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Draft Minutes, Town Board Public Hearing, May 21, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Public Hearing on the 21st day of May 2015 at 7:00 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: Attorney Thomas Fallati, Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Councilman Robert Bolte, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Gerald Wood, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present was David P. Fingar, Chief Engineer representing Mid-Hudson Cablevision and one interested citizen.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear public comments on the proposed renewal of the Mid-Hudson Cablevision Franchise Agreement.

Attorney Tom Fallati addressed ratifying the publication of the notice for the Public Hearing which was a Public Service Commission mandated notice prepared and provided to the Town by Mid-Hudson Cablevision.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to ratify all previous actions made by the Town Board regarding the Mid-Hudson Cablevision Franchise and to ratify the publication of notices with respect to the Public Hearing; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

Supervisor Lounsbury opened the Public Hearing and announced the acceptance of comments from the audience.

1. Mr. Fingar gave a brief history of Mid-Hudson Cablevision. He stated that Mid-Hudson has been a family-owned business in Columbia, Greene, and Albany Counties for over 40 years. Approximately ten years ago Mid-Hudson purchased the system in Rensselaerville and Durham when it came up for sale by Milestone. Soon thereafter, the internet became popular and Mid-Hudson realized the system they purchased would no longer work. They then re-built the entire system to accommodate the demands of the internet.

2. Marie Dermody had questions regarding the changes between the expiring agreement and the new proposed agreement. Attorney Fallati highlighted some of the changes which included, but were not limited to the following: a change from a 10 to a 15 year agreement; compliance with Local Laws; distance related changes in order to conform to the Public Service Commission; additional language for clarification purposes; modification to franchise fees, i.e. the greatest of 3% of gross monthly reve-

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nue or \$10.00 per subscriber ; the Town's right to audit records; the cure period if Mid-Hudson were to breach the Contract and then fail to cure changed from 45 days to 30 days; and modifications for excusable delays were made.

3. Mrs. Dermody questioned the franchise fees for those residents who only have cable internet service. Mr. Fingar explained that the Public Service Commission does not govern the internet and that franchise fees may only be attached to cable television subscribers. He also explained that the franchise fees are actually paid by the subscriber and not by Mid-Hudson.

4. Mrs. Dermody questioned the rising internet fees. Mr. Fingar explained that the internet itself continues to go up. Broadband usage continues to double about every 12 to 18 months, which puts a huge burden on Mid-Hudson to keep up with demand.

5. Mrs. Dermody questioned the extension of internet service to underserved areas. Mr. Fingar explained that provided there is enough interest, Mid-Hudson would consider reaching out into the underserved areas. He stated that they have recently partnered with NY Air in an attempt to provide wireless internet service to those areas in lieu of cable. He also noted that the State has come out with some broadband grants which Mid-Hudson is going to get more details on in the very near future.

Councilman Bolte asked if Mid-Hudson served the Westerlo area as well. Mr. Fingar responded in the affirmative. Councilman Bolte's concern was that there were several residents in that area that may be interested in cable service. Mr. Fingar explained the procedure in which to follow for those interested in obtaining cable service, summarized as follows: when someone calls with a Line Extension Request, the request goes through his office. He then sends several employees out to gather preliminary information on the location. Although some are far-fetched, if it looks reasonable or even somewhat reasonable, they will look further into installation. However, extension fees can run from a couple hundred dollars to a couple thousand depending on how far lines must be drawn and how many houses are interested.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Lounsbury moved to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to close the Public Hearing at 7:16 PM.; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

Supervisor Lounsbury opened the Special Meeting and turned it over to Attorney Fallati.

Attorney Fallati read the Resolution as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED

That the Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, State of New York, grant a fifteen (15) year franchise to Mid-Hudson Cablevision, Inc., as of the effective date of approval by the New York State Public Service Commission (NYSPSC), for service to the Town, and that the Supervisor is directed to execute a franchise agreement with Mid-Hudson Cablevision, Inc. in accordance with the terms of the proposed franchise agreement attached hereto.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Marion Cooke to adopt the Resolution to grant a fifteen year franchise to Mid-Hudson Cablevision; seconded by Councilman Robert Bolte.

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Town Board Member	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain
Valerie Lounsbury, Supervisor	X		
Marion Cooke, Councilwoman	X		
Robert Bolte, Councilman	X		
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman	X		
Gerald Wood, Councilman	X		

Motion carried.

Dated: May 21, 2015

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



Down With The Rent—Last Minute Reminder!

By Janet Haseley, Research Chair, Rensselaerville Historical Society; janethaseley@gmail.com; 252-714-6626

“Down With the Rent!,” a freedom story in narrative and song about the farmers’ protests against the Van Rensselaer family in the 1800s in the Hilltown area, will be presented at the Performance Hall in the Guggenheim building at the Carey Institute in Rensselaerville on Friday, July 3, 2015, at 7 p.m. The concert is produced by Old Songs, Inc. and includes ten well-known area folk musicians dressed in period costumes including “Calico Indians”, tin horns calling farmers to intercept the sheriff and authentic ballads of the 1800s.

The event is sponsored by the Rensselaerville Historical Society and the admission is only \$10. For advance reservations call 252-714-6626 (cell phone).



Draft Minutes, Town Board Work Meeting June 9, 2015

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 9th day of June 2015 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Councilman Robert Bolte, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Gerald Wood, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present was one interested citizen.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

MINUTES, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS:

Minutes to be accepted*** at the Regular Meeting on June 11, 2015; May 12, 2015 – Work Meeting; May 14, 2015 – Regular Meeting; May 21, 2015 – Public Hearing & Special Meeting – Mid-Hudson Franchise

*** Town Clerk Kraker noted two corrections as follows: for the Regular Meeting on May 14, 2015, under "Adjournment", Councilman Bolte was not present; and for the Public Hearing/Special Meeting on May 21, 2015, page 2, paragraph 2 relating to the modification of franchise fees should read "...modification to franchise fees, i.e. the greatest of 3% of gross monthly revenue or \$10.00 per subscriber...".

Vouchers and bills will be addressed at the Regular Meeting.

TRANSFERS: These will be addressed at the Regular Meeting on June 11, 2015.

REPORTS: Regular monthly reports from the Supervisor, Attorney, Highway Department, Town Clerk, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Assessors, Water/Sewer Committee, and Recycling Coordinator will be given at the Regular Meeting on June 11, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Third Annual Town-Wide Picnic was a huge success once again. Supervisor Lounsbury would like to recognize a few people on Thursday such as the Highway Department, the Town Board, the Recycling Department, and the Fire Companies. The raffles went well; the weather, the food and the music was great; the American Legion Ceremony was a big attraction; the Albany County Sheriff's Mobile Education Unit and K-9 program was also one of the main attractions. Everyone raved about how beautiful the Ring of Honor and the flower gardens were.

The kayak which was built and donated by John Battista for the purpose of the raffle was won by Dave Warzek. Dave, who has himself donated stainless steel for the Ambulance and has also given various metals to the Highway Department for repairs, in turn gave the kayak to Bob Bolte who sold it for \$1,000. Councilman Bolte then donated the \$1,000 to the Rensselaerville Ambulance. All told, the Ambulance received a total of about \$4,500.00 from the sale of raffle tickets and Councilman Bolte's donation from the sale of the kayak.

Councilwoman Sedlmeir asked the Board how they felt about giving Richard Tollner a gift card as a token of appreciation for his D.J. services. The Board felt it would be a lovely gesture, but the final decision lies with the Annual Picnic Committee.

2. The proposed Noise Ordinance is receiving its final touches from the attorney. It may be possible to schedule a Public Hearing at the Regular Meeting.

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3. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh is ordering a new map which will include the Crystal Lake zone. Planning Board Chairman Richard Amedure and Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman John Mormile, as well as all members of the Town Board have reviewed the proposed updated Zoning Law.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Jane Hershey would like to address the Board regarding the dilapidated buildings in Potter Hollow. She has been working with Rosemary Lee, who sent a letter to the Town in this regard.

2. Renewal of the on-line auction authorization will be addressed at the Regular Meeting.

3. Supervisor Lounsbury requested an Executive Session to discuss employment history of an employee.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to enter into Executive Session at 7:16 PM for the purpose of discussing the employment history of an employee; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to return from Executive Session at 7:53 PM; 2nd by Supervisor Lounsbury.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker

Town Clerk



Draft Minutes, Town Board Meeting, June 11, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 11th day of June 2015 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Attorney Thomas Fallati, Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Councilman Robert Bolte, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Gerald Wood, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Mark Overbaugh, Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Doug Story, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, and Investigator Tracy Mance from the Albany County Sheriff's Department. Also present were six interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Ernest Kuehl thanked everyone for the picnic and complemented everyone for pulling it together so well. Investigator Tracy Mance thought everything went splendid and that the picnic was well attended. Supervisor Lounsbury, in return, thanked Investigator Mance for all the effort she always puts forth.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilman Wood to approve the minutes of the following meetings: May 12, 2015 – Work Meeting; May 14, 2015 – Regular Meeting; May 21, 2015 – Public Hearing & Special Meeting – Mid-Hudson Franchise. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

TRANSFERS: A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to approve the following: Transfer from 'FEMA Irene/Lee' A00203 to 'Preston Hollow Park' A7140PHE 4496 in the amount of \$410.76 for fencing along creek bank; Transfer from 'Veterans Ring of Honor' A00233 to 'Veterans Services' A6510E 44998 in the amount of \$432.73 for flowers and a flag;

Transfer from 'Contingency' A1990E 44999 to 'Records Management' A1660E 44999 in the amount of \$819.11 for General Code supplement no. 3; and Budget Amendment DA5110R 3501 from \$181,514.00 to \$189,794.16 due to the Severe Winter Recovery appropriation from the State. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund -\$16,278.11; Highway Fund - \$40,794.86; Lighting District - \$619.65; Hydrant District Fund - \$94.44; Sewer Fund - \$48.03; Water Fund - \$146.32; T & A Fund - \$5,416.35; Total - \$63,397.76.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to pay all signed vouchers and bills; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

CORRESPONDENCE: To be addressed by Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh in his report.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR: 1. Any and all matters which Supervisor Lounsbury had will be covered at other points during the meeting.

ATTORNEY

1. Attorney Fallati announced that the paperwork for the Bond had been completed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Attorney's report; 2nd by Councilwoman

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Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent Bates reported that the paving projects have been bumped back several times due to weather and other unforeseen circumstances that have come up with Gorman. The most current date to begin paving is next Tuesday or Wednesday. They will begin on Cheese Hill Road then proceed to Edwards Hill Road and Fish Road.
2. Portions of Wood Road and Cook Road have been shaded.
3. The Highway Department has also been busy mowing, patching, ditching, and repairing and maintaining the equipment.
4. Paving with the Town's paver will be performed after the motor paving is complete. Superintendent Bates hopes to have this done by early July.
5. Superintendent Bates purchased an excavator from the on-line auction for \$7,260. It has already been used extensively and has proven itself to be an excellent value so far.

The Albany County Highway Department transported the excavator from Penn Yan, a four hour trip one way, saving the Town of Rensselaerville hundreds of dollars. Supervisor Lounsbury sent a letter expressing the Town's gratitude.

6. Superintendent Bates has spoken to the Western Star dealer. The new truck is slated to be built on June 26th, and then sent to Henderson Equipment for the body and plow, and then delivered to the Town by mid to late August.

Supervisor Lounsbury thanked Superintendent Bates and the Highway crew for the wonderful job they did grooming the garage and parking lot for the Town-Wide Picnic.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to accept the Highway Superintendent's report, 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

TOWN CLERK: Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of May as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected - \$1,089.88. Paid to the Supervisor - \$845.68 the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$ 74.80; Recycling - \$210.00; Dog Licenses - \$148.00; Building Permits - \$306.88; Kennel Boarding - \$61.00; Zoning - \$20.00; Senior/Youth Bus Donation - \$25.00; Total - \$845.68.

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$25.00; Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$219.20; Water Rents for the month totaled \$578.61 (\$0 in penalties), and Sewer Rents totaled \$814.40 (\$0.00 in penalties).

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to accept the Town Clerk's report; 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

1. Officer Overbaugh reported two home addition permits, three solar panel permits, and one septic repair permit for the month of May. He has also attended and completed several courses during the

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past month.

2. A written complaint was received regarding the barns on the corner of Pucker Street and County Route 354. The Law states that the complaint goes to the Town Board first and then the Board has thirty (30) days in which to act on it. Officer Overbaugh, along with the Tri-Village Fire Company's Chief will inspect the buildings and report back to the Town with their findings.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to authorize Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh to follow through on the complaint and to conduct an investigation; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

3. The new zoning maps should be ready to review by next week. As soon as the maps are complete, the draft of the Zoning Law can be distributed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector's report; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

ASSESSORS: The Assessor's Office submitted a written report which Supervisor Lounsbury read as follows:

1. Tax Grievance Day was May 26th. Taxpayer inquiries are being addressed by the Board of Assessment Review. The volume of taxpayer inquiries was the lowest it's been in years.

2. The Final Roll is now being prepared

3. Summer hours for the Assessor's Office will be posted by July 1st.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to accept the Assessor's written report; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE *

1. Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Story reported that for the month of May 546,400 gallons of water was filtered (an average of 17,626 gallons/day); and 149,760 gallons of sewage was pumped (an average of 4,831gallons/day).

2. A leak of unknown size was located in a resident's house.

3. Officer Story is making progress locating valves. He has located another one which had been buried and practically cut off.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Water/Sewer Treatment Officer's report; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

* Officer Story gave his report later in the meeting.

REFUSE/RECYCLING: 1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of May:

E-Waste: 1.29 tons; Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 6.61tons; Tires: 81; City of Albany Landfill: 66.64 tons; Sierra Fibers: Comingled 6.13 tons; and O.C.C. 5.25 tons; Oil: 64 gallons

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to accept the Recycling Coordinator's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

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CURRENT EVENTS

1. Ernest Kuehl announced that on June 29, 2015 at 7:00 PM, New York State Emergency Preparedness will be providing a training session at the Middleburgh High School. Attendees will receive a backpack with goodies ranging from water, duct tape, Band-Aids, a granola bar, a blanket, and gloves, to a wind-up flashlight. A training session was held in February and it was very well attended.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The topic of the Town-Wide Picnic was covered earlier in the meeting.

2. Attorney Fallati announced that he has reviewed the draft of the proposed Noise Ordinance and noted that a noise ordinance is potentially subject to some kind of challenge due to it being inherently difficult to define with precision what 'unreasonable' noise would be. Attorney Fallati stated that this proposal has some standards in place for particular kinds of noise, also noting that the more specific, the better.

Supervisor Lounsbury addressed the Board on their feelings about going forward with scheduling a Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to schedule the Public Hearing on July 7, 2015 at 6:30 PM and to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise as such; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

3. Supervisor Lounsbury stated that she has heard back from all those involved in the updated proposed Zoning Law and that as soon as the new maps are printed, the draft can be distributed. The town will delay the scheduling of a Public Hearing until the July Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The subject of the unsafe buildings has been addressed.

2. Supervisor Lounsbury read the on-line auction resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, from time-to-time, the Highway Superintendent has requested from the Town Board approval to bid on equipment available in an on-line auction; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has found the auction process to be financially beneficial, allowing the Highway Superintendent to acquire useful equipment at a fraction of the cost of the acquisition of comparable new equipment; and

WHEREAS, Section 142(1) of the Highway Law permits the Town Board to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase equipment, tools and other implements to be used for highway maintenance, construction or reconstruction, snow plows or other devices for the removal of snow from the highways from monies appropriated for that purpose without prior approval of the Town Board, and in an amount or amounts to be fixed, from time to time, by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town board has determined that it is in the public interest to grant the Highway Superintendent such authority;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, that (1) the Highway Superintendent is authorized to bid on, and

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to purchase, equipment, tools and other implements to be used for highway maintenance, construction or reconstruction, snow plows or other devices for the removal of snow from the highways from monies appropriated for that purpose without prior approval of the Town Board, through September 30, 2015, up to an amount of \$20,000.00; (2) this resolution may be reviewed and re-approved quarterly; (3) the Highway Superintendent shall provide the Town Supervisor prompt notice of any bids and purchases made pursuant to this resolution; and (4) nothing in this resolution is intended to limit the Town Board's authority, by subsequent resolution, to modify or rescind this authority generally or with respect to a particular prospective purchase.

By motion made by Robert Bolte and seconded by Margaret Sedlmeir, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 11th day of June 2015 as follows:

<u>Town Board Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/Abstain</u>
Valerie Lounsbury, Supervisor	X		
Marion Cooke, Councilwoman	X		
Robert Bolte, Councilman	X		
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman	X		
Gerald Wood, Councilman	X		

END RESOLUTION

Councilman Wood questioned the availability of funds after the purchase of the excavator. Highway Superintendent Bates responded that if it became necessary, there were funds available to be transferred.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

1. Marie Dermody only wanted to verify that the Public Hearing for the proposed Zoning Law would not be set until the July meeting. Supervisor Lounsbury responded that Mrs. Dermody was correct, and explained that the maps were ordered, but have not been completed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to enter into Executive Session at 7:35 PM for the purpose of discussing the employment history of an employee and possible litigation; 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to return from Executive Session at 7:53 PM; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

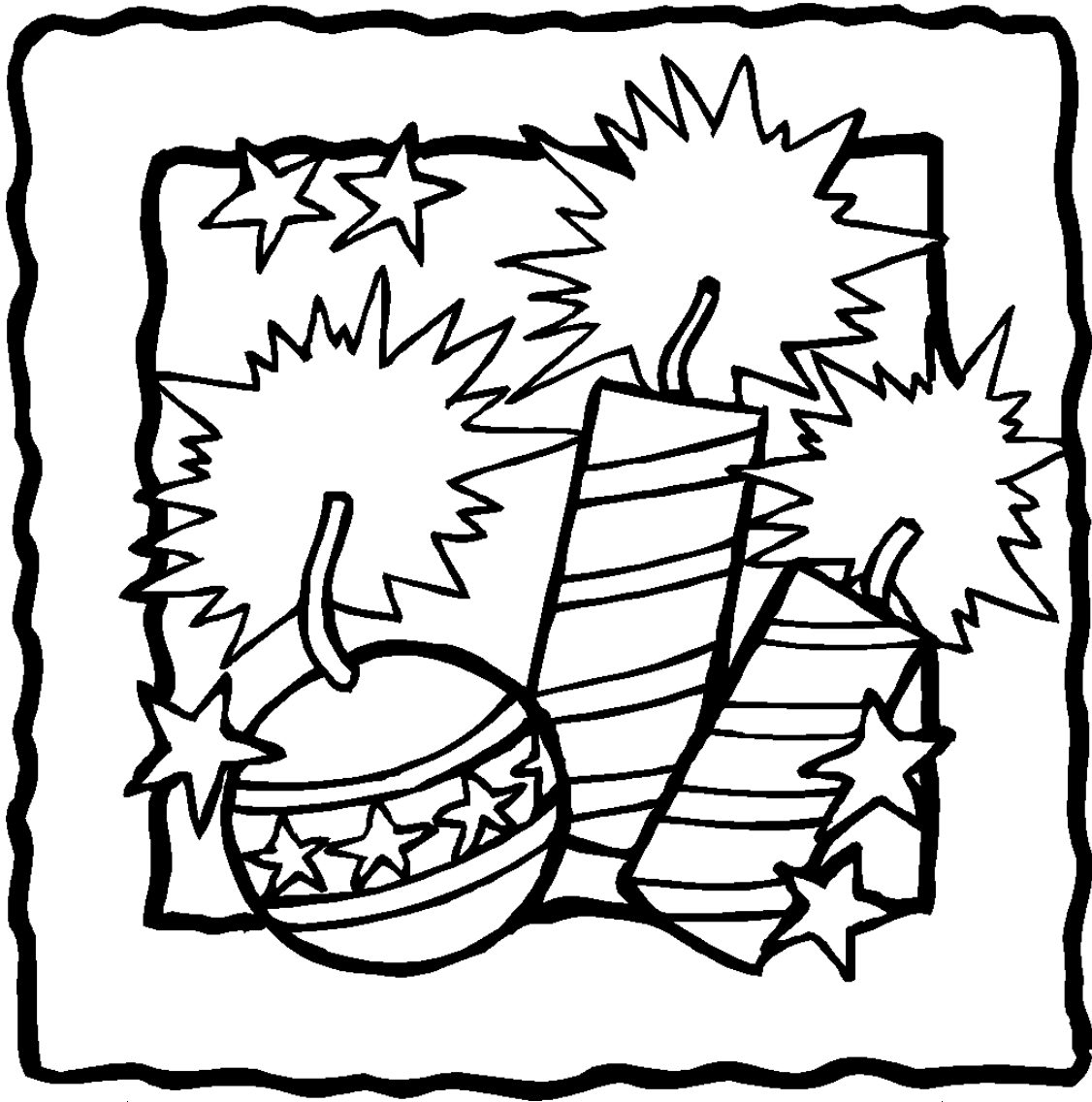
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker,
Town Clerk

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YOGA: Tue. & Thu. 9-10:15 am

PILATES: Wed. 5:45-6:15 pm & Sat. 9-10 am

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All Others—\$12.00

Proposed Noise Control Law

TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
87 BARGER ROAD
MEDUSA, NEW YORK 12120

Local Law No. ____ of the year 2015

A Local Law regulating unreasonable noise.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville as follows:

Section 1. This Local Law shall be known and may be cited as the "NOISE CONTROL LAW" of the Town of Rensselaerville.

Section 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY:

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Town of Rensselaerville to prevent unreasonable loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise and to reduce the noise level within the Town so as to preserve, protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare and to foster convenience, peace and quiet within the Town for the inhabitants thereof.

The Town Board finds that every person is entitled to have maintained noise levels which are not detrimental to life, health and the enjoyment of property, and that excessive and unnecessary unreasonable noise within the Town of Rensselaerville affects and is a menace to public health, safety, welfare, and the comfort of the people of the town, and negatively affects the value of their property.

Section 3. DEFINITIONS

- a. Unreasonable noise: A noise which is of such character, intensity and duration, or of a type of volume that a reasonable person of normal sensitivity would not tolerate under the circumstances.
- b. Unnecessary: That which is not required by the usual circumstances.

Section 4. PROHIBITED ACTS:

The following acts and/or the causing thereof, are declared to be prima facie evidence of a violation of this law. This enumeration shall not be deemed exclusive.

1. Motor Vehicles: Noise emanating from the operation of motor vehicles, including from sound producing devices, is regulated by the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law. The maximum levels and regulations for the operation and use of motor vehicles on public highways, as they may be amended from time to time, are hereby designated to be the maximum permissive noise level for the operation of motor vehicles, and of any sound producing device on any motor vehicle, on all other property as well as public highways within the Town of Rensselaerville.
2. Private Residence and Meeting Halls: No unreasonable noise from parties, entertainment, music or social gatherings of any kind, whether public or private, shall be such that noise caused by and/or emanating from said use can be heard between the hours of ~~12 Midnight~~ 1:00 A.M. and ~~8:00 A.M.~~ 6:00 A.M. the following day.
3. Construction: Unreasonable noise coming from the erection, including excavation, demolition, alteration or repair of any building other than between ~~6:00 A.M.~~ 5:00 A.M. and ~~9:00 P.M.~~ 10:00 P.M., except in cases of a public safety or emergency, is prohibited.

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Section 5. EXEMPTIONS:

This law shall not apply to the operation or use of any organ, radio, bell, chimes or other instrument, apparatus or device, by any church, synagogue, or school licensed or chartered by the State of New York, to sounds emitted for the purpose of alerting persons to the existence of an emergency, or to noise from municipally sponsored celebrations or events, or to ~~events for which permission has been obtained from the Town of Rensselaerville or other appropriate governmental body~~ **noise emanating from state, county, or town highway maintenance work**. This law shall not apply to farm operations conducted in accordance with the Town of Rensselaerville's Right to Farm Law.

Section 6. ENFORCEMENT:

The Code Enforcement Officer, where applicable, and the Albany County Sheriff's Department and the New York State Police shall enforce this local law.

1st offense - Warning

2nd offense - Issued a summons to appear before the Town Judge

Section 7. PENALTIES:

a. Any person who violates any provision of this law shall be guilty of a violation and shall be subject to a fine designated by the Judge.

b. The Town of Rensselaerville may also seek injunctive relief to prevent the continued violation of this law.

Section 8. SEVERABILITY:

If any word, phrase or part of this law shall be declared unconstitutional, the same shall be severed and separated from the remainder of the law, and said remainder shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 9. EFFECTIVE DATE:

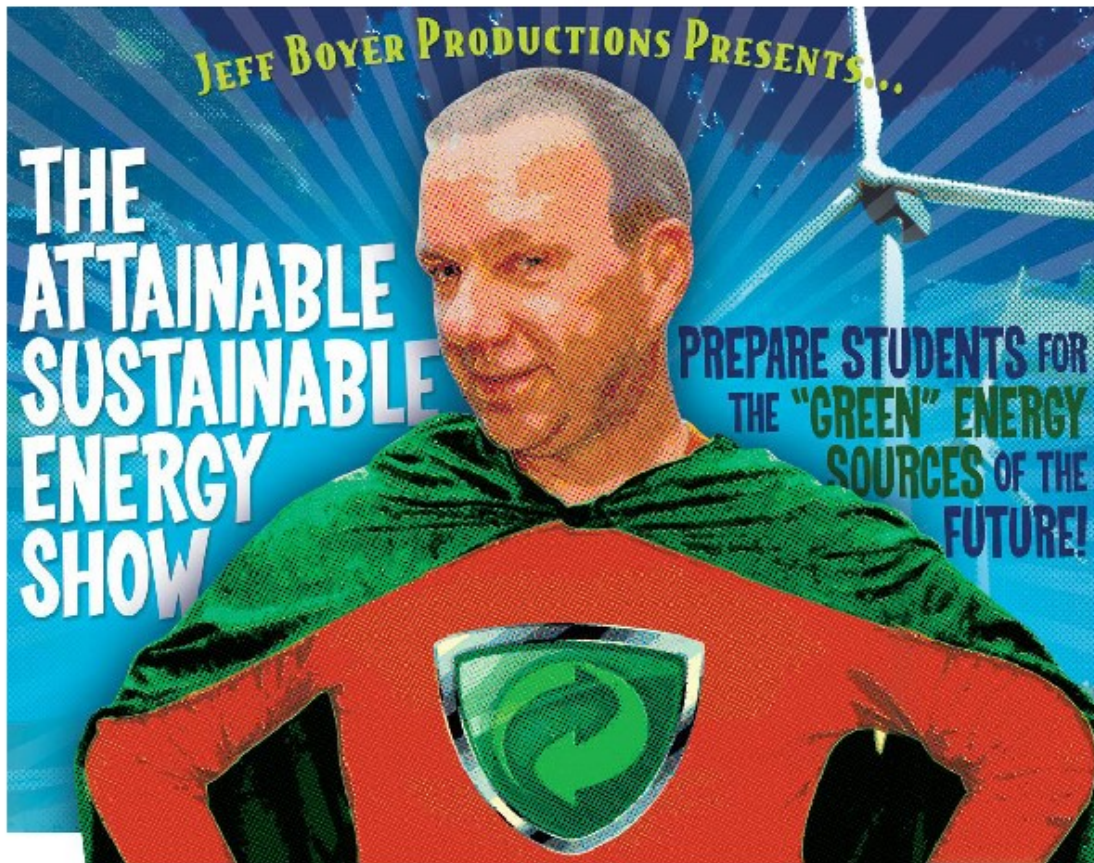
This law shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

PLEASE NOTE: The above version of the Proposed Noise Control Law shows the original document as well as the changes (strikeouts and new text) that were made. It is this revised version that will be the topic of the Public Hearing on July 7, 2015, at 6:30 PM.



RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2015 @ 1 PM





OTIS IS MISSING!

Last seen on Monday, June 15, on Hale Road in Rensselaerville, NY
Weight: 65 pounds
Distinctive feature: one blue eye, one brown eye
Had his owner tags and license on his collar

Reward if found and returned. No questions asked.

If found or if you have any information, call [\(518\) 728-8082](tel:5187288082) or [\(518\) 312-6606](tel:5183126606).

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PASTEL WORKSHOP

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www.susanmstory.com www.susanmstory@gmail.com

Paint *en plein air* and in the studio with pastel the beautiful gardens and ponds at

Wellington's Herbs and Spices

with the nationally recognized impressionist artist, ***Susan M. Story, PSA***. Susan is a local award winning artist and a member of several auspicious organizations such as the *Salmagundi Club*, *Audubon Artists*, *Hudson Valley Artists*, and a *Signature Member of the Pastel Society of America*.

Pastel Color Play On The Farm!

Have fun and learn to see beyond local color! Students will sketch outside at Wellington's and some of the local farms. We will then return to the studio to paint your uniquely colored composition in pastel. Susan will give demonstrations and give encouraging one on one help to each artist. A materials list will be provided.

*A delicious lunch prepared by Wellington's Tea Room will be included. *Enjoy!*

The Workshop will be **July 10 -12th** from 10AM - 4PM

CLASS EXHIBIT at Wellington's Gallery August 1st- 31st,

*RECEPTION August 15th, Family Farm Day, 11AM - 1PM

***Please Preregister, Fee \$225**

Contact: Wellington's (518) 295-7366 or susanmstory@gmail.com, (518) 797-3375

Wellington's Herbs and Spices

649 Rickard Hill Road, Schoharie, NY 12157, www.wellingtonsherbsandspices.com

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

<http://www.usps.com>



MEDUSA POST OFFICE: Phone 518-239-4826

(19 COUNTY ROUTE 351 MEDUSA, NY 12120)

Retail Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am - 12:00pm; Sat 7:30am - 11:15am

Last Collection Hours: Mon-Fri 4:15pm; Sat 11:15am

Lobby Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm; Sat 8:00am - 11:30am



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Sat 9:00am - 12:00pm



RENSSELAERVILLE POST OFFICE: Phone 518-797-3231

(26 COUNTY ROUTE 353 RENSSAELERVILLE, NY 12147)

Retail Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am - 12:00pm

Sat 8:00am - 11:00am



Library News

Rensselaerville Library
 RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY
 2015 Summer Schedule
 June through September

All programs and activities are free unless noted.

Location will be the Library unless otherwise note in the description.

Saturday, July 4th The Library will be closed. Have a happy and safe holiday.

Be sure to register online between June 26 and August 1, to set your summer reading goals, start your adventure and collect your prizes.

Summer Reading Prizes will be drawn after 12:30 on August 1.

Visit the Library's web site to register for Summer Reading. <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/summer-reading.html>

ALL AGES

- * Friday, June 26 at 6:30pm MOVIE NIGHT – Paddington – Rated PG, Length: 1:35, beverages and popcorn provided.
- * Friday, July 17th @ 1pm FUN WITH ENERGY – performer Jeff Boyer will provide the Attainable Sustainable Energy Show. He will share the green energy sources of the future. Geared towards kids but fun for all ages.
- * Friday, July 17th Festival of Writers Presents A Songwriter Showcase – Vermont Songwriter Dan Johnson. Dan began putting his poems to music in the 90's and will provide a workshop with location and time TBD. A Concert at the Palmer House Café, time TBD. Watch our web site for further details.
- * Thursday, July 16 and 23rd from 4-6pm stop in and check out the Makey Makey and Squishy Circuits invention kits. Turn everyday items into touch pads, combined with the internet to play music or send messages.
- * Every Wednesday in July and August drop in and see what craft project you can make and take.
- * Want to go fishing but don't have a pole? Use your Library card to borrow one for a week. Hooks and Bobbers provided.
- * Saturday, September 5, 4-7pm ANNUAL LAWN PARTY – Library fundraiser will be held in the Palmer House Café Courtyard. Tickets will be \$20.
- * August 25 through September 8 – FINE AMNESTY – Please bring back your Library items. You will still be responsible for lost items on your account.

CHILDREN

- * Tuesday, July 14 @ 6pm THE TITANIC – (3-5th grade STEM program) – Join Kim and dive into details with stories and activities about the Titanic.
- * Tuesday, July 21 @ 6pm POLAR BEARS – (PreK-K STEM Program) – Join Kim and explore the world of Polar Bears through stories and activities.
- * BedTime Math's SUMMER OF NUMBERS, just add a star to the constellation each day you complete a Bedtime Math problem. Sign up online at www.bedtimemath.org to receive your daily math problem and don't forget to pick up your chart and stars in the Library. Once you are done bring your chart to the Library for a prize.
- * The 2015 Good Cause Club performs Disney's Mulan at Conkling Hall this Summer. Auditions are July 11th at 10:30am. Rehearsals are the week of August 2 and the performances are on August 8 & 9.

TEENS

- * Friday, July 10 @ 6:30pm MOVIE NIGHT – Jupiter Ascending – Rated: PG 13, Length: 2:10. Beverages and popcorn provided.

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* **READ IT FORWARD** – Six copies of the book I have a Bad Feeling About This by Jeff Strand are circulating. If you have read it, please share it forward and make sure to go to the blog and write your reviews and comments by August 30th to be entered into the prize drawing. <http://blogs.uhls.org/rifbadfeeling/>

ADULTS

* Saturday, July 11 @6:30pm **MOVIE NIGHT** – Philip Dunne Movie at Conkling Hall – How Green Was My Valley – discussion and movie viewing with Philippa Dunne.

* Sunday, July 12 @ 3:30pm **POETRY IN THE LIBRARY GARDENS** – Poets: Carol Cone, Bill Heinrich, Lynn McCloe, Will Meyer, Katrinka Moore, Claire North and Mary Scriber. Bring a chair or blanket and join us for wine and cheese behind the Library (access is from Bennett Lane). Poor weather we will be inside.

* Saturday, July 18 @ 7pm **MOVIE NIGHT** – Philip Dunne Movie – The Ghost and Mrs. Muir – discussion and movie viewing with Philippa Dunne.

* Friday, July 20 @ 7pm **AUTHOR READING** – Local author from Middleburgh, Stephen Tobias will be reading from his book Outsider.

* August 4 @ 6:30pm **ESTATE PLANNING** - Attorney Allison Rich from Ettinger Law Firm will speak on Why Wills Have Become Obsolete: The Many Advantages of Using Trusts to Plan Your Estate.

* Every Wednesday in July and August there will be a **STREET MARKET** in front of the Palmer House Café from 4-7pm. The Library will have our gently used books out for sale.

* The Library's **POETRY WRITING GROUP** will be meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 28 and August 11, 25 @ 7pm. Bring your work, share your work and receive feedback from the group.

Thanks to Our Supporters: Applebees, Bruegger's Bagel, Zoom Flume, Museum of Innovation and Science, Price Chopper's Golub Foundation, Stewarts Shops, Stewarts Holiday Match, Upper Hudson Library System. The programs/activities are supported in part by Federal Library Services and Technology Act funds, awarded to the New York State Library by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Please check the Library calendar for schedule changes and additions.

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Rensselaerville, NY 12147
(518) 797-3949

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Hours: Sunday, Monday Closed Tuesday, Wednesday 10am - 12pm; 4pm - 9pm
Thursday, Friday 4pm - 9pm
Saturday 9am - 1pm

Middleburgh Library

July 1 11:00am *Every Hero Has a Story: Family Film: A League of Incredible Vegetables (G) When Dr. Flurry wants to freeze the town of Bumblyburg in fear the problem's too big for LarryBoy alone. Enter The League of Incredible Vegetables! Free Pop-corn! Appropriate for children going into preschool on up. Registration is not required. (50 min)

July 1 1:00pm *Every Hero Has a Story: Family Film: Song of the Sea (PG) - Saoirse is a child who is the last of the selkies, women in Irish and Scottish legends who transform

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from seals into people. She escapes from her grandmother's home to journey to the sea and free fairy creatures trapped in the modern world Free Popcorn! Appropriate for all ages. Registration is not required however children must be accompanied by an adult (93 min)

- July 2 1-3pm Every Hero Has a Story: Be a Hero to Those in Need - Empty Bowls** Be a hero to someone in need by painting a bowl for the Empty Bowls Project. Empty Bowls Schoharie County raises awareness of hunger issues in our community via an annual soup luncheon event that raises funds for food pantries in Schoharie County. The cost is \$4.00 to paint a bowl which will be donated to the Empty Bowls fundraiser. Painters who want to guarantee they can purchase their own bowl pay an extra \$12 when they paint, and their bowl will be put aside for them to pick up at the luncheon in November. What a fun way to participate in a great cause! Registration is required. For all ages.
- July 2 7:00pm 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. (Also meets July 9, 16, 23, 30)
- July 6 2:00pm **Unmask! Graphic Novel Book Club** - Get your geek on with fellow comic book fans and we explore new and different "super hero" graphic novels. These are not your grandma's super heroes....! Appropriate for kids going into grade 6 & up. Registration is required. (Also meets July 13, 20, 27)
- July 6 6:30-8:30pm Mary Kay Cosmetics (CR)**
- July 7 10:45am Every Hero Has a story: Drop-In Storytime** -Get ready to move in this interactive storytime 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. (Also meets July 14, 21, 28)
- July 7 1:00pm Mahjongg** - In the Community Room (Also meets July 14, 21, 28)
- July 7 6:30pm Be a Hero - Be Prepared! Citizen Preparedness Training** - Governor Andrew Cuomo's Citizen Preparedness Corps gives residents the knowledge and tools to prepare for emergencies and disasters, respond accordingly, and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions.
New York National Guard troops, working with experts from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) and local emergency management personnel, are holding classes across the state.
The program was designed by DHSES and covers a broad range of emergency preparedness topics, like developing a family emergency plan, stocking up on emergency supplies, and registering for NY-Alert, the free statewide emergency alert system. Participants will receive a training certificate and a wallet-sized "Z-Card" with emergency preparedness information. This program is appropriate for families, teens and adults. Registration is required.
- July 8 1:00pm *Every Hero Has a Story: Legopalooza - Super Hero Legos**
Get creative and use your favorite building blocks to create your own superhero! Afterwards we'll have a super hero treat and watch The Lego Movie! Appropriate for kids going

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into K-5. Registration is required.

- July 8 5:00-6:15pm Kundalini Yoga** - Kundalini Yoga involves repetitive movements with the breath, building strength, toning the nerves, and clearing the adrenal glands. Wear comfortable clothing and bring two blankets or a mat and blanket. A \$5 donation is requested. Please use the back entrance when entering the building. No registration is required. (Also meets Jul 29)
- July 9 1:00pm **Unmask! Create & Draw a Superhero** - Unmask your creativity and create your very own super hero! Instruction will be given on character design for comics and animation. All materials will be provided however if artists have favorite tools they enjoy working with, please bring them along. Appropriate for kids going into grade 6 & up. Registration is required.
- July 11 3-11:00pm Adult Board Games**
- July 13 2:00pm *Every Hero Has a Story: Magical Medieval Machines** - Discover the super powers of basic physics & make a Medieval catapult of your very own. This program is facilitated by educators from the Scotia/Glenville Traveling Museum. For kids going into grades 1-5. Registration is required.
- July 13 6:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting** - Meetings are open to the public and all are invited to attend.
- July 14 1:00pm *Every Hero Has a Story: Firefighters to the Rescue** - Let's honor our community heroes with a special program of firefighting fun. We'll read a book, make a fire hat to wear and lots more...and maybe meet a real fireman. Appropriate for kids going into grades K-3. Registration is required.
- July 15 1:00pm *Every Hero Has a Story: The Magic of Electricity** - Discover how electrical circuits work through a hands on demonstration and experimentation. Learn about different ways electricity is generated around the world and explore static electricity with our hair raising Van de Graaf generator! Presented by the MiSci Museum, and is appropriate for kids going into grades K-2. Registration is required. (Also repeated at 2:00pm for kids going into grades 6-8)
- July 16 1:00pm *Every Hero Has a Story: Design Your Own Superhero!** -Use your super artistic powers to design your own superhero! Materials will be provided. Appropriate for kids going into grades 2-5. Registration required.
- July 21 1:00pm **Unmask! Makey, Makey** - Unmask your inner tech geek and learn how to turn everyday objects like bananas and play dough into keyboards for a computer! This program is facilitated by educators from the Scotia/Glenville Traveling and is appropriate for kids going into grades 6 & up. Registration is required.
- July 22 11:00am *Every Hero Has a Story: Heroic Hijinks!** - In this fun music & movement program preschoolers (and their siblings) will be vanquishing villains, flying around a super-sized parachute, and leaping over buildings in a single bound. We'll snack on Kryptonite Krunch and for extra fun dress in our favorite super hero costumes! Appropriate for preschoolers and their caregivers (siblings are welcome to join in!). Registration is required.
- July 23 1:00pm *Every Hero Has a Story: Super Hero Training Camp** - Think you have

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what it takes to be a super hero? We'll test your powers with feats of skill and daring (and lots of fun). Super Hero snacks are sure to be provided! Appropriate for kids going into grades K-2. Registration is required.

- July 25 9am-2pm Annual Library Book Sale** - Gently used books at Great Prices!!!!
- July 29 1:00pm *Every Hero Has a Story: It's a Bird, It's a Plane....It's Captain Underpants!** Come celebrate the amazing Captain Underpants! There will be games, activities, snacks, and plenty of potty humor! Appropriate for kids going into grades 2-5. Registration is required.
- July 29 7:00pm The Not So Quiet Concert Series: Bethany & Rufus** - Bethany & Rufus are a cello and voice duo that weave a tapestry of sound as they slide between, groove, sweet melodies, deep prayer, and roots music from around the world. Tickets are available at the door. A \$10.00 donation is suggested. This event is made possible (in part) with public funds from the Decentralization Program and the New York State Council on the Arts, administered through the Community Arts Grants Program by the Greene County Council on the Arts.
- July 30 1:00pm *Every Hero Has a Story: Just a Phase!** - Discover answers to the questions of the Moon. Learn why our Moon is so bright, why it controls our tides here on Earth and what is happening to the Moon. Each student will walk their Moon through the phases as they discover what creates new, full, and waxing Moons. Presented by the MiSci Museum and is appropriate for kids going into grades 3-5. Registration is required. (Also repeated at 2:00pm for kids going into grades 6-8)
- July 31 5:30pm *Every Hero Has a Story: Dinner & a Movie Family Edition** - The Book of Life (PG) - Our popular Dinner & a Movie series just for families! The library will provide pizza & drinks and you bring a dessert to share as we watch the film The Book of Life. Manolo, a young man who is torn between fulfilling the expectations of his family and following his heart, embarks on an adventure that spans three fantastic worlds where he must face his greatest fears. Appropriate for kids going into K & up and their families. Registration is required.

* This program is part of our Every Hero Has a Story Summer Reading Program.

** This program is part of our Unmask! Summer Reading Program.

The events calendar for the Middleburgh Library can be found at:

<http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=8616&thisMonth=7&thisYear=2015>

Contact information: 323 Main Street, PO Box 670, Middleburgh, NY 12122
(518) 827-5142 www.middleburghlibrary.info

Hours: Monday 1:30 - 8:30
Tuesday 10:00 - 5:00 & 6:30 - 8:30
Wednesday 10:00 - 4:00
Thursday 10:00 - 4:00 & 6:30 - 8:30
Friday & Sunday - closed
Saturday 9:00 - 2:00

On the Calendar

July 3	Town Hall closed	
July 4	Fourth of July	
	Transfer Station closed	
July 7	6:30 PM Public Hearing: Noise Control Law	Town Hall
	7:00 PM Town Board work meeting	Town Hall
	7:00 PM Democratic Caucus	Medusa Firehouse
July 9	7:00 PM Town Board regular monthly meeting	Town Hall
July 14	12 noon Rensselaerville Senior Citizens lunch/meeting	Medusa Firehouse
Aug 8	Medusa Town-wide Garage Sales	
	Rummage sale, food, maps at Church Hall	
	Medusa Museum will be open	
Aug 11	12 noon Rensselaerville Senior Citizens picnic	Westerlo Town Park



RENNSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

Friday, July 10, 2015
6:30 PM



Adventure, Sci-Fi

Rated: PG-13

Length: 2:10

A young woman discovers her destiny as an heiress of intergalactic nobility and must fight to protect the inhabitants of Earth from an ancient and destructive industry.

Popcorn &
Beverages
provided.

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C O N K L I N G H A L L

Saturday, July 11, 2015

6:30 P M

Philippa Dunne will discuss how this radical film for its time impacted her family and society.



Viewing of film to follow discussion.

1941 Drama set in a Welsh mining village.

118 minutes

Based on the Novel by Richard Llewellyn

Screenplay by Philip Dunne

1941 Winner of 5 Academy Awards

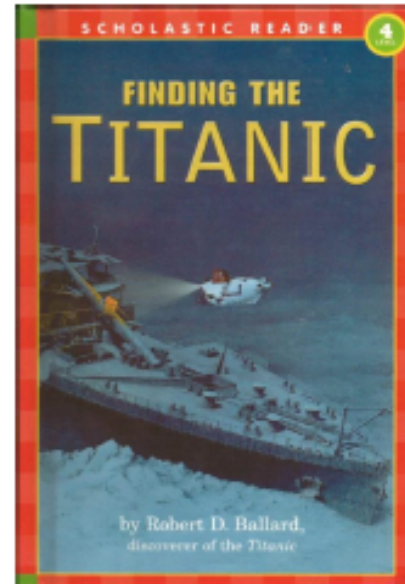
STEM

(Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics)

Programs this Summer at the Library

Tuesday, July 14 @6pm

STEM PROGRAM (3-5th grade)– The Titanic – We will dive into details with stories and activities.



Tuesday, July 21 @ 6pm
STEM PROGRAM (Pre K – K) – Polar Bears- We will learn more about Polar Bears with stories and activities.

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R E N N S E L A E R V I L L E
L I B R A R Y

Saturday, July 18, 2015
7 P M



1947 Drama,
young widow
finds her seaside
cottage
haunted.

104 minutes

Based on the
1945 Novel by
Josephine Leslie
under the
pseudonym of
R A Dick

Screenplay
by
Philip Dunne

Rensselaerville Library AUTHOR READING

Stephen Tobias

local Middleburgh resident

Friday, July 31 @ 7pm



In *Outsider*, Stephen Tobias deftly weaves two stories back and forth. Investigating Herman's past life and while discovering more secrets than he ever expected, Nate begins to move forward with his own life. Confronting death on several levels—his daughter's, the near death of his wife, Herman's and others—and laying some to rest, Nate once again makes room for his own creative muse.

Outsider is loosely based on the life of Henry Darger, a reclusive hospital janitor who created the longest work of fiction ever created and illustrated it in a unique style that has captured the imagination of serious art collectors and museum curators the world over. While some bare facts about Darger's appalling and tortured early life are known, many of the details that might explain his obsessions and awe-inspiring creative energy can only be answered by speculation and by visiting the realms of the unreal!

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Tuesday, August 4, 2015
6:30 PM

Why Wills Have Become Obsolete: The many Advantages of Using Trusts to Plan your Estate

Attorney Allison Rich will explain Estate planning documents including Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy/Living Will, Pour Over Will, revocable living trusts and irrevocable Medicaid Asset Protect Trusts. The following information will be covered:

- Save time and money in settling the estate
- Avoid legal guardianship if they become disabled
- Avoid having their personal and financial matters made public
- Reduce the chance of a "will contest"
- Keep control in the family and out of the court system
- Long-term care insurance – get it while the getting is good
- The Medicaid Asset Protection Trust (MAPT) to protect your assets from nursing home costs.

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Senior Citizens Info

The Town offers car service Mon-Fri by appointment only. Contact Town Hall at 239-4225 or 797-3798 for doctor appointments. The Senior bus also goes shopping on Thursday either to Cobleskill or Catskill. Call Ruth & Tom Snyder (239-4376) the day before about riding the bus if you are interested.

The Town of Rensselaerville Senior Citizens meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Medusa Fire House at noon. Anyone 55 years of age and older can join. **Dues are \$8.00 a year due in June.** We collect \$1.00 a month at the meeting for coffee, milk, etc. Please bring a covered dish to share. We eat promptly at noon and the meeting commences afterward. We have a picnic in August; in November, we have a Thanksgiving dinner at a local restaurant; and in December we have a Christmas dinner also. We have bus trips in the summer and fall. For further information, call Tom Snyder, President, at 239-4376.

Please note that we are in desperate need of drivers for the bus and the car. Please call Ann Vogel at 797-3376 if you're interested in volunteering as a driver for our senior citizens.

Additional Important Phone Numbers:

- Department of Aging 447-7179
- HEAP: 447-2551



Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

The information below was received in an email from State Senator George A. Amedore of the 46th Senate District:

"Fresh fruits and vegetables are crucial to maintaining a healthy lifestyle, but can be difficult for seniors on fixed incomes to afford.

That's why, as part of this year's State Budget, we included funding to expand the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, a program that provides \$20 coupons to low-income seniors to be redeemed at local farmers markets. Eligible seniors can earn up to \$1,800 a month to be eligible, or \$2,426 per couple.

Not only does this program make it more affordable for seniors on fixed incomes to have access to fresh fruits and vegetables, it also helps support our local farmers who are such an integral part of the economy, particularly in our rural Upstate communities.

Coupons are available through your local County Office of the Aging and can be redeemed starting July 1st. For more information, please call the Albany County Office of the Aging at 518-447-7177.

A full list of farmers markets in each County that will accept the coupons is available at: <http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AP/CommunityFarmersMarkets.asp>

2015 Summer Services at Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church

The Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church announces its schedule of summer services every Sunday from July 5 until September 6. Services are held at 11:00 a.m. in the church located on Main Street (County Route 351) in Rensselaerville. Everyone is welcome.

Each year, guest preachers from different faith traditions are invited to deliver sermons on a common theme. The 2015 theme is "A Place At The Table".

- July 5** "What Is This Wisdom"
Rev. Holly Cameron, Pastor, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Slingerlands, NY
Communion Service
- July 12** "Love Built The Table"
Rev. Shaun Whitehead, Associate Chaplain
St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY
- July 19** "Nostra Aetate 50 Years Later: Our Dialogue With The Jews"
Father Dennis Tamburello, OSF, Professor of Religious Studies,
Siena College, Loudonville, NY
- July 26** "The Table Is Set And All Are Invited"
Rev. Dr. Jon Walton, Senior Pastor
The First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, NY
- August 2** "Whose Table And How Many Chairs?"
Rabbi Norman Mendel, Rabbi Emeritus
Congregation Beth David, San Luis Obispo, CA
- August 9** "Banquet Manners"
Rev. Richard E. Spalding, Chaplain, Williams College, Williamstown, MA
Communion Service
- August 16** "The Tiger Under The Table"
Rev. Eric Jackson, Pastor
Smith Memorial Congregational Church, Hillsborough, NH
- August 23** "Ice Chipping: Everybody Wants A Place"
Rev. Donna Schaper, Senior Minister
Judson Memorial Church, New York, NY
- August 30** "Trying To Sell Popsicles"
Rev. Donna Elia, Moderator, Albany Presbytery, Albany, NY
Communion Service
- September 6** "Displaced"
Barbara G. Wheeler, Former President,
Auburn Theological Seminary, New York, NY

The tradition of summer-only services at the Presbyterian Church in Rensselaerville goes back more than 100 years. For a short period in the second half of the 19th century, the village was a lively industrial town as the first site of the Huyck Woolen Mills. When founder and Presbyterian Church member F. C. Huyck Sr. moved his mill to Albany, he did not sever ties with the village or the church. But as jobs left with the mill so did many of the village residents, leaving the church without enough members to maintain a year-round pastor. However, the Huyck family returned each year to vacation and provided for a pastor during their stay. It was F. C. Huyck Sr.'s granddaughter, Katharine Huyck Elmore, who in the middle of the 20th century expanded the vision of the summer

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2015 Summer Services at Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church

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services to other faith traditions and invited ministers, rabbis, priests and nuns to fill the pulpit.

The Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church is a nationally recognized example of Greek Revival architecture dating from the 1840s and is listed on both the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

More information about the church may be found on its website: www.rvillepres.org.

Did you know....

...that the Town Board has authorized more than \$400,000 in equipment and machinery purchases for the highway department since January 2012? This number represents only ten vouchers that were received as the result of a FOIL request plus a new truck that is on order. We are not sure if there are additional vouchers that have not yet been received. The items in question are listed below:

DATE	VENDOR	ITEM	COST
2/16/2012	Auctions International	2 Oshkosh snow plows	\$ 8,196.00
6/7/2012	Abele Tractor & Equipment	Sweepster broom	\$ 5,447.29
6/11/2012	Metro Ford	2012 F250 Pickup	\$ 20,863.00
6/12/2012	Auctions International	1978 Blaw-Knox paver	\$ 4,902.00
8/16/2012	Arrowhead Equipment	8' Fisher plow	\$ 4,143.00
10/15/2012	Robert Bolte	Eager Beaver roller	\$ 1,200.00
4/15/2013	Knights Farm Lawn & Garden	Carry on trailer	\$ 2,400.00
8/29/2013	Henderson Products	Install munibody, plow, wing	\$ 69,939.51
1/11/2013	Tracey Road Equipment	2014 Western Star truck	\$ 95,381.00
5/21/2015	Auctions International	1988 Gradall	\$ 7,260.00
	*** Approved at March TB meeting; \$50,000 bond authorized	2015 Western Star	\$ 188,281.00
			\$ 408,012.80
6/30/2015	Town of Catskill	1986 Oshkosh truck	\$ 5,000.00
			\$ 413,012.80

At the June 2015 special meeting and in the absence of Superintendent Bates, the Town Board authorized the purchase of a 1986 used Oshkosh truck at a cost of \$5,000. What concerns this editorial board is the fact that the Town Board continues to authorize purchases of highway equipment and machinery despite the fact that the Town has to finance \$50,000 of the cost of the Western Star truck that is on order. We should not spend money we don't have.

At this meeting, the Town Board was given a data sheet regarding these FOILED documents. However, one councilman refused to accept it, calling it "junk." It is truly unfortunate that Councilman Bolte considers factual, documented information as junk.

We respectfully request that the Town Board become better stewards of taxpayer money and not spend funds we do not have. It is time to exercise fiscal responsibility and to separate wants from needs, especially when spending taxpayer dollars.

A Summer Afternoon of Poetry Celebrating New Books

Sunday, July 12 3:30 pm
Readings and Refreshments (wine and local cheeses)

Rensselaerville Library Lawn
1459 County Route 351
Rensselaerville, NY 12147



An anthology by poets **Carol Cone, Bill Heinrich, Lynn McCloe, Will Meyer, Claire North, Mary Scriber**

In an area encompassing parts of Bennington County, Vermont, and Washington County, New York, several poets have found themselves writing together for a couple of years now, and have put together this book. The poets do not represent a school of poetry; they are too dissimilar from each other for that, unless you consider them a school of fish, traveling together through contemporary currents. Or think of them as a cove of trees, this book a bench on which to rest for a while. – Jon Mathewson



Katrinka Moore's *Numa*, an epic poem about a shape-shifting creature, draws on ancient myth but is inhabited by nontraditional characters.

Numa is a hero who does not concern herself with the standard heroic pastimes. . . [She] represents a new idea, a wider conception of life, us among all of it, "otherkind."

– Elizabeth Poreba, author of *Vexed*

...like nothing else you've read. *Numa* tells a fast-paced story, even as it proves a meditation on consciousness, on the primal nature of motherhood, and on how the body shapes identity. – Maura Candela, *MER*

About the Poets

Carol Cone is a former administrator and teacher from The Dalton School in New York City. She lives in Dorset and has been a full-time Vermont resident since 1990. Her poems have been published in two anthologies, *Birchsong: Poetry Centered in Vermont*, and *Remember This in January*, as well as having poems selected for "Poem City" in Montpelier for the past three years. She has written four novels with the National Novel Writing Month challenge and belongs to several poetry writing groups.



Bill Heinrich: One of Bill's earliest memories is pulling a chair up to his grandfather's book case and pulling out a volume of e.e. cummings. Since then, poetry has been a constant in his life. Bill received his BA from Pratt, which led him to a career as an advertising executive where he won awards for writing and design. When he discovered his calling was the restoration of historic buildings, he moved to a remote corner of New York on the Vermont border to pursue this. Bill's poetry was always a deeply personal endeavor until he joined a poetry writing group in 2013. His work in this book is the culmination of that confluence.



Lynn McCloe has always led a life filled with horses and literature. While attending the Bread Loaf School of English, she began writing poetry and has continued her dedication to the craft through poetry writing and reading groups. A teacher and horse trainer, she currently lives in Manchester, Vermont.



Will Meyer grew up along the Vermont /New York State border where he has returned to make his home again. He is a life-long, purposeful observer of all things alive, dead, and written. Will is a member of four poetry groups in greater NYC and SW Vermont. He can be reached at mbemeyer@sover.net.



Claire North began writing poetry in grade school, and then took a turn for many years toward reading much more poetry than she wrote. This led to her amassing many shelves of poetry, and paying it homage by taking poetry workshops during every residency of her MFA, even though her genre was long fiction. She moderates a Poetry Reading Book Group and a Poetry Writing Group in Vermont, which have balanced and enhanced her poetry path through joyful collaboration. Claire holds an MFA from Goddard College and has been a Minister of Spiritual Science for 23 years.



Mary Scriber is a poet and has degrees in Education and English with a concentration in Creative Writing. At Skidmore College she enrolled in an extensive poetry study with Carolyn Forché. Through Skidmore's University Without Walls program she participated in the University of Iowa Writer's Workshop classes. She has lived in upstate New York, Boston, London and Sedona, Arizona. She currently lives in Manchester, Vermont.

Katrinka Moore's previous books are *Thief* (BlazeVOX, 2009) and *This is Not a Story* (Finishing Line Press, 2003), which won the New Women's Voices Prize. Her poems appear in the anthologies *This Full Green Hour*, *The Best of the Texas Poetry Calendar*, and Milkweed Editions' *Stories from Where We Live*. Recent work is in online journals *Oroliths*, *MungBeing*, *First Literary Review-East*, and *Dépositions, le blog*. She lives in Manor Kill, NY, and New York City.

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