Please order tickets early.

To order tickets, please call 797-3171 or 797-5287

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RECYCLING DEPARTMENT: Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported on the tonnage transferred to various depositories. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck's report was accepted.

CURRENT EVENTS: September 15 and 16 - Preston Hollow Beautification Day, There will be a flower and bake sale and also a clean up your yard event.

September 1st - Presbyterian Church Dedication of steeple and honoring Barbara Dudley.

September 1st - Rensselaerville Library Cocktail Party

OLD BUSINESS:

GREENWAY COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM - FARM BREW COOPERATIVE: Rebecca Platel, Carey Center for Global Good, presented to the Town Board at their Work Meeting on August 7th a program where local and regional stakeholders could develop a model farm brew cooperative in Rensselaerville, hops and barley would be grown in the Town. The Town Board discussed this issue.

The following motion was made by Councilman Kudlack and second by Councilwoman Cooke;

WHEREAS, The Town of Rensselaerville is applying to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Greenway Communities Grant Program for a project entitled Farm Brew Cooperative to be located in the Town of Rensselaerville;

WHEREAS, the grant application requires the applicant to obtain approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality or municipalities in which the project is located;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the governing board of the Town of Rensselaerville does approve and endorse the application for a grant under the Greenway Community Grant Program, for a project known as Farm Brew Cooperative and located within the community.

Motion Carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (1) Sedlmeir

ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2012 - BURKHARDT ROAD - WEIGHT LIMIT - PUBLIC HEARING: The Town Board held a Public Hearing on Tuesday night, August 7th, concerning this Ordinance which would put a 6 ton weight limit on Burkhardt Road. The Town Board did not close the hearing, it will be continued on September 11, 2012 at 6:30 PM.

CELL PHONE COVERAGE: Councilman Bolte would like to pursue getting cell phone coverage in the Town. Only a small part of the Town has cell phone coverage. There is no emergency communication coverage in most of the Town. Supervisor Lounsbury suggested that Councilman Bolte contact the Tri-Village Fire Department, they are currently investigating communication services. The Town Board discussed this issue.

FURNACES: The Town Board discussed taking out one of the oldest furnaces in the highway garage. Last winter the garage was heated solely by the waste oil furnace.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to remove this furnace and keep the oil tank for the waste oil furnace, 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir. Motion Carried.

BAYARD ELSBREE PARK - SOIL: The Park needs to purchase soil to go under the sod and to fill in some holes, they would like to seek quotes, they would accept the lowest quote if this is okay with the Town Board. There is FEMA funding for this project.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to allow the Bayard Elsbree Park to seek quotes and pick the lowest quote as long as it is under \$10,000.00, 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir; Nays (0) Abstained (1) Lounsbury

TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE VETERANS RING OF HONOR: Councilman Bolte reported that the Veterans Memorial Committee met and decided to change the name of the Veterans Memorial Garden to, Town of Rensselaerville Veterans Ring of Honor. Curt Cunningham of Cunningham Funeral Home will donate the bronze plaque and printing.

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD OF ETHICS RESIGNATION: Kathy Jones, on July 17th, (effective immediately) submitted a letter of resignation from the Board of Ethics due to personal reasons.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to accept the resignation of Kathy Jones from the Board of Ethics, 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. Motion Carried.

GREENE COUNTY YOUTH FAIR: Councilwoman Cooke mentioned that she went to the Greene County Youth Fair and noticed that there were a lot of children from our Town participating in the fair with their animals and projects. She would like to recognize and commend the families participating in the Fair. A lot of time and work went into their projects.

THANK YOU: Councilwoman Cooke thanked Supervisor Lounsbury for working the two positions while Sarah was out, she did an excellent job.

Supervisor Lounsbury mentioned that this was a group effort, everyone helped. .

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

This is a Summary of the August 9th meeting. The complete minutes will be put on the web page after the Town Board has approved them.

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck, Town Clerk



The Rensselaerville Library would like to thank the following for their generous contribution in making the Festival of Writers a success.

Individuals

John Arrighi & Sharon Costello
 Marvin & Laura Bolotsky
 Harry Carter at WRPI
 Nick Cortes
 Tom Delp
 Joe Donahue at WAMC
 Christina Plattner Evola
 Tom Gilroy
 Anne Hayden
 Dave Hussey
 Lisa Jemison
 Donna Liquori, Bibliofiles
 Nora Logan
 Robert Lynk
 Clay Sorrough
 Eric Wilson
 Paul Wilson

Businesses

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 Palmer House Café
 Peaceful Inspirations
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 Enid Stettner, Rensselaerville Realty
 Robinson's Hardware
 Schoharie Valley Farms - Carrot Barn
 Shogun Sushi & Saki Bar
 Stewarts
 Walenta & Clark Agency
 The Westerner
 Whitbeck's Service Station
 Wild Thymes

The Town of Rensselaerville and the Town Offices,
 Highway Department, and Volunteer Ambulance and Fire
 Departments

Civil War Talk to be Featured at Rensselaerville Historical Society Meeting

Historian and Civil War re-enactor Robert Mulligan of Slingerlands will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Rensselaerville Historical Society on Saturday, September 15.

The talk will be at 7 p.m. at the Medusa Fire Hall preceded by a business meeting at 5 p.m. and a potluck supper at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend all these meetings.

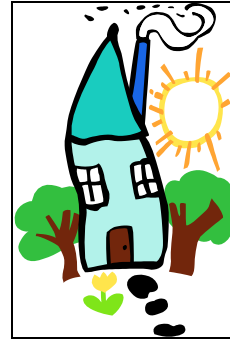
Mulligan, dressed in Union Army uniform, will demonstrate some of the equipment which common soldiers in the Union Army used and explain some of their uses.

Before his retirement in 1995, Mulligan worked for two years as Curator at Fort Ticonderoga and for 25 years at the New York State Museum. Career highlights included planning and preparation for the NYS Bicentennial Barge; and many exhibits for smaller local institutions. He got to be very skilled at substituting imagination for funds, and finding exhibit props and artifacts in his basement and attic.

Despite 18 years of schooling and four years of teaching, he says that what he knows today is the result of constant reading, visiting historic sites, and by re-enacting several historical time periods, plus reproducing uniforms and equipment needed for this hobby, as well as talking to knowledgeable fellow re-enactors.

He did volunteer work for the Irish American Heritage Museum in Albany, and for the NYS Military Heritage Institute, now located in Saratoga. He also continues to war-game with miniature armies, and remains an avid reader.

Married 47 years, he and his wife have two lovely daughters and two lively granddaughters.



**Potter Hollow
Community Wide Yard Sale
September 15-16
Sat & Sun
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Questions? Call Jane 239-8364**

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**NOTICE OF CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE
TOWN OF RENNELAERVILLE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to a resolution of the Rensselaerville Town Board adopted on August 7, 2012, a continuation of the public hearing commenced on August 7, 2012 will be held at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY on September 11, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., to hear all interested parties concerning the adoption of a proposed ordinance to read as follows:

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, ordains and enacts as follows, pursuant to Section 1660(a)(28) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York:

Section 1: No vehicles, including any trucks, commercial vehicles, tractors or tractor combinations, in excess of six tons may travel upon Burkhardt Road, Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York.

Section 2: A violation of this ordinance shall constitute a traffic infraction, with penalties as provided by Section 1800 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.

Section 3: This ordinance shall take effect ten days after publication of this ordinance pursuant to Section 133 of the Town Law of the State of New York.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck
Town Clerk
August 29, 2012

PONDER THIS...

- Town meetings requiring attendance by legal counsel are: Town Board regular monthly meetings, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings, Zoning Review Committee meetings, and as prosecutor for the Town Court. Fulfilling this responsibility is necessary to protect the Town from any possible liability. It has been noticed that the Town has not had legal representation at all of these meetings. Is the Town presently getting full value for money paid for legal representation?
- Several times during meetings, counsel would state the need to research an issue and report back to the Town Board. However, month after month, legal counsel has nothing to report during regular monthly meetings. If, in fact, these reports are presented, why aren't they made part of the official minutes to keep the public informed?
- According to municipal law, very few issues can be discussed outside of an open meeting in executive session. A simple explanation of "personnel" is not sufficient to comply with this law. Why doesn't the Town Board adhere to this legal requirement?
- In the past, the Town has submitted delinquent tax filings and has been fined as a result. These fines were forgiven due to proactive engagement with the tax authorities. Who in Town government is currently assuming the responsibility to get the most recent fines reimbursed back to the Town?
- The newsletter is important to all of the Town's taxpayers and should be delivered in a timely fashion. Advertisers especially have come to expect this. Email delivery of the newsletter to taxpayers not residing within the Town's postal areas saves taxpayer money. These recipients have not received any of the 2012 newsletter issues via email. What can be done to ensure the timely distribution of the newsletter to all recipients?

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Rensselaerville Democratic Annual Picnic

**Sunday, September 9, 2012
1 PM till?**

**Bayard Elsbree Park
Preston Hollow, NY**

Free Food, Drink & Music
Music provided by the Ghost Riders

Bring your family, friends, neighbors!
Everyone is welcome!

Bring your appetite & a covered dish to
share, if you wish

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September 15, 2012
At Camp Medusa
Located on Camp Medusa Road
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