

R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Final Town Board Meeting, Draft Minutes: December 30, 2015

The Final Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 30th day of December 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 were Assessors Richard Tollner and Donna Kropp and two interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Richard Tollner expressed his sincere thanks to Councilman Robert Bolte for his contributions of labor, materials, and personal time in serving the community; for the filing cabinets in Town Hall; for the Lewis Family silo clean-up; for the chairs in the meeting room through Dan McCoy (which Bob also helped clean and paint); for the Senior Bus and car (received largely through donations and through Bob's efforts and also through Senator Breslin); and for Bob's ability to cross party lines. Bob has volunteered his time and equipment to plow driveways for senior citizens, veterans, churches, the American Legion, etc.; the list is endless. Bob helped coordinate the Town Picnic; he was responsible (among others including Kenny Cooke) for the update to the Courtroom. Bob has provided medical supplies – hospital beds, scooters, and wheelchairs to those in need. He is solely responsible for the flowers in front of the Assessor's Office and largely responsible for the Veteran's Ring of Honor and flower garden. Bob has wheeled-and-dealed snowplow trucks and a number of other pieces of equipment which has saved the Town hundreds of thousands of dollars already and Bob wishes to continue helping in this regard.

On behalf of so many members of the community, Richard presented Bob with a clock and stated that "the clock is not nearly big enough nor does it hold enough words to thank Bob for everything he has done; this Town is a different color because of Bob".

Bob stated that he could not have done any of this alone; the bus was actually Kenny and Marion Cooke's idea; Jost Nickelsberg has been a tremendous help and has been a huge contributor. Among so many other things, Bob is proud of the gardens and wishes to continuing caring for them. Jost Nickelsberg wished to thank Bob for all his work also and reminisced for a few minutes. He said if he had known Bob when he was 20, he would have hired him for a position on Wall Street. With

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Bob's problem-solving abilities and insight, he is a valuable resource – an irreplaceable man.

TRANSFERS: A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize the following transfers:

From 'General Misc. Contractual' A8160E 44999 to 'Recycling Officer' A8160E 17350 in the amount of \$758.81 for vacation payout;

From 'FEMA Pearson Road' Acct. #3546 to 'Trucks' DA5131E 22450 in the amount of \$58,014.00 for the purchase of the Western Star truck;

From 'Highway Equipment Fund' Acct. #7139 to 'Trucks' DA5131E 22450 in the amount of \$53,482.00 for the purchase of the Western Star truck;

From 'Serial Bond' DA5110R 05710 to 'Trucks' DA5131E 22450 in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the purchase of the Western Star truck; and

From 'Road Material' DA5110E 22450 to 'Trucks' DA5131E 22450 in the amount of \$36,337.00 for the purchase of the 1-ton dump truck.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir. Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - \$50,243.73; Highway Fund - \$232,384.1; Lighting District - \$681.08; Sewer Fund - \$157.37; Water Fund - \$630.00; T & A Fund - \$941.40; Total - \$285,037.69

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to encumber \$3,830.00 for the repair of the roll-off container; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

2. A motion was made by Councilman Wood to encumber \$36,337.00 for the purchase of the 2016 F-350 dump truck; 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to schedule the Public Hearing for January 12, 2016 at 6:45 PM for the purpose of rescinding the Property Tax Cap Local Law No. 3 of 2015; 2nd by Supervisor Lounsbury.

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

2. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to close the 2015 books by February 12, 2016; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir

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 7:23 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker

Town Clerk

Town Board Organizational Meeting, Draft Minutes: January 1, 2016

The Organizational Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 1st day of January, 2016, at 10 o'clock in the morning. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

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

ABSENT WAS: Councilman Kevin McGrath

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Deputy Highway Superintendent Earl David Potter, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Mark Overbaugh, Board of Ethics member Mary Anne Overbaugh, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck and 5 interested citizens.

The term of office for the following appointments is January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, unless otherwise stated.

ATTORNEY TO THE TOWN – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that the law firm of Tabner, Ryan and Keniry, LLP, Albany, NY be appointed Attorneys to the Town; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

TOWN VETERINARIAN – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Dr. Diane Biederman be appointed Town Veterinarian; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

CRITICAL INCIDENT MANAGER - Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Brian Wood be appointed Critical Incident Manager; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

CRITICAL INCIDENT OFFICER - Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Gerald Wood be appointed Critical Incident Officer; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

DEPUTY TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Earl David Potter be appointed Deputy Town Highway Superintendent/Time Keeper; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

CLERK TO THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Kim Welsch be appointed Clerk to the Town Highway Superintendent; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

SEWAGE TREATMENT OFFICER – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Douglas Story be appointed Sewage Treatment Officer; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

DEPUTY SEWAGE TREATMENT OFFICER – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that John Rice be appointed Deputy Sewage Treatment Officer; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE MEMBER – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Thomas Delp be appointed Water/ Sewer Committee Member for a term of 1/1/2016 – 12/31/2020; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

RENSELAERVILLE WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE – TERMS

Barry Kuhar 01/01/2014 – 12/31/2016

Richard Platel 01/01/2013—12/31/2017

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Micah Kuhar 01/01/2014 – 12/31/2018
 Jack Long 01/01/2015 – 12/31/2019
 Thomas Delp 01/01/2016 – 12/31/2020

CONSTABLE – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Richard Simons be appointed Constable; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

CLERK 1 TO SUPERVISOR (Bookkeeper) – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Linda McCormick be appointed Clerk 1 to Supervisor (Bookkeeper); 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

ACCOUNTANT TO THE TOWN – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Pattison, Koskey, Howe and Bucci, CPA's be appointed Accountant to the Town; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Marion Cooke be appointed Deputy Supervisor; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (3) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

Note: Councilwoman Cooke abstains

CLERK 2 TO ASSESSORS – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Debra Baxter be appointed Clerk 2 for Assessors; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

DOG CONTROL OFFICER – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Cheryl Teft-Baitsholts be appointed Dog Control Officer; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

REFUSE/RECYCLING OFFICER – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Jon Whitbeck be appointed Refuse/Recycling Coordinator; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

SUBSTITUTE REFUSE/RECYCLING OFFICERS – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Mark Case and Jonathan Wilber be appointed Substitute Recycling/Refuse Coordinators; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

HISTORIAN – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Janet Nelson be appointed Town Historian; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

PLANNING BOARD – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Dorothea Cotter be appointed to the Planning Board, term 1/1/2016 – 12/31/2022; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

PLANNING BOARD TERMS

Sherri Pine 01/01/2010 - 12/31/2016
 Barry Kuhar 01/01/2014 - 12/31/2017
 Walter Cooke 01/01/2012 - 12/31/2018
 Richard Amedure 01/01/2013 - 12/31/2019
 Travis Smigel 01/01/2014 – 12/31/2020
 Scott Kunkler 01/01/2015 – 12/31/2021

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Dorothea Cotter 01/01/2016 – 12/31/2022

PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Richard Amedure be appointed Planning Board Chairman; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

PLANNING BOARD/ZONING BOARD SECRETARY – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Steven Pfleging be appointed Planning Board/Zoning Board Secretary; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Mark Overbaugh be appointed Building/Zoning Officer; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

CLERK TO CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR - Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Mark Overbaugh be appointed to perform the tasks of the Clerk to the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Bradley Chase be appointed Zoning Board of Appeals member, term to be 1/1/2016 – 12/31/2020; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - TERMS

Jeannette Rice	01/01/2013 – 12/31/2016
Anthony Higgins	01/01/2013 – 12/31/2017
John Mormile	01/01/2014 – 12/31/2018
Anthony Guadagno	01/01/2015 – 12/31/2019
Bradley Chase	01/01/2016 – 12/31/2020

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CHAIRMAN –Supervisor Lounsbury moved that John Mormile be appointed Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

BOARD OF ETHICS – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Allyn Wright be appointed Board of Ethics member, term to be 1/1/2016 – 12/31/2020; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

BOARD OF ETHICS TERMS *

Georgette Koenig	04/12/2011 – 12/31/2016
Diana Hinchcliff	02/12/2012 – 12/31/2017
John Mormile	02/14/2013 – 12/31/2018
Mary Anne Overbaugh	02/12/2014 – 12/31/2019
Allyn Wright	01/01/2016 – 12/31/2020 *

Supervisor Lounsbury made a motion to rescind the motion appointing Allyn Wright for the term of 01/01/2016 – 12/31/2020; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

Supervisor Lounsbury made a motion to appoint Allyn Wright for the term of 01/01/2016 –

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12/31/2021; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

* Terms to be addressed at a later date to ascertain that they are correct.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW (GRIEVANCE BOARD) – No appointment necessary.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW (GRIEVANCE BOARD) - TERMS

Eric Sutton 01/10/2013 – 09/30/2017

Scott Whitbeck 01/02/2014 – 09/30/2018

Bradley Chase 01/01/2015 – 09/30/2019

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Victoria Kraker be appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/COLLECTOR/REGISTRAR – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Kathryn Wank be appointed Deputy Town Clerk/Collector/Registrar; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

COURT CLERKS – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Lorraine Case and Emileigh Tanner be appointed Court Clerks; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

RECORDS INVENTORY CLERK – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Kathryn Wank be appointed Records Inventory Clerk; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

ENGINEER TO THE TOWN – Engineers will be contracted on an as-needed basis.

MILEAGE – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that the mileage rate per mile for all Town employees be set at 54 cents per mile; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that the Altamont Enterprise be appointed the official newspaper and authorized the Town Clerk and Supervisor to advertise in other newspapers as needed; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

DEPOSITORIES – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that the Bank of Greene County be designated by individual officers for depositing funds; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

MEETING DATE – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM be the official meeting date; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that designated Town Officials be authorized to attend the Association of Towns Meeting in New York City in February at their own expense to be determined at a later date; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

SENIOR SERVICES COORDINATORS – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Ann Vogel be appointed Senior Services Coordinators; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

ASSISTANT SENIOR SERVICES COORDINATOR – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that Thomas Snyder be appointed Assistant Senior Services Coordinator; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

INVESTMENT POLICY- Supervisor Lounsbury moved to reaffirm the investment policy; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

FINANCIAL REPORT – Councilwoman Sedlmeir moved that the Supervisor be authorized 60 days after the close of the Fiscal Year to complete the Financial Report for the Town; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

BILLS – Councilwoman Sedlmeir moved that the Supervisor be authorized to make payments in advance for lights, telephone, postage, postage express charges, postage meter payments and to pay principal and interest of indebtedness, stated salaries, compensation of various officers and employees regularly engaged to the Town at the agreed wage, by the hour, day, week, month or year and to pay amounts becoming lawfully due upon contracts for the periods exceeding one year for which provisions for payment has been made in the annual budget, and to make transfers from the medical insurance line items of the budget to the medical insurance bank account as needed to cover medical expenses for the employees covered under the medical insurance plan; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. *Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath*

WAGES – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that the following wage, salary and schedule of payments be adopted for the year 2016:

POSITION	TOTALS	PAID
Town Council (4 @ \$3,000 each)	12,000	Monthly
Town Justice (2 @ \$9,150 each)	18,300	Weekly
Town Supervisor	12,500	Monthly
Town Clerk/Collector	32,780	Weekly
Assessors (3)		
Uncertified	4,635	Monthly
Certified	5,835	Monthly
Chairman	6,335	Monthly
Attorney to the Town	34,000	Quarterly
Building/Zoning Officer	14,930	Monthly
Dog Control Officer	5,140	Monthly
Registrar of Vital Statistics	580	Annually
Superintendent of Highways	44,300	Weekly
Constable	1,400	Monthly
Water Treatment Officer		
Uncertified	9,000	Monthly
Certified	10,000	Monthly
Deputy (\$10.00/hr.)	2,000	Monthly
Sewage Treatment Officer	5,000	Monthly

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Deputy (\$10.00/hr.)	1,000	Monthly
Water Rent Collector	400	Annually

HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES		
POSITION	PAID PER HOUR	PAID
10/23/2015 – 04/22/2016		
Foreman	\$19.27	Weekly
Truck Driver	18.47	Weekly

HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES		
POSITION	PAID PER HOUR	PAID
04/23/2016 – 10/22/2016		
Foreman	\$19.45	Weekly
Truck Driver	18.65	Weekly
10/23/2016 – 04/22/2017		
Foreman	\$19.64	Weekly
Truck Driver	18.84	Weekly

RECYCLING DEPARTMENT		
POSITION	PAID PER HOUR	PAID
Recycling Co-Ordinator	\$37,255 (salaried)	Weekly
Sub/Recycling	10.00	Weekly
Sub/Recycling (CDL)	11.64	Weekly

ADMINISTRATION		
POSITION	PAID PER HOUR	PAID
Clerk 1 (\$19.90/hr.)	23,200	Weekly
Clerk 2 – Assessors (\$15.00/hr.)	12,000	Weekly
Deputy Town Clerk (\$12.00/hr.)	13,000	Weekly
Justice Clerk (2) (\$2,400.00 each – salaried)	4,800	Monthly
Planning Board Secretary (\$12.00/hr.)	3,500	Weekly
Zoning Secretary (\$12.00/hr.)	2,000	Weekly
Bldg. Inspector Clerk	3,276	Monthly
Clerk to Superintendent (\$12.00/hr.)	4,600	Monthly

BUILDINGS		
POSITION	PAID PER HOUR	PAID
Hired Cleaning Service (Paid Sub-Contractor)	2,000	

2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

BONDED OFFICIALS – Supervisor Lounsbury moved that the following officials be bonded; Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Deputy Supervisor Marion Cooke, Town Justice Ronald J. Bates, Town Justice Dwight T. Cooke, Superintendent Randy Bates, Town Clerk/Collector Victoria Kraker, Deputy Town Clerk/Collector Kathryn Wank, Building/Zoning Officer Mark Overbaugh, Planning/Zoning Board Secretary Steven Pflieger, and Clerk 1 for the Supervisor Linda McCormick; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedl-

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Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

Supervisor Lounsbury thanked former Town Justice Gregory Bischoff for his four years of service to the Town.

Town Justice Ronald Bates administered the Oath of Office to Town Justice Dwight T. Cooke who then administered the Oath of Office to those officers in attendance. (See Editor's Note below)

ADJOURNMENT - A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 AM, 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk

Editor's Note: Those who were in attendance at the Organizational Meeting and were administered the Oath of Office by Justice Cooke were: Marion Cooke, Mark Overbaugh, Mary Anne Overbaugh, Earl David Potter, Margaret Sedlmeir, and Jon Whitbeck.

Kevin McGrath was administered the Oath of Office by Town Clerk Kraker prior to the Organizational Meeting.

According to Town Clerk Kraker, all other appointees will be administered the Oath of Office at a date sometime in January.

**Did you know ...**

..... that we were recently made aware of the fact that a vacancy now exists on the Planning Board? A Planning Board member recently resigned due to the sale of his Town of Rensselaerville home and his relocation outside of town boundaries. Although this resignation occurred early last month, no mention of it was made at either of the January Town Board meetings.

The planning board is an administrative body of local government with very important responsibilities with respect to land use and development within the Town. Therefore, it is vitally important for all government boards to have diversity in its membership to provide the best representation of its constituency. In anticipation of filling this vacant position on the Planning Board, all interested individuals are encouraged to submit a letter of interest to the Town Board and Planning Board as soon as possible.

Town Board Work Meeting, Draft Minutes: January 12, 2016

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 12th day of January 2016 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, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman Kevin McGrath, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Gerald Wood, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present was Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Diana Hinchcliff representing the Board of Ethics, and six interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on January 14, 2016: December 8, 2015–Work Meeting; December 10, 2015 – Regular Meeting

TRANSFERS, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS: To be addressed at the Regular Meeting on January 14, 2016

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Lounsbury received a 'thank-you' from the Rensselaerville Trinity Church which will be read at the Regular Meeting.

REPORTS: Reports from the Supervisor, Attorney, Highway Department, Town Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector, Assessors, and the Water/Sewer Committee will be given at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

OLD BUSINESS

1. A reminder that the final Public Hearing on the proposed Zoning Law will be held on January 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM.
2. Supervisor Lounsbury has signed the contract for I.T.S. to update the server and a deposit has been made.
3. Supervisor Lounsbury would like to make a few clarifications to the Organizational Meeting. This will be addressed again at the Regular Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Diana Hinchcliff wished to address the Board regarding a request/complaint which was received. This will be discussed later in the meeting as she awaits Georgette Koenig who is slated to join her.
2. Town Clerk Kraker will need authorization to collect the Water and Sewer Rents.
3. Supervisor Lounsbury will need authorization on Thursday to sign the Shared Services contract with Westerlo for use of the car and the bus.
4. Attorney Fallati will have a Resolution prepared rescinding Local Law No. 3 of 2015 which will be titled Local Law No. 1 of 2016 – rescinding the Tax Cap Override.
5. Supervisor Lounsbury is in receipt of the annual Dog Control Officer Inspection Report and Municipal Shelter Inspection Report which she will address again on Thursday.
6. Supervisor Lounsbury is in receipt of the itinerary for the Annual Association of Towns Meeting which will be held in New York, February 14th – 17th. Anyone who would like to attend may do so, but it will be at their own expense.

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7. At this point, and with Georgette Koenig still not present, Diana Hinchcliff addressed the Board. The purpose of Ms. Hinchcliff's presentation to the Board was to address an inquiry that has come before the Board of Ethics. She understands that there has been some concern that the inquiry was aimed at a specific individual or individuals and she wished to reassure everyone that that was not the case. Ms. Hinchcliff provided all Board members with a copy of the original email that was sent to her from the individual who asked the Ethics Board to look into the issue. She also included the official form which was completed by the individual. The individual asked the Ethics Board to look into the Town's procurement laws and Municipal laws and to determine if the Town's policies on conflicts of interest with respect to goods and services should be revised.

Councilwoman Cooke asked Ms. Hinchcliff about the language used by the individual which states that "...when the person has the authority to approve the transaction, individually or as a member of a Board...". Councilwoman Cooke explained that if she turned in a voucher, she would not approve it. Ms. Hinchcliff explained that the issue is that the law states anyone who has the 'authority to approve'; so therefore, anyone who has the 'authority' is affected by the conflict of interest provisions, whether or not they participate in a vote.

Supervisor Lounsbury stated that any purchase under \$750 does not fall into this classification. She stated that the Town Board works very hard to keep the taxes down, and to follow the law. There was one purchase, however, made since 2010, which was over the \$750 limit and that was the roller. The roller was purchased for \$1,200 in 2012. The Town needed a patch roller a used roller would run about \$4,000-\$5,000, even if one was available. An individual owned a patch roller that he purchased for himself. He put a new motor in the roller and when he heard that the Town needed a roller, he sold it to the Town for \$1,200. The roller has been used by the Town ever since and has also assisted neighboring Towns.

Ms. Hinchcliff stated that the Ethics Board is looking at vouchers for goods and services but their purpose is to look at the laws as they currently exist and determine whether in future, they should to be amended. Councilwoman Cooke asked if that was a duty of the Board of Ethics. Ms. Hinchcliff stated that it was because they are not changing anything, only making recommendations. The Board of Ethics has a 'recommendation function' and because a concern was brought to the Board of Ethics, the Ethics Board has an obligation to prepare a report and make a recommendation, and then to bring that before the Town Board.

Robert Bolte wished to address the Board. He stated that the rules of the Board of Ethics require that they need a written, signed complaint. He believes that Diana Hinchcliff and Georgette Koenig have overstepped their bounds of the rules that were put in place by the Town Board; they have violated their own rules. Their job is to go after a complaint and follow procedure by informing the Attorney, etc. Mr. Bolte asked the Town Board to remove the two individuals because he believes there is politics involved.

He further explained the situation with the roller stating that he was the one who sold the roller to the Town. Bob fixed the roller and put a new motor in it. The roller was requested by the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park Committee to assist with repairs to the park – at no cost to the Town. The roller was used by Gerald Wood and Randy Bates while Bob was still the owner of it. Online, rollers run \$2,500 without new motors and new rollers run over \$8,000. Mr. Bolte has since purchased another roller which is also used by the Park free of charge. He found it 'disgusting' the amount of time he gives to the Town and the amount of money he donates to the Town and the hundreds of things he does for the seniors, the bus, that anybody would question him selling a roller to the Town and not voting on it.

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Mr. Bolte feels it's time other people start to volunteer. If it weren't for Gerald and Brenda Wood for example, the Town would not have an ambulance. Bob does not see the people that do the complaining, volunteering and donating to the causes that keep the taxes low. Bob requested that the Board take action and remove the politics from the Ethics Board. The Board is who makes the rules for the Board of Ethics and the rules should be followed.

Supervisor Lounsbury assured Mr. Bolte that she has been in touch with the Attorney and that everything would be taken into account.

Diana Hinchcliff responded by stating that there was a formal inquiry. She noted the difference in the law between purchases of goods and services and volunteer services. She assured everyone that there are no politics involved; they addressed the issue as it was presented and is not directed at a particular individual.

Mr. Bolted asked if the Attorney was notified of the inquiry back in August. Ms. Hinchcliff stated that the clock only began on December 15th. Mr. Bolte stated that FOIL requests were received by the Town Clerk in August and many hours were spent by the Deputy Town Clerk pulling records back to 2010. Bob would also like to mention that if the Board of Ethics would like to change the rules, something like that should be brought before the Town Board.

Councilwoman Sedlmeir questioned if the next meeting of the Board of Ethics, which they requested the presence of the Attorney, would cost the Town additional dollars. If that were the case, she would not be ready to approve such a request. Supervisor Lounsbury will double check the contract and clarify the matter.

Supervisor Lounsbury read a portion of the email sent to the Board of Ethics on August 20, 2015 as follows: "...in two recent instances, an elected official sold items to the town occasioning public criticism. Barring self-dealing would head off unnecessary controversy and make the town's governance more businesslike. This change could be readily made by revising the code's "representation before one's agency" provision to read "compensation for goods or services to be rendered in any matter..." Supervisor Lounsbury questioned how this could be interpreted; would it be considered an official complaint or not?

Bob Bolte addressed the Town's procurement policy by reading a portion of the policy, that states that a good faith effort shall be made to obtain the required number of proposals; if the purchaser is unable to obtain the required number of proposals or quotes, the purchaser shall document the attempt made and in no event shall the inability to obtain the requisite number of proposals or quotes be a bar to buying it.

Marie Dermody attended the Board of Ethics meeting and can assure everyone that there was no discussion about specific individuals. The meeting was over the procurement law which functions on a local level, but the State law is also incorporated into it. No Town Board member could be expected to know every State law. Mrs. Dermody suggested that a revision of the procurement policy to include some of the State mandates that are not included in the Town's policy, but are covered by the Town's policy by nature of the law should be addressed.

Ernest Kuehl felt that if there was no particular complaint about an individual, it is not for the Board of Ethics to recommend a change in the law. Any individual can raise an issue at Board meetings which are open to the public. Unless there was a complaint about an ethics violation the Ethics Board does not have a roll in addressing the law. Also, Mr. Kuehl feels that in a Town of this size, we have to be

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able to do business with each other.

Ms. Hinchcliff noted that one of the powers and duties of the Board of Ethics is that the Board shall have the authority to receive from any person a written complaint questioning the compliance of any Town officer or employee. Also, the Board may either receive a complaint and act on it, or if it feels that there has been a violation of the code of ethics, the Board, on its own, may initiate action.

Councilwoman Cooke feels that if someone wants the procurement policy changed, they must come before the Board.

Marie Dermody, noting that hind sight is 20/20 and that we all learn from past experiences, suggested that in the future when something like this comes to the attention of the Board that it be addressed immediately.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Councilman McGrath questioned if there are time-lines in place so that issues do not go on forever. Supervisor Lounsbury stated that the Board of Ethics does have a time-line they must adhere to.

Bob Bolte stated, in conclusion, that despite these happenings he will continue to support the Town and the Town Board by volunteering and donating to help save the tax payers dollars just as he has for the past 15 years.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM; 2nd by Councilman McGrath.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



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The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 14th day of January 2016 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 Tom Fallati, Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Gerald Wood, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

ABSENT WAS: Councilman Kevin McGrath

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Mark Overbaugh, Assessor Donna Kropp, Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Doug Story, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, Investigator Tracy Mance, and eight interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

1. Marie Dermody wished to make an addition to the December 10, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes by including her inquiry regarding the 911 addresses. She felt that the information presented was valuable and would like to see it included in the minutes so that others may be informed as well.
2. Kathy Hallenbeck questioned why some homeowners were getting their rebate checks and others were not. Supervisor Lounsbury will check with the Assessor's Office and/or the State Comptroller's Office.
3. Brenda Wood and Chip Decker presented the Town with a \$45,000 check to offset the A.L.S. Program. Chip Decker stated that he would like to see new members join the Volunteer Ambulance. Supervisor Lounsbury stated that the State requires extensive training and the younger generation has so little extra time. Brenda Wood added that if people dedicate the time to the training, they have a tendency to go to an agency where they would get paid. There are only three E.M.T.s and Mr. Decker feels that there may come a time where the Town will no longer have an ambulance squad.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the following meetings *:

December 8, 2015– Work Meeting; December 10, 2015 – Regular Meeting * with addition requested by Mrs. Dermody [See **Editor's Note** below.]

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (3) Lounsbury, Cooke, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Abstains (1) Wood; Absent (1) McGrath

Editor's Note: The correction to the December 10, 2015, minutes reads as follows: "Marie Dermody inquired into whether the new road, Christmas Tree Lane, is considered a private road. Supervisor Lounsbury explained that a driveway is considered a 'Lane' when there is more than one residence on it, and it must be named for the purposes of the 911 Emergency System. She further explained that each house on any given 'Lane' is also given an identifying number."

It is the opinion of this editorial staff that **all** audience comments should be memorialized in the official Town Board minutes. No one should be permitted to be selective in what is reported and what is ignored.

TRANSFERS: A motion was made by Councilman Wood to approve the following transfers: From 'Retirement' 89010 to 'Worker's Compensation' 89040 in the amount of \$122.00 to cover 2016 Worker's Compensation bill;

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From 'Fees for Services' A1220E 44046 to 'Audit Fees' A1220E 44044 in the amount of \$1,921.36 to cover invoice #28128 from the Accounting Firm 8/15 – 12/15;
 From 'Misc Contractual' A1220E 44999 to 'Audit Fees' A1220E 44044 in the amount of \$583.72 to cover invoice #28128 from the Accounting Firm 8/15 – 12/15; and
 From 'Contingency' A1990E 44999 to 'Audit Fees' A1220E 44044 in the amount of \$4,219.92 to cover invoice #28128 from the Accounting Firm 8/15 – 12/15.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - \$ 49,059.07; Highway Fund - \$100,675.67; Ambulance Fund - \$11,108.00; Fire Protection Fund - \$28,815.00; Lighting District - \$659.48; Sewer Fund - \$716.80; Water Fund - \$1,311.25; T&A Fund - \$745.59. Total Abstracts - \$193,090.86

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to pay all signed vouchers; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

CORRESPONDENCE : Supervisor Lounsbury read a note from Donna Kropp on behalf of the Rensselaerville Trinity Church thanking the Town for the use of the Senior/Youth bus to transport attendees of the Church's 200th Anniversary celebration in December.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR

1. The Ambulance and two out of the three Fire Companies have returned their contracts to Supervisor Lounsbury. She awaits the remaining Fire Company's contract and then those contracts will be complete for another year.
2. The Supervisor's Office has been very busy with year-end work.
3. The Huyck Preserve has donated \$250 to the Recycling Center.
4. Supervisor Lounsbury addressed an inquiry to the Board and asked perhaps Kathy Hallenbeck would know if the Justice Court Clerk's position needs to be advertised. One of the clerks has received a promotion at her regular job and may be leaving the Court clerk appointment. A unanimous response was that the Judge has the right to appoint the clerk of his/her own choosing.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Supervisor's report; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

ATTORNEY

1. Attorney Fallati reported that the notices had been sent to all adjoining Towns and Counties regarding the final Public Hearing that is scheduled to be held on January 19th.

Councilwoman Cooke inquired into the response from the Albany County Planning Board regarding the proposed Zoning Law. Attorney Fallati explained that the ACPB had made some minor suggestions and that those suggestions were provided to the neighboring municipalities as well.

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

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Highway Superintendent Bates reported the new 2016 Western Star truck was delivered on December 23, 2015. He reported that it was exactly what the Highway Department was hoping for and they are very happy to have it. Superintendent Bates expects a 20-year service life and believes it was a very good investment and with a stainless body, it should provide many years of service to the Town.
2. The new 1-ton dump truck is expected to be delivered on January 27th.
3. Superintendent Bates asked for the Board's approval to put truck #15 (1999 International) and truck #9 (Ford 1-ton) on Auctions International. He proposes a March 8, 2016 closing date for the bids so that a vote by the Board may be taken at the Regular Meeting on March 10th. Superintendent Bates expects an \$8,000 to \$10,000 return. Also, there is no cost to place equipment on the site and the Town has the right to refuse any/all bids.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to allow Superintendent Bates to place the two trucks on the Auctions International website; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

4. Superintendent Bates received a Shared Service Agreement for Emergency Assistance from the New York State Department of Transportation. Its purpose is to share equipment, personnel, and materials for any localized emergency; one that is absent of the Governor's Emergency Declaration. The State and the Municipality would agree to share services by providing a description and cost of services, materials, or equipment to be shared; the Provider's employees shall remain under full supervision and control of the Provider; the parties shall remain fully responsible for their own employees for all matters, including but not limited to, salary, insurance, benefits, and Workers Compensation; if the borrowed machinery or equipment is damaged or otherwise needs repair arising out of or in connection with Recipient's use, the Recipient shall be responsible for such repairs; and the Municipality agrees to indemnify the State for any and all claims arising out of the Municipality's acts or omissions under the Agreement. The terms of the agreement would be valid for one-year and would be renewed annually.

Superintendent Bates met with the new Albany County Resident Engineer, Patrick Barnes. Mr. Barnes explained that the purpose of the program is to have a means by which to respond to needs. It is an in-kind agreement where a dollar value is put on a service, and in return, the recipient of that service is required to perform a task of similar value. No money is to be exchanged.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to authorize Superintendent Bates to sign the Shared Services Agreement for Emergency Assistance; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

5. Superintendent Bates requested the use of the Meeting Room for PESH training on January 21st. Two requirements that will be addressed are 1. 'lock-out-tag-out' which is training on servicing equipment and identifying any hazards; and 2. 'right-to-know' law which deals with chemicals and toxins and how to identify them.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to accept the Highway Superintendent's report, 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

TOWN CLERK: Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of December as follows: Town Clerk

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Department – Total Collected \$1,671.94; Paid to the Supervisor - \$1,422.53 - the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$337.09; Recycling - \$90.00; Dog Licenses - \$101.00; Building Permits - \$849.44; Zoning - \$20.00; Senior/Youth Bus Donation - \$25.00. Total - \$1,422.53

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$17.00; Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$232.41

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to accept the Town Clerk's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

1. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh reported one Home Addition, one New Home Construction, one Residential Repair, one Accessory Building, and one Solar Panel permit for the month of December.
2. Officer Overbaugh reported that R.V. Permits were being mailed out for the upcoming season.
3. More filing cabinets are needed for the Building Department.
4. Officer Overbaugh notified the Board that they may need to address Commercial Solar power in the very near future. He will bring information on this subject shortly. Any additions/changes could be done as an addendum to the Zoning Law.

Councilman Wood added that the Tri-Village Fire Department is scheduled to attend a training session on solar panel safety in Livingstonville and invited the other fire departments to attend.

5. Extensive research has been done by Officer Overbaugh regarding the Town's fee schedule. This is another subject that should be addressed soon.

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

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

ASSESSORS

1. Assessor Kropp reported that the Assessor's office has been processing exemptions and wanted to remind anyone that will be turning 65 years of age by December 31, 2016 that they would be eligible for the Enhanced Star program.
2. Assessor Kropp also reported that the Assessor's office has been contacting all new residents of the Town and informing them of their potential exemptions.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to accept the Assessor's report; 2nd by Supervisor Lounsbury.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE

1. Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Story reported that for the month of December, 322,000 gallons of water was filtered (an average of 11,000 gallons/day); and 196,000 gallons of sewage was pumped (an average of 6,329 gallons/day).

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to accept the Water/Sewer Treatment Officer's report;

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2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

REFUSE/RECYCLING

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of December: Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 3.73 tons; Tires: 25; City of Albany Landfill: 78.47 tons; Sierra Fibers: 7.14 tons – comingled & 5.59 tons – old cardboard container; Oil: - 49 gallons

Councilman Wood wished to express his appreciation for the work that was done by Smith Welding & Fabrication on the container and the speed at which it was completed.

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

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

CURRENT EVENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Lounsbury reminded everyone that the final Public Hearing regarding the proposed Zoning Law will be held on January 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

2. A deposit has been made to I.T.S. for the update on the server.

3. Supervisor Lounsbury wished to clarify a few items that were uncertain at the Organizational Meeting as follows:

- Allyn Wright's term on the Board of Ethics will run from 1/1/2016 through 12/31/2020;
- Bradley Chase's term on the Board of Assessment Review began on 1/1/2015 and will run through 9/30/2019; therefore no appointment is necessary; and

The Highway Department's wages are as follows:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PAID PER HOUR</u>	<u>PAID</u>
	<u>10/23/2015 – 04/22/2016</u>	
Foreman	\$19.27	Weekly
Truck Driver	18.47	Weekly
	<u>04/23/2016 – 10/22/2016</u>	
Foreman	\$19.45	Weekly
Truck Driver	18.65	Weekly
	<u>10/23/2016 – 04/22/2017</u>	
Foreman	\$19.64	Weekly
Truck Driver	18.84	Weekly

NEW BUSINESS

1. Town Clerk Kraker read the warrants for the Water and Sewer Districts for 2016.

Authorization is needed to bill for the Water District in the amount of \$46,172.00 and the Sewer District in the amount of \$44,117.00. The billing year runs from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, with payments accepted up through November 1st.

Supervisor Lounsbury made a motion to accept the warrants from the Town Clerk authorizing her to bill and collect for the Water District in the amount of \$46,172.00 and the Sewer District for \$44,117.00; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

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2. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize Supervisor Lounsbury to sign the Shared Services agreement with the Town of Westerlo regarding the use of the bus and car; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

3. Attorney Fallati read the Resolution which rescinds Local Law No. 3 of 2015 as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2015, the Town Board adopted Local Law No. 3 of 2015, which permitted the Town to override the limit in the increase in the Town’s assessment for Fiscal Year 2016 pursuant to Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it will not incorporate a tax increase into its Fiscal Year 2016 budget in excess of the tax cap; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to rescind Local law No. 3 of 2015; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, ordains and enacts the attached Local Law No. 1 of 2016, which is incorporated herein.

By motion made by Valerie Lounsbury, and seconded by Marion Cooke, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 14th day of January 2016 as follows:

Valerie Lounsbury, Supervisor	Yes
Marion Cooke, Councilwoman	Yes
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman	Yes
Gerald Wood, Councilman	Yes
Councilman Kevin McGrath	Absent

END RESOLUTION

Local Law No. 1 of 2016

A Local Law Overriding Local Law No. 3 of 2015 Relating to the Override of the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2016

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent and Authority

The Town Board adopted by resolution on October 22, 2015, Local Law No. 3 of 2015, which overrode the tax levy limit for Fiscal Year 2016, pursuant to Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 of New York State, incorporated in Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law, but the Town Board has determined that it will not incorporate a tax increase into its Fiscal Year 2016 budget in excess of the tax cap.

Section 2. Rescission of Local Law No. 3 of 2015

Pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law, Local Law No. 3 of 2015 is hereby rescinded.

Section 3. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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END LOCAL LAW

4. Supervisor Lounsbury is in receipt of the annual Dog Control Officer Inspection Report and Municipal Shelter Inspection Report. Everything is as is should be and Cheryl Baitsholts has been given a satisfactory grade.

Councilwoman Cooke reported that Cheryl Baitsholts will begin her 20th year as the Town's Dog Control Officer.

5. Supervisor Lounsbury announced that the Association of Towns will be holding their annual conference February 14th through the 17th. Anyone who wishes to attend may do so, but at their own expense. Information is available at the Town Clerk's office.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Robert Bolte inquired into whether there would be any discussion regarding the Board of Ethics and the issues that were raised at the Work Meeting, or if there would be an answer from the Board regarding his request to have co-chairs Diana Hinchcliff and Georgette Koenig removed.

Supervisor Lounsbury responded that Attorney Fallati was contacted and that he will need some time to research the issues at hand. She further explained that on August 20, 2015 the Board of Ethics received any inquiry regarding the Town's procurement policy. The inquiry was regarding the purchase of two items that were purchased by the Town from an individual who was sitting on the Town Board who would have the authority to approve the purchase. The two items were a paper shredder for \$250 and a patch roller for \$1200. Both items were owned by then Councilman Robert Bolte. Mr. Bolte placed a new motor in the patch roller and it was used extensively at the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park by the Town Highway Department. At that point, Mr. Bolte offered to sell the roller to the Town for \$1200. The roller has served the Town well and it has also been used by neighboring Towns.

Attorney Fallati further explained that §801 of the General Municipal Law restricts the ability of certain Town officials and employees to enter into transactions with the Town. However there are a number of conditions and exceptions to the law. Also, the law does not apply to any transactions under \$750 per year.

The Board was not aware of the law until recently. The Town went over the Procurement Policy by \$200, but made the purchase in good faith. A used roller would have run \$2,400 – \$4,000 and a new roller would have cost in the vicinity of \$9,000.

Further discussion ensued regarding the timeline, requests for vouchers, meeting dates, etc.

Mr. Bolte asked if there were minutes of the Board of Ethics meeting on December 15, 2015. Supervisor Lounsbury had contacted Ms. Hinchcliff in that regard, but was informed that the minutes were not yet complete, but should be finished by the weekend.

Mr. Bolte also inquired into how he could file an ethics complaint against the Board of Ethics.

Councilman Wood recommends that the Board proceed to remove Diana Hinchcliff and Georgette Koenig. He feels that it is a personal issue and reading through the documentation provided, anyone could pick out who the individual was that the inquiry was directed at. In addition, three members of the Ethics Board knew nothing from August 20th until they were called upon for a meeting on December 15th.

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Marie Dermody, who was present at the December 15th meeting, stated that there were other vouchers that were questioned besides the two mentioned. The emphasis on the meeting was whether or not the procurement policy needed to be amended to further clarify the limits and exceptions that are in Municipal Law but did not make it into the Town's law.

Supervisor Lounsbury asked that these matters be tabled until the February meeting in order to give Attorney Fallati an opportunity to do some research. She will not take any action until the Attorney has had the opportunity to make a recommendation and advise the Board.

- Investigator Mance gave a quick reminder to please look out after each other and especially the elderly during the winter season.
- Richard Tollner suggested that the Town Board consider an advertisement thanking the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance for their donation and at the same time invite people of the community to serve with them; 'to support those who support us'. Councilwoman Cooke will start by placing something in the newsletter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to enter into Executive Session at 8:23 PM for the purpose of discussing litigation; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to return from Executive Session at 8:46 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (1) McGrath

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk





Did you know...

...that the contract that the Town of Rensselaerville has with the attorneys for the Town reads, in part:

"ARTICLE II: SCOPE OF WORK

During the period of this Agreement the ATTORNEY agrees to perform professional services as follows:

A. Legal services as required in connection with duties associated with the Town of Rensselaerville Town Board, Planning Board, and Justice Court, including, but not limited to, attendance at meetings and researching issues of law when authorized by the Town Board or Planning Board Chairman.

B. Legal services in connection with such other additional or extra projects or matters as determined in writing by the Town Board or the Planning Board.

C. All other services other than those described in Article IIA above, which shall be considered non-retainer services, will be billed as a non-retainer service item at the rate of \$175.00 per hour. Litigation is a non-retainer service..."

Based on the wording of this contract, legal consultation by this legal firm with any of the following departments could result in billing fees of \$175.00/hour: Assessors, Board of Ethics, Code Enforcement/Building Inspector, Dog Control, Highway Department, Refuse/ Recycling Department, Zoning. Considering the fact that this legal firm bills the Town \$34,000 annually for their services, it seems outrageous that providing legal consultation and/or advice to the many other departments that exist within Town government would result in additional \$175.00/hour billing.

For instance, in the case of the Board of Ethics, they simply seek assistance in understanding and interpreting the nuances of certain municipal laws regarding procurement. The attorney stated that he would attend one meeting of the Board of Ethics and not bill the Town; subsequent meetings requiring his attendance would be invoiced. And this agreement does not state when the billing time commences: from the time the attorney leaves his office & then returns, or just the net time spent at such meetings?

We strongly urge the Town Board to revisit this agreement with the Attorneys to the Town. For the minimal number of times that the attorney might have to meet with a board or department beyond those mentioned in Article IIA, such occasions should not result in additional billing to the taxpayers of this Town.



Spice up your FAT Tuesday with Chili & Cornbread

**Tuesday, February 9th 4:30 – 7:30 PM @
Rensselaerville Firehouse**

Take out only

While supplies last – quantities limited.

🌶️🌶️🌶️ 16 oz = \$6 *🌶️🌶️🌶️*
🌶️🌶️ 32 oz = \$11 *🌶️🌶️*

Purchase extras to share with neighbors, have for lunch, or store in your freezer for a quick dinner option later in the week

PRE SALE tickets recommended. To reserve your delicious home made chili served with cornbread, please call 281-6880 by Friday 2/5 5 PM

All proceeds to benefit the RVFD Battalion....which in turn, serves our community

Thank you for your support



Board of Ethics Under Scrutiny

Back in August of 2015, a resident contacted the Board of Ethics asking them to consider adding a provision to the Code of Ethics that would prohibit conflicts of interest by town officials, employees, appointees, and their families that could be created when they receive compensation from the Town for their sale of goods or services to the Town. Actually, that type of amendment would be made to the Town's procurement law. In anticipation of calling a meeting of the Board of Ethics, one of the co-chairs submitted a FOIL (Freedom of Information Law) request seeking copies of all vouchers from 2010-2015 in which any Town employee, appointee, or elected official sold goods or services to the Town.

A meeting of the Board of Ethics was held on December 15, at which time the individual making the initial request submitted an official signed inquiry. The Board of Ethics examined the vouchers provided by the Town and discussed the circumstances prompting the transactions. Having attended this meeting as an interested onlooker, this editor attests to the fact that the Board of Ethics was simply trying to decide whether to investigate further about the need to "fine tune" the Town's procurement law. It was at this meeting that everyone on the Board of Ethics agreed that legal consultation was needed to help clarify the state's General Municipal Law and the Town's procurement law before proceeding.

At the January 12, 2016, Town Board work meeting, one of the co-chairs reported to the Town Board about the current inquiry in front of the Board of Ethics regarding whether or not the Town's procurement law needed revision. At no time during this report did the co-chair mention the names of anyone on the vouchers that were examined. However, that didn't stop the Town Board from making comments:

- A former Town Councilman came forward and said he thinks he is being targeted by the Board of Ethics because he sold two pieces of equipment to the Town while he was a councilman. He considers the Board of Ethics' action a political vendetta and unfair considering all he has done for the Town.
- This former Town Councilman as well as another Town Councilman called for the removal of the two Board of Ethics co-chairs from their positions.
- A Town Councilwoman stated that she would not vote to authorize payment to the attorneys to the town for their service to the Board of Ethics.
- The Town Supervisor admitted that she was unaware of a certain section of New York State General Municipal Law that was under discussion but that the Town benefitted from its actions and not only would not apologize for violating the law, but would do it again if the occasion presented itself.
- Two Town Councilwomen stated that they were not aware of the Board of Ethics meeting. [**Editor's Note:** This meeting was advertised as a legal notice in *The Altamont Enterprise* and was noted on the Community Calendar.]

This was certainly a lively meeting, one that might repeat itself at the February Town Board meetings. The Board of Ethics maintains that its focus is on the Town's procurement law; the Town Board interprets their activity as a personal attack on a former Town Councilman.

Stay tuned. Better yet, make plans to attend the February meetings and see how this issue is resolved.



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 Town Hall at 239-4225 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



Haven't received your property tax freeze credit check yet?

The state is still sending out the checks in waves that not based on address or school districts

Your check may still be on the way

To check on the status of your rebate, call the
New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

453-8146

Submitted by Jeffrey Pine, Assessor

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

PRESTON HOLLOW POST OFFICE: Phone 518-239-6111

(2930 ROUTE 145 PRESTON HOLLOW, NY 12469)

Retail Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am - 10:30am; 3:00pm - 5:00pm Sat 9:00am - 12:00pm

Last Collection Hours: Mon-Fri 5:00pm; Sat 12:00pm

Lobby Hours: Mon-Sat 12:01am - 11:59pm

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

RENSSELAERVILLE POST OFFICE: Phone 518-797-3231

(26 COUNTY ROUTE 353 RENSSELAERVILLE, NY 12147)

Retail Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am - 12:00pm Sat 8:00am - 11:00am

Last Collection Hours: Mon-Fri 4:15pm; Sat 11:30am

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

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



Did you know ...

...that the Town Board had four events scheduled for the month of January 2016? They were the organizational meeting on January 1, the work meeting on January 12, the regular monthly meeting on January 14, and the public hearing on the proposed zoning law on January 19. Our newest town board member was in attendance for only was of these events, the January 12 work meeting. No explanation was ever given to those in attendance for his absence from the other meetings scheduled for January.

From what we can ascertain, this person was not in attendance at any Town Board meeting prior to announcing his candidacy for this position, was not in attendance at Town Board meetings while campaigning for this position, did not attend any Town Board meetings after being elected but before his term of office officially began. And, at this point, has attended only 25% of the meetings for which he is being paid.

This record of commitment to his elected position does not bode well for his ability to represent the people of this Town in matters that come before the Town Board. We can only hope that the situation improves dramatically from this point forward.

Rensselaerville Library



Adult Coloring Book Club

2016 Schedule

Third Thursday of each Month

Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19

7:00 pm

Coloring is a great way to relax and give our creativity a boost. Coloring books designed especially for adults have more intricate designs and patterns.

WE provide:

- *Coloring pages*
- *Colored pencils*
- *Markers*
- *Crayons*
- *Or bring your own!*



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Library News



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

The Rensselaerville Library is a 501c3 non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Upcoming Library Events

Poetry group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7pm, February 9 and 23. Come share your work, receive feedback and spend time working on your own project. The Poetry group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month downstairs in the Library. For questions please contact Tom Corrado at tjc123@midtel.net

Thursday, February 11th join the writing group at 7pm to share your work and receive feedback or just spend a few hours working on your own project. The group meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month downstairs in the Library.

The Library Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17 at 7pm. Please note that this is a change to the regular Tuesday schedule. Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month except when noted. All Board meetings are held at the Library in the downstairs meeting room and are open to the public.

The Library Coloring Book Club for adults will meet on Thursday, February 18, at 7:00 pm (every third Thursday). Coloring is a great way to relax and give our creativity a boost. Coloring books designed especially for adults have more intricate designs and patterns. Coloring pages, colored pencils, markers and crayons will be available or bring your own.

The Library has two position openings. Library Page geared towards teens looking for a few hours of work after school to help manage the Library collection. The Youth Services Coordinator is a new position to provide programs for children, tweens, teens and their families. All application information can be found on the Library web site or at the Library. <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/staff.html>

Did you miss out on the IndieGoGo Haiku Project campaign? Our supply of bandannas (\$10) and dish towels (\$25) are here. We also have a special package of all the Haiku items for \$40. You are supporting the Library 100% with every purchase.

The holiday season is over but you can continue to support the Library throughout the year with all of your shopping on Amazon. Support the Library through Amazon's Smile Program. Visit <http://smile.amazon.com> and select the charity you would like to support. The Amazon Smile Foundation donates 0.5% of the eligible purchase price. Thank you to all who have already selected the Library.

The Board of Trustees of the Rensselaerville Library would like to thank everyone who completed the survey to assist with updating the Library's long-range plan. We are in the process of compiling all of the results.

Coming in 2016 Library card holders will be able to use Gale Virtual Reference Library and BookFix an online service for children. Visit our web site and click on the links on the left hand side. Gale Virtual Ref-

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erence Library provides access to GED, SAT, college resources, 3d printing information, computer programming, history information, diet resources and so much more. BookFlix is an online collection of classic video storybooks with related nonfiction resources. Visit BookFlix to enter a world of knowledge and exploration.

The Library has a Museum Pass to the Clark. The pass is good for one adult admission to the Clark. Check it out with your Library card.

Hilltown Home-School Families - The new home-school group meets every Tuesday from 11-12:30 in the Library's downstairs arts & crafts room. At each meeting, parents are asked to come prepared to lead a fun "activity station" for the children. Just show up on Tuesday with your home-school children.

Did you know the Library has a mini gift shop? We have Rensselaerville historical books, tote bags, post cards, note cards, honey, RVFD beer mugs etc.

Did you know that the Library has an email newsletter? The email provides information on Library services, resources, events and programs. We also include a brief calendar of community events. Not on the Library email list? Sign up here <http://rensselaervillelibrary.us1.list-manage1.com/subscribe?u=ff334a8359a3abb5b1f3342f2&id=14a36c9661>

Did you know that the Rensselaerville Historical Society's Research Team works in the Library during the winter months? You can find them downstairs in the meeting room on Wednesdays from 10:30 – 2pm

*Library Hours: Closed Sunday and Monday
Tuesday & Wednesday: 10am – Noon & 4– 9pm
Thursday & Friday: 4– 9pm
Saturday: 9– 1pm*



Move Breathe Relax

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

Classes Open to All at Conkling Hall in Rensselaerville

Sarah Nelson Weiss, CYT
savitrisarah@gmail.com, 518.817.8720

Fees: Wed Pilates—\$7.00
All Others—\$12.00
10 Classes—\$100.00

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Greenville Library

Feb 2, 16	Lego Fun! (Ages 4 & Up)	3-4:00 pm
Feb 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25	Chess Club (Small community room)	11 am-1 pm
Feb 2, 9, 16, 23	Toddler Time w/Devon Balta (For infants, toddlers, preschoolers)	11-11:45am
Feb 3, 10, 17, 24	Greenville Quilters Meet in small community room All welcome. No experience necessary, will teach	1:00-3:00pm
Feb 3	Birds of Prey (Large community room)	6:00 pm
Feb 4, 11, 18, 25	Toddler Time Two w/Devon Balta (For infants, toddlers, preschoolers)	10-10:45am
Feb 4, 11, 18, 25	Tax Filing Help (Call for appointment)	9am-5pm
Mar 1, 15	Lego Fun! (Ages 4 & Up)	3-4:00 pm
Apr 12, 26	Lego Fun! (Ages 4 & Up)	3-4:00 pm
May 3, 17	Lego Fun! (Ages 4 & Up)	3-4:00 pm

Contact Information: Greenville Public Library
11177 Route 32
PO Box 8 Greenville, NY 12083
Phone: 518-966-8205
Email: greenvillelibrary@outlook.com

Hours: Monday & Wednesday: 9:00am - 5:00pm Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00am - 6:00pm
Friday: 12:00pm - 5:00pm Saturday: 9:00am - 1:00pm
Sunday: Closed

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Middleburgh Library

Feb 2, 9, 23	Drop-In Story Time	10:45 am
Feb 2, 9, 16, 23	Mahjong Mania	1:00 pm
Feb 2, 9, 16, 23	Insight Meditation	5:15 pm
Feb 3, 10, 17, 24	Chair Yoga (CR)	9:00 am
Feb 3, 10, 17, 24	Discovery Wednesday	11:00 am
Feb 3, 10, 24	Wednesday Matinee	1:00 pm
Feb 4, 11	Beginning Tai Chi	10:00-11:00
Feb 4, 11	Advanced Tai Chi	11:00-12:00
Feb 4, 11, 18, 25	Knitting Circle	7:00 pm
Feb 5, 19	Homeschool Group	10:00 am
Feb 8	Board of Trustees Meeting	6:30 pm
Feb 10, 24	Kundalini Yoga	5:00 pm
Feb 11	How Green Was My Valley: Film & Discussion	6:00 pm
Feb 13	Sweets for the Sweet, Kid's Dessert Cook-Off	11:30-2pm
Feb 13	Adult Board Games (C.R.)	3-10 p.m.
Feb 16	Clifford at the Library	11:00 am
Feb 17	Family Film: Minions	1:00 pm
Feb 16	Book Discussion: Lord of the Flies	7:00 pm
Feb 25	Sushi Workshop for Homeschoolers	1:00 pm

For information about any of the events listed above, please click on the link below. It will take you to the Middleburgh Library events calendar where you will find descriptions of these events.

<http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=8616&thisMonth=1&thisYear=2016>

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

Library News

Rensselaerville Library Job Opening Library Page

Job Description: This position involves performing routine library clerical duties necessary for the proper organization and distribution of library materials and providing direct services to the public while maintaining confidentiality. Library Pages routinely participate in the following activities: customer service at library circulation desk, handling routine circulation functions, collection of fines and fees, searching and updating patron records, stack maintenance, and a variety of other activities. On the job training is provided under the supervision of higher-level personnel.

Required Skills and Abilities: This position requires strong interpersonal skills, particularly tact and courtesy in dealing with the public and coworkers, a working knowledge of general office procedures, the ability to handle money, strong computer skills and familiarity with other types of technology, the ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions, a good sense of humor, and a positive work attitude.

Qualifications:

Must be 14 years of age or older. Must provide proof of age if under 18.

Must possess or be able to obtain a Student General Employment Certificate (Working Papers) - known as AT-18 (ages 14-15) or AT-19 (ages 16-17).

Work Schedule:

This position requires working 1-2 evening hours while the Library is open and as permitted by NYS Child Labor Laws. The position includes the possibility of more hours on the evenings and weekends to accommodate the needs of the Library when a substitute is required.

Pay Rate: \$9.00 per hour.

Application information:

Applications for this position are available online and at the Library. Applications and a cover letter reflecting your interest to work at the Library will be accepted until February 12, 2016 and can be submitted in person at the Library.

Submit your completed application to:

Kim Graff

Rensselaerville Library

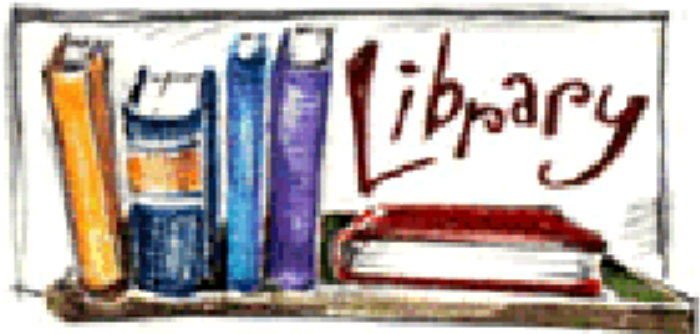
P.O. Box 188

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Library News

Rensselaerville Library Job Opening Youth Services Coordinator

Rensselaerville Library is looking for an energetic, enthusiastic and engaging Youth Services Coordinator to assist children, young adults and families in the use of library materials, equipment and resources, and to conduct programs. This new position reports to the Library Director, but exercises considerable independence in carrying out the duties of the position.

Job Summary:

Under the supervision of the Library Director, the Youth Service Coordinator creates, coordinates, publicizes, and delivers library programs for children, young adults and families. The coordinator assists with children, tween, teen and parenting collections, reference, reader's advisory, routine computer and internet use questions.

Qualifications: A Bachelor's degree with a major or concentration in Education, Library Science, English or related field. One year of professional library experience or other work with children is desired. You will be part of a small staff, so working well with others is critical, be motivated and self-directed enough to work without close supervision. Most importantly, you must be passionate about working with children and their families.

Work Schedule: Six hours per week, hours are flexible based on programing and Library service hours for the week.

Pay Rate: \$12 - \$13 depending on experience

Application Information: Position information and application materials can be found on our web site at www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/staff.html or at the Library. Submit your completed job application, resume, and a cover letter reflecting your particular strengths for this position by February 12, 2016.

Submit to:

Kim Graff

Rensselaerville Library

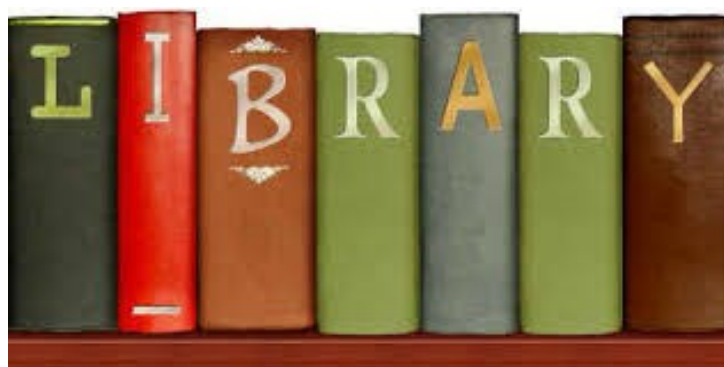
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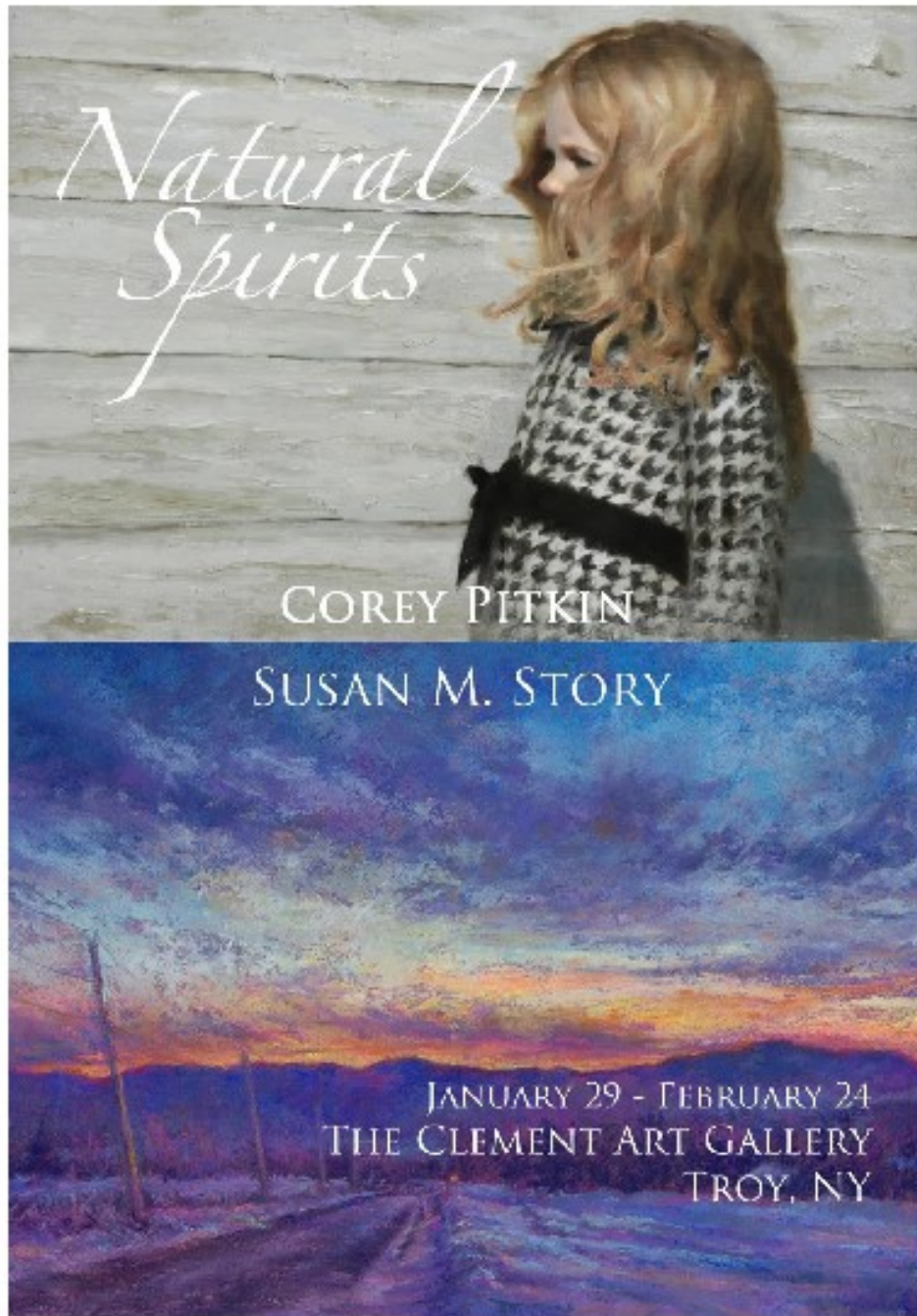
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Clement Art Gallery
201 Broadway, Troy, NY
[518-272-6811](tel:518-272-6811)

Break out your sweet tooth and get ready to win!

**Kids'
Dessert Cookoff**

Sweets for the Sweet!

**Saturday • February 13
11:30am-1:30pm**

Kids ages 10 to 18 cook/bake their own sweet treats at home and serve them up at the library. It's free to enter the competition, but you must preregister with an adult by Wednesday, February 10. We'll need a list of ingredients for your treat when you register, so we can accommodate folks with food allergies. Please sign up at the library. Prizes awarded by age group: 10-12, 13-15, and 16-18.

\$5 for a plateful of desserts to sample. Beverages available for \$1.

Vote from Noon to 1:30 p.m.



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Middleburgh, NY 18188
(618) 827-6148
www.middleburghlibrary.info

Questions?

Contact Rebecca Young-Cherizard
at veggiemamma@yahoo.com
or (518) 827-4946

Proceeds benefit Middleburgh Library

On The Calendar

Feb 7	11:00am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services All are Welcome!	
Feb 9	12 noon	Rensselaerville Seniors Club meeting & lunch	Medusa Firehouse
Feb 9	4:30-7:30pm	RVFD Chili & Cornbread (See flyer on page 23 in this newsletter.)	RVFD Firehouse
Feb 9	7:00pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
Feb 11	7:00pm	Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting	Town Hall
Feb 14		Valentine's Day	
Feb 15		President's Day	
Feb 14	11:00am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services All are Welcome!	
Feb 20	7am-11am	Medusa Fire Department Breakfast Free will offering	Medusa Firehouse
Feb 21	11:00am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services All are Welcome!	
Feb 28	11:00am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services All are Welcome!	
Mar 5	9am-3pm	Winter/Easter Rummage Sale #1	Medusa Church
Mar 8	12 noon	Rensselaerville Seniors Club meeting & lunch	Medusa Firehouse
Mar 15		NYS Annual Burn Ban Begins	
Mar 19	7am-11am	Medusa Fire Department Breakfast Free will offering	Medusa Firehouse
Mar 19	8am-12pm	Winter/Easter Rummage Sale #2	Medusa Church

Please note that copies of the Town Newsletter are in box in front of Medusa Fire House.

Please get events to Bill Moore by phone – 239-4843; e-mail – whmoore44@yahoo.com or mail to – 11 CR 351, Medusa, NY 12120

RVFD News

The Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company would like to thank Medusa Fire, Tri-Village Fire, Westerlo Fire, Albany County EMS, Albany County Sheriff's Department, Albany County DPW and Rensselaerville Highway for their help with the January 6th structure fire.

Still need a New Year's Resolution? Maybe we can help! Help out the community and join the fire department. We welcome you to stop by one of our meetings. Battalion meetings are first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm, Company Drills first two Mondays at 7:00 pm and Company meeting last Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm. This can be the resolution that you keep & make a difference!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tuesday, February 9th – 4:30 – 7:30 pm (see ad) **Chili & cornbread take out dinner.**
- March 15th – **NYS Annual Burn Ban begins.**

Contact Information for Elected Officials & Department Heads

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Town Councilwoman	Margaret Sedlmeir	msedlmeir@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilman	Gerald Wood	gwood@rensselaerville.com
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Zoning Board of Appeals	John Mormile	spfleging@rensselaerville.com
Board of Ethics	Diana Hinchcliff Georgette Koenig	ethicsboard@rensselaerville.com
Dog Control Officer	Cheryl Baitsholts	Phone: 797-5201
Refuse/Recycling Coordinator	Jon Whitbeck	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798 Fax: 239-6339
Town Hall		Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798 Fax: 239-6339



A Note from Jeff Pine

Happy and prosperous New Year to all!

I extend a special thanks to the voters for electing me to the office of assessor. I am looking forward to using my 13+ years of experience to serve the residents of Rensselaerville fairly and professionally. Feel free to stop by the assessors' office on Thursday nights with any questions or concerns. Keep in mind we work for you, the taxpayers, and we are all in this together.

The Back Page

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As always, we ask that you make a copy or two of this newsletter to share with friends and neighbors who may not have Internet access. Our readership continues to grow, but we invite others to sign on by sending their email address to rvillenewsletter@gmail.com. We look forward to getting your feedback.



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