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Draft Minutes, Town Board End-of-Year Meeting, December 27, 2018

The Final Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 27th day of December 2018 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Deputy Supervisor John Dolce and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Deputy Supervisor John Dolce, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman Jason Rauf, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates and eight interested citizens.

The following resolutions were addressed:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, John Dolce is a member of the Town Board and Deputy Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, John Dolce submits his resignation as Town Board member, while continuing as Deputy Town Supervisor pursuant to Section 42 of the Town Law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that the resignation of John Dolce as Town Board member is accepted, effective immediately.

By motion made by Marion Cooke and seconded by Jason Rauf, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 27th day of December, 2018 as follows:

<u>Town Board Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/Abstain</u>
Supervisor - VACANT			
John Dolce, Deputy Town Supervisor			ABSTAIN
Marion Cooke, Councilwoman	X		
Jason Rauf, Councilman	X		
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman	X		

End Resolution

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RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville previously accepted the resignation of Steven Pflieger as Town Supervisor, and the office is now vacant; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 64(5) of the Town Law, the Town Board may appoint a person to fill the vacancy in an elected office, and the person so appointed shall hold office until the commencement of the calendar year next succeeding the first annual election at which the vacancy may be filled; and

WHEREAS, John Dolce has resigned as Town Board member and is qualified to hold office in the Town; and

WHEREAS, John Dolce submits his resignation as Deputy Town Supervisor, to be effective concurrent with filing the oath of office as Town Supervisor;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that (1) John Dolce is appointed Town Supervisor, pursuant to Section 64(5) of the Town Law, which appointment shall be effective upon the filing the oath of office and undertaking as Town Supervisor, and he shall hold office until the commencement of the calendar year next succeeding the first annual election at which the vacancy may be filled; and (2) John Dolce's resignation as Deputy Town Supervisor is accepted, effective upon his filing of the oath of office and undertaking as Town Supervisor.

By motion made by Jason Rauf 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 27th day of December, 2018 as follows:

<u>Town Board Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/Abstain</u>
Supervisor - VACANT			
John Dolce, Deputy Town Supervisor			ABSTAIN
Marion Cooke, Councilwoman	X		
Jason Rauf, Councilman	X		
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman	X		
	End Resolution		

Town Clerk Kraker swore in John Dolce as Town Supervisor.

RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, Jason Rauf is a member of the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town board has appointed John Dolce as Town Supervisor, effective upon his filing the oath of office, concurrent with which his resignation as Deputy Town Supervisor shall be effective and the office of Deputy Town Supervisor shall be vacant; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 42 of the Town Law, the Town Board may appoint as Deputy Supervisor a person qualified to hold elective office in the Town; and

WHEREAS, Jason Rauf is qualified to hold elective office in the Town;

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that, pursuant to Section 42 of the Town Law, Jason Rauf is appointed Deputy Supervisor, effective concurrently with the office’s becoming vacant and his filing of the oath of office and undertaking as Deputy Supervisor.

By motion made by Margaret Sedlmeir 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 27th day of December, 2018 as follows:

<u>Town Board Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/Abstain</u>
John Dolce, Town Supervisor	X		
Marion Cooke, Councilwoman	X		
Jason Rauf, Councilman			ABSTAIN
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman	X		
End Resolution			

Town Clerk Kraker swore in Jason Rauf as Deputy Town Supervisor.

Supervisor Dolce read Brian Wood’s resignation as Zoning Board of Appeals member, which is effective immediately.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept Brian Wood’s resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, with the resignation of John Dolce as Town Board member, the seat that he held is now vacant; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 64(5) of the Town Law, the Town Board may appoint a person to fill the vacancy in an elected office, and the person so appointed shall hold office until the commencement of the calendar year next succeeding the first annual election at which the vacancy may be filled; and

WHEREAS, Brian Wood is an elector qualified to hold office in the Town;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that pursuant to Section 64(5) of the Town Law, Brian Wood is appointed as Town Board member to the seat previously held by John Dolce, effective upon the filing of the oath of office, and he shall hold office until the commencement of the calendar year next succeeding the first annual election at which the vacancy may be filled.

By motion made by John Dolce 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 27th day of December, 2018 as follows:

<u>Town Board Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/Abstain</u>
John Dolce, Town Supervisor	X		
Marion Cooke, Councilwoman	X		
Jason Rauf, Councilman	X		
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman	X		

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Town Clerk Kraker swore in Brian Wood as Councilmember.

TRANSFERS

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the following Budget Transfers for the purpose of paying for the excavator:

- * From 'Gas/Oil' DA5110E 44102 to 'Trucks' DA5131E 22450 in the amount of \$14,082.30;
- * From 'Misc. Equipment' DA5131E 22999 to 'Trucks' DA5131E 22450 in the amount of \$10,727.89;
- * From 'Equipment Rental' DA5131E 44078 to 'Trucks' DA5131E 22450 in the amount \$5,000.00

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Dolce.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the following Budget Amendments for the purpose of paying for the excavator:

- * From 'Fema [sic] Irene' 4187 to 'Trucks' DA5131E 22450 in the amount of \$50,000.00; and
- * From 'Highway Equipment Reserve Fund' 7139 to 'Trucks' DA5131E 22450 in the amount of \$49,338.16

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Dolce.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the following transfer:

- * From 'Highway Accrual Savings' DA 5110E 17221 to 'Accrual Reserve' in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of covering retirement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - \$ 14,243.05; Highway Fund - \$28,781.83; Sewer Fund - \$57.90; T&A Fund - \$6,077.65. Total Abstracts - \$ 49,160.43

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to pay all signed vouchers and bills; 2nd by Supervisor Dolce.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Dolce and the Town Board would like to set up a meeting with the accountant before signing the new contract.
2. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to authorize the Supervisor to sign the service contract with I.T. S. for 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to leave the 2018 books open until February 28, 2019; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

2. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to adjust the wages for the Substitute Recycling Coordinator with a CDL to \$13/hour and non-CDL to \$12/hour. This change will take effect on January 1, 2019. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Dolce.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

3. Supervisor Dolce read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE [sic]
TOWN BOARD

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WHEREAS, the Town Board has accepted the resignation of Steven Pflieger as Town Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes that the Office of the State Comptroller conduct an audit in the wake of the resignation of Town Supervisor Steven Pflieger;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that the Town board hereby requests that the Office of the State Comptroller conduct an audit in the wake of the resignation of Town Supervisor Steven Pflieger and authorizes the Attorney for the Town to submit a written request for such an audit.

By motion made by Margaret Sedlmeir and seconded by John Dolce, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 27th day of December, 2018 as follows:

Town Board Member	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain
John Dolce, Town Supervisor	X		
Marion Cooke, Councilwoman	X		
Jason Rauf, Councilman	X		
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman	X		
Brian Wood, Councilman	X		

End Resolution

4. Town Clerk Kraker announced that Kathryn Wank, who has served as the Deputy Town Clerk for 5 years will be taking on a new part-time job. Kathy has offered to continue to work a few hours in the mornings as her schedule allows, at least until the end of February to assist the Town Clerk through the Property Tax season.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Questions have arisen in regards to what changes will be made to the check issuing process. Supervisor Dolce as well as the Town Board would like to visit the idea of a payroll service. The Albany County Comptroller’s Office will be speaking at the January 8, 2019 Work Meeting in this regard and will also be addressing other aspects relating to procedures.

Another concern was over insurance coverage. Councilman Rauf explained that the Town has filed a notice of possible loss, but has not yet submitted a claim. When the investigation is complete the Town will determine what the next step will be.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm; 2nd by Supervisor Dolce.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



Draft Minutes, Town Board Organizational Meeting, January 2, 2019

The Organizational Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 2nd day of January, 2019, at 7 o'clock in the evening. The meeting was convened by Supervisor John Dolce and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor John Dolce, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman Jason Rauf, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Brian Wood, Town Clerk Victoria Kraker

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, Town Justice Ronald Bates, Town Justice Muriel Frasher, and ten interested citizens.

The term of office for the following appointments is January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, unless otherwise noted.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR – Supervisor Dolce moved that Jason Rauf be appointed Deputy Supervisor; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Dolce, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0); Abstains (1) Rauf

ATTORNEY TO THE TOWN – Supervisor Dolce moved that Tabner, Ryan and Keniry, LLP be appointed Attorneys for the Town; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

CLERK 1 TO SUPERVISOR (Bookkeeper) – Supervisor Dolce moved that Linda McCormick be appointed Clerk 1 to Supervisor/Bookkeeper; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

ACCOUNTANT TO THE TOWN – Supervisor Dolce moved that the appointment of Accountant to the Town be tabled until the Town Board can hold a meeting with Pattison, Kosky, Howe and Bucci, CPA's. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

TOWN VETERINARIAN – Supervisor Dolce moved that Dr. Diane Biederman be appointed Town Veterinarian; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

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

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Abstains (1) Wood

CRITICAL INCIDENT OFFICER - Supervisor Dolce moved that Gerald Wood be appointed Critical Incident Officer; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Abstains (1) Wood

DEPUTY TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - Supervisor Dolce moved that Charles Welsch be appointed Deputy Town Highway Superintendent/Time Keeper; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

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

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

WATER TREATMENT OFFICER - Supervisor Dolce moved that John Rice be appointed Water Treatment Officer; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

DEPUTY WATER TREATMENT OFFICER – Supervisor Dolce moved that William Loetterle be appointed Deputy Water Treatment Officer; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

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SEWAGE TREATMENT OFFICER – Supervisor Dolce moved that John Rice be appointed Sewage Treatment Officer; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

DEPUTY SEWAGE TREATMENT OFFICER – Supervisor Dolce moved that William Loetterle be appointed Deputy Sewage Treatment Officer; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE MEMBER – term of 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2023 TBA

RENSELAERVILLE WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE – TERMS

Daniel Ballinger	11/09/2017 – 12/31/2019
Thomas Delp	01/01/2016 – 12/31/2020
William Benson	01/01/2017 – 12/31/2021
Rebecca Platel	01/01/2018 – 12/31/2022
TBA_____	01/01/2019 – 12/31/2023

COURT OFFICER – Supervisor Dolce moved that Richard Simons be appointed Court Officer; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

CLERK 2 TO ASSESSORS – Supervisor Dolce moved that Debra Baxter be appointed Clerk 2 for the Assessors; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

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

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

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

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

SUBSTITUTE REFUSE/RECYCLING OFFICER – Supervisor Dolce moved that John Wilber be appointed Substitute Recycling/Refuse Coordinator; 2nd Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

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

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

PLANNING BOARD – Supervisor Dolce moved that Walter Cook be appointed to the Planning Board, term 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2025; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

PLANNING BOARD TERMS

Richard Amedure	01/01/2013 – 12/31/2019
Travis Smigel	01/01/2014 – 12/31/2020
Laura Bates	05/26/2016 – 12/31/2021
Dorothea Cotter	01/01/2016 – 12/31/2022
Sherri Pine	01/01/2017 – 12/31/2023

Maryanne Overbaugh 01/01/2018 – 12/31/2024

Walter Cook 01/01/2019 – 12/31/2025

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

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

PLANNING BOARD/ZONING BOARD CLERK – Supervisor Dolce moved that Diane De Santo be appointed Planning Board/Zoning Board Clerk; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR – Supervisor Dolce moved that Edwin Lawson be appointed Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

CLERK TO CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR – Supervisor Dolce moved that Debra Baxter be appointed Clerk to the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER – TBA

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – TERMS

Anthony Guadagno	01/01/2015 – 12/31/2019
Bradley Chase	01/01/2016 – 12/31/2020
David Winans	01/01/2017 – 12/31/2021
Anthony Higgins	01/01/2018 – 12/31/2022
TBA	01/01/2019 – 12/31/2023

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CHAIRMAN – Supervisor Dolce moved Anthony Guadagno be appointed Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

BOARD OF ETHICS – Supervisor Dolce moved that John Mormile be appointed Board of Ethics member, term to be 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2023; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

BOARD OF ETHICS TERMS

Maryanne Overbaugh	02/12/2014 – 12/31/2019
Allyn Wright	01/01/2016 – 12/31/2020
Donald Britton, Sr.	01/01/2017 – 12/31/2021
Douglas Lansing	01/01/2018 – 12/31/2022
John Mormile	01/01/2019 – 12/31/2023

BOARD OF ETHICS CHAIRPERSON – Supervisor Dolce moved that Maryanne Overbaugh be appointed Board of Ethics Chairperson, 2nd by Councilman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW (GRIEVANCE BOARD) – TERMS

Bradley Chase	10/01/2015 – 09/30/2019
Eric Sutton	10/01/2017 – 09/30/2022
Scott Whitbeck	10/01/2018 – 09/30/2023

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

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

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

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

COURT CLERKS – Supervisor Dolce moved that Sally Lounsbury and Diane De Santo be appointed Court Clerks; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

RECORDS INVENTORY CLERK – Supervisor Dolce moved that Kathryn Wank be appointed Records Inventory Clerk; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

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

MILEAGE – Supervisor Dolce moved that the mileage rate per mile for all Town employees be set at 58 cents per mile; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER – Supervisor Dolce 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 Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

DEPOSITORIES – Supervisor Dolce moved that the Bank of Greene County be designated by individual officers for depositing funds; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

MEETING DATE – Supervisor Dolce moved that the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm be the official meeting date for Regular Town Board meetings and that the Tuesday preceding said Thursday at 7:00 pm be the official meeting date for the Work meetings; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

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

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

SENIOR SERVICES COORDINATOR – Supervisor Dolce moved that Ann Vogel be appointed Senior Services Coordinator; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

ASSISTANT SENIOR SERVICES COORDINATOR – Supervisor Dolce moved that Thomas Snyder be appointed Assistant Senior Services Coordinator; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

INVESTMENT POLICY- It is the consensus of the Board to table decisions on the investment policy.

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 Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0); Abstains (1) Dolce

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 by the Town at the agreed wage, by the hour, day, week, month or year and

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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 Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0); Abstains (1) Dolce

WAGES – Supervisor Dolce moved that the following wage, salary and schedule of payments be adopted for the year 2019:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>ANNUAL SALARY</u>	<u>PAID</u>
Town Council (4 @ \$3,500 each)	\$14,000	Monthly
Town Justice (2 @ \$9,450 each)	\$18,900	Weekly
Town Supervisor	\$14,500	Monthly
Town Clerk/Collector	\$34,000	Weekly
Assessors (3)		
Uncertified	\$4,835	Monthly
Certified	\$6,235	Monthly
Chairman	\$6,735	Monthly
Attorney for the Town	\$36,000	Quarterly
Code Enforcement/Building Insp.	\$14,930	Monthly
Dog Control Officer	\$5,140	Monthly
Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$580	Annually
Superintendent of Highways	\$46,316	Weekly
Court Officer	\$1,456	Monthly
Water Treatment Officer		
Uncertified	\$9,000	Monthly
Certified	\$10,000	Monthly
Deputy (\$17.00/hr.**)	\$2,040	Monthly
Sewage Treatment Officer	\$5,000	Monthly
Deputy (\$17.00/hr.**)	\$1,040	Monthly
Water Rent Collector	\$400	Annually

HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PAID PER HOUR</u>	<u>PAID</u>
Deputy	\$20.81	Weekly
Truck Driver (CDL)	\$20.01	Weekly
Seasonal Help CDL	\$18.00	Weekly
Non-CDL	\$16.00	Weekly
Seasonal – Former Union Worker for the Town of Rensselaerville:	\$20.01	Weekly

RECYCLING DEPARTMENT

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PAID PER HOUR</u>	<u>PAID</u>
Recycling Coordinator	\$38,949.72 (Annual Salary)	Weekly
Substitute (CDL)	\$13.00	Weekly
Substitute (Non-CDL)	\$12.00	Weekly

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<u>POSITION</u>	<u>ADMINISTRATION</u> <u>ANNUAL WAGES</u>	<u>PAID</u>
Clerk 1 (\$20.35/hr.)	\$23,670	Weekly
Clerk 2 – Assessors (\$15.00/hr.)	\$10,500	Weekly
Deputy Town Clerk (\$13.00/hr.)	\$13,500	Weekly
Justice Clerk (2) (\$2,900.00 each – salaried)	\$5,800	Monthly
Planning Board Secretary (\$13.00/hr.)	\$3,500	Weekly
Zoning Secretary (\$13.00/hr.)	\$1,000	Weekly
Bldg. Inspector Clerk A (\$13.00/hr.)	\$3,280	Weekly
Clerk to Superintendent (\$13.00/hr.)	\$4,000	Monthly

BUILDINGS

Hired Cleaning Service (Paid Sub-Contractor)	\$2,000	Annually
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2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

BONDED OFFICIALS –

Councilwoman Cooke moved that Supervisor Dolce be bonded, 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0); Abstains (1) Dolce

Councilwoman Sedlmeir moved that Councilman Rauf be bonded, 2nd by Supervisor Dolce.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Dolce, Cooke, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0); Abstains (1) Rauf

Councilwoman Sedlmeir moved that the following officials be bonded; Town Justice Ronald J. Bates, Town Justice Muriel Frasher, Court Clerk Sally Lounsbury, Court Clerk/Planning Board/Zoning Board Clerk Diane De Santo, Superintendent Randy Bates, Town Clerk/Collector Victoria Kraker, Deputy Town Clerk/Collector Kathryn Wank, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Edwin Lawson, Building Inspector Clerk A Debra Baxter, and Clerk 1/Bookkeeper Linda McCormick; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

2018 PAYMENTS – Councilwoman Sedlmeir moved that the 2018 books remain open until February 28, 2019 in order to pay any remaining 2018 bills, 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

OATHS OF OFFICE – Town Justice Ronald Bates and Town Justice Muriel Frasher swore the following appointed officials into office: Richard Amedure, Brian Wood, Gerald Wood and Jon Whitbeck.

ADJOURNMENT –A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm, 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk

Draft Minutes, Town Board Work Meeting, January 8, 2019

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 8th day of January 2019 at 7:00 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor John Dolce and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor John Dolce, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman Jason Rauf, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Brian Wood, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Clerk 1/Bookkeeper Linda McCormick and 19 interested citizens.

ALBANY COUNTY COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

Anthony Fontanelli from the Albany County Comptroller's Office spoke on a few services the County could offer the Town and stressed having written procedures in place.

PATTISON, KOSKY, HOWE & BUCCI, CPA's

Brad Cummings and Nicole Andrews from Pattison, Kosky, Howe & Bucci, CPAs spoke on the services they currently provide to the Town and also what they could offer in the future.

MINUTES: Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on January 10, 2019:

- December 7, 2018 – Emergency Meeting
- December 11, 2018 – Work Meeting
- December 12, 2018 – Emergency Meeting
- December 13, 2018 – Regular Meeting

TRANSFERS, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS: Transfers will be addressed at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

CORRESPONDENCE: Any correspondence will be presented on Thursday.

REPORTS

The regular reports from the Supervisor, Attorney, Highway Department, Town Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector, Assessors, Water/Sewer Committee, Recycling Center, and Library will be given at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Rauf will give the Board an update on the progress of the Solar Committee at the Regular Meeting.
2. Supervisor Dolce will address the status of Weston & Sampson on Thursday.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Authorization to allow the Town of Westerlo use of the Senior/Youth Bus for their annual banquet will be needed at the Regular Meeting.
2. Sexual Harassment training will be reviewed at the Regular Meeting.
3. The Investment Policy will be reviewed on Thursday.
4. The Board will review their status with Cintas.
5. Authorization to advertise for a Zoning Board of Appeals member will be needed on Thursday.
6. It has been the policy of the Town that any official/employee may attend the Association of Towns Annual Meeting, but it would be at his/her own expense.

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7. Authorization to collect Water & Sewer Rents will be needed.
8. Authorization to sign the Shared Services Agreement with Westerlo for the car & bus will be needed.
9. Authorization to sign the contracts for the three Fire Companies will be needed.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Marie Dermody noted that on the Organizational Meeting minutes under Wage & Salary, "Seasonal" workers should apply to summer seasonal as well as winter seasonal workers.

Dottie Verch inquired into the subject of time clocks and discussion ensued over upgraded time clocks and alternatives to time keeping.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 pm; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



Draft Minutes, Town Board Regular Meeting, January 10, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 10th day of January 2019 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor John Dolce and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Attorney Thomas Fallati, Supervisor John Dolce, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman Jason Rauf, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Brian Wood, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Ed Lawson, Assessors Donna Kropp and Kathy Wank, and eight interested citizens.

BRENT THOMPSON

Brent Thompson gave the Board an update on the status of the Park Police Training Academy which, last year, constructed a shooting range. An Article 78 proceeding was brought against them and they were subsequently shut down due to non-compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act. The Park Police settled just before going to Court, agreeing to: 1. They would not shoot at the range; 2. If they wished to re-open the range, they would do a full environmental impact statement and incorporate a

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Public Hearing, and; 3. They would notify the plaintiff's lawyer if they chose to move forward. They have since been under scrutiny for having begun shooting again for the purpose of noise testing – an alleged violation of the agreement, and they have ceased shooting. Mr. Thompson is pretty certain they are going forward with a new environmental impact statement in an effort to re-open the range. Mr. Thompson encouraged the Board to contact the Park's attorney and ask that the Town be kept up to date on the status of the Environmental Impact Statement and request that the Public Hearing be held in the Town of Rensselaerville as opposed to Saratoga.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2018 – Emergency Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Cooke, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Abstain (2) Rauf and Wood

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 – Work Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Abstain (1) Wood

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2018 – Emergency Meeting, adding that Attorney Fallati was also present. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Abstain (1) Wood

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2018 - Regular Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Abstain (2) Cooke and Wood

TRANSFERS: None

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - \$ 33,147.72; Highway Fund - \$104,314.06; Fire Protection Fund - \$29,100.00; Lighting District - \$685.18; Sewer Fund - \$1,705.40; Water Fund – \$305.91; T&A Fund - \$825.17. Total Abstracts: \$170,083.44

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

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR

1. Supervisor Dolce will meet with Marshall & Sterling to go over the details of Town's insurance policy.
2. The firefighter's cancer coverage will be fine-tuned.
3. The Solid Waste contract has been received and will be presented at the February meeting.
4. Supervisor Dolce wished to thank everyone who has helped in his transition over the course of the past several weeks.
5. Supervisor Dolce also wished to thank Dan Benvenuto for assisting Jon Whitbeck at the Recycling Center the day the compactor broke down.
6. Supervisor Dolce will have office hours from 9:00 am to noon on Mondays and will be available other times as well, by appointment.

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

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

ATTORNEY

1. Attorney Fallati reported that all the paperwork has been finalized for the transfer of the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance. The deed has been submitted to the Albany County Clerk's Office and the funds will be submitted to the Town.

2. Marshall & Sterling Insurance Co. has submitted a 'Reservation of Rights' letter which acknowledges the alleged loss of funds from the Town. Attorney Fallati noted that the supplementary accounting fees as a result of the loss may be requested in addition to the amount of lost funds. The Town also reserves the right to supplement the claim in the event that additional losses are discovered. Tabner, Ryan & Keniry will not be charging any additional fees for their services.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to authorize Attorney Fallati to contact the State Comptroller's office to request a full audit of the Town's books; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize Attorney Fallati to submit any additional information and/or documentation in support of the Town's pending insurance claim. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept the Attorney's report; 2nd by Supervisor Dolce.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent Bates reported that almost half the winter season is over; the equipment is ready to go and the salt shed is full.

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

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of December as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$497.00. Paid to the Supervisor - \$397.08 - the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$48.08; Recycling - \$68.00; Dog Licenses - \$91.00; Building Permits - \$50.00; Title Searches - \$140.00. Total: \$397.08

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$13.00

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$86.92

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept the Town Clerk's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

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CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Lawson submitted reports for both November and December, noting that he had still been familiarizing himself with the software program, but has now worked through it. His office continues to close out outstanding permits, issue Certificates of Occupancy and archive records.

For the month of November Officer Lawson reported three New Accessory Building permits; one New Home Construction Permit; and one Certificate of Occupancy.

For the month of December, one Deck permit was issued.

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

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

ASSESSORS

1. Assessor Kropp reported that the Assessor's Office has begun the process of preparing the 2019 Tax Roll. Letters for Enhanced Star, Senior Citizen, Disability and Agricultural exemptions have been mailed out. The deadline for submission is March 1st.

2. Assessor Kropp reminded everyone of the changes to the Enhanced Star program. A renewal form must be filled out, documentation of income for 2017 must be provided, and the IVP (Income Verification Program) form must be completed. Anyone turning 65 at any point this year should come see the Assessor's office before March 1st.

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

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE

Town Clerk Kraker read a written report submitted by John Rice, Water/Sewer Treatment Officer, as follows:

For the month of November:

The Water Treatment Plant filtered 465,700 gallons – a daily average of 15,523 gallons.

The Sewer Treatment Plant pumped 363,240 gallons – a daily average of 12,108 gallons.

For the month of December:

The Water Treatment Plant filtered 374,800 gallons - a daily average of 11,219 gallons.

The Sewer Treatment Plant pumped 219,600 gallons - a daily average of 7,804 gallons.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dolce to accept the Water/Sewer Committee's written reports; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

REFUSE/RECYCLING

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of December as follows:

Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 2.42 tons; City of Albany Landfill: 66.51 tons; Sierra Fibers: 5.90 tons; comingled and 6.22 tons old cardboard containers; Oil: 23 gallons; Tires: 26

Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported that the cost of the landfill is going up from \$52 to \$62 per ton.

2. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck presented his annual report as follows:

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Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 66.34 tons; City of Albany Landfill: 749.46 tons; Sierra Fibers: 66.19 tons; comingled and 76.44 tons old cardboard containers; Oil: 459 gallons; Tires: 425

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to accept the Recycling Coordinator's reports; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

RENSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

Timothy Lippert, representing the Rensselaerville Library announced the following:

- The Library raised \$11,000 from their recent campaign
- The Library has a new copier that will print in color
- Wi-Fi is free on the street outside the Library during off-hours
- February 2nd is the Winter Fest at the Huyck Preserve
- February 5th is Chinese New Year
- February 12th – the Poetry group meets
- February 14th – the Writer's group meets

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept the Library report; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

CURRENT EVENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Rauf reported that the latest Solar Committee meetings had been postponed. The next meeting is scheduled for January 15th.
2. Supervisor Dolce reported that he does not have any updates from Weston & Sampson Engineering regarding the repair on the dam. However, the Town did receive an updated Emergency Action Plan which was prepared by Weston & Sampson.
3. Discussion ensued over how to move forward with an accountant for the Town.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to retain Pattison, Kosky, Howe, and Bucci, CPAs as the Town's accountant contingent upon working out an approved contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to allow the Town of Westerlo Fire Department the use of the Youth/Senior bus for their annual banquet. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.
2. Councilwoman Cooke will look into the requirements of the new sexual harassment training and will report at the next meeting.
3. Supervisor Dolce has reviewed the most recent investment policy which was last updated in 2010.
4. Cintas will be providing the Town with two eye-wash stations and three first-aid cabinets. They will only stock the first-aid cabinets with the mandatory requirements under OSHA.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to authorize the Supervisor to order the necessary supplies from Cintas. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

5. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for a Zoning Board of Appeals member and to have letters of interest submitted by February 19, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

6. It has been the policy of the Town that any official/employee may attend the Association of Towns Annual Meeting, but it would be at his/her own expense.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize Councilman Wood to attend the New Official's Training if it is available. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

7. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to authorize Supervisor Dolce to sign the Warrants to collect Water and Sewer rents; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

8. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize Supervisor Dolce to sign the Shared Services Agreement between the Town of Rensselaerville and the Town of Westerlo for the bus and car. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

9. A motion was made by Councilman Cooke to authorize Supervisor Dolce to sign the contracts between the Town of Rensselaerville and the three (3) Volunteer Fire Companies. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Abstains (1) Wood

10. Councilman Wood disclosed that he works for the Albany County Sheriff's Department and that he would be abstaining from signing any contract or participating with any decisions or otherwise having to do with the Sheriff's Department for the remainder of his term.

11. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize Supervisor Dolce to renew the lease agreement between the Town of Rensselaerville and the Town of Berne for the Municipal Dog Shelter.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

1. Marie Dermody questioned if not allowing Audience Comments at the beginning of the meetings would be a permanent change. Supervisor Dolce responded affirmatively. **[Editor's Note: Please see "In My Opinion", item #2, on page 26 for additional information.]**

2. Mrs. Dermody reminded the Board of the change that must be made to the Organizational Meeting minutes for seasonal highway workers.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to clarify the rate of pay for a seasonal worker – whether it is summer seasonal or winter seasonal – is contingent upon whether the employee is a former Union worker. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

3. Marie Dermody asked that Town Officers/Officials acknowledge receipt of any emails they receive. **[Editor's Note: Please see "In My Opinion", item #3, on page 27 for additional information.]**

4. At the budget workshops, Mrs. Dermody brought up the idea that all clerks should punch a time clock. Discussion ensued.

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Suzanne Pine questioned why the Board chose a Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector from outside of the Town. Supervisor Dolce responded by stating that the Board chose the individual they felt was best qualified to do the job.

6. Lynn Love wished to thank the Board for navigating through the difficulties of the past month. She stated that she supports the Board's wishes to not change accountants at this time and noted that they are currently in a position to negotiate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Supervisor Dolce to enter into Executive Session at 9:06 pm for the purpose of discussing possible litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to return from Executive Session at 9:50 pm. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Dolce.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



February 18, 2019



POWERTALK

3 common scam signs

- Threat to disconnect service immediately
- Request for immediate payment
- Request to purchase prepaid debit card

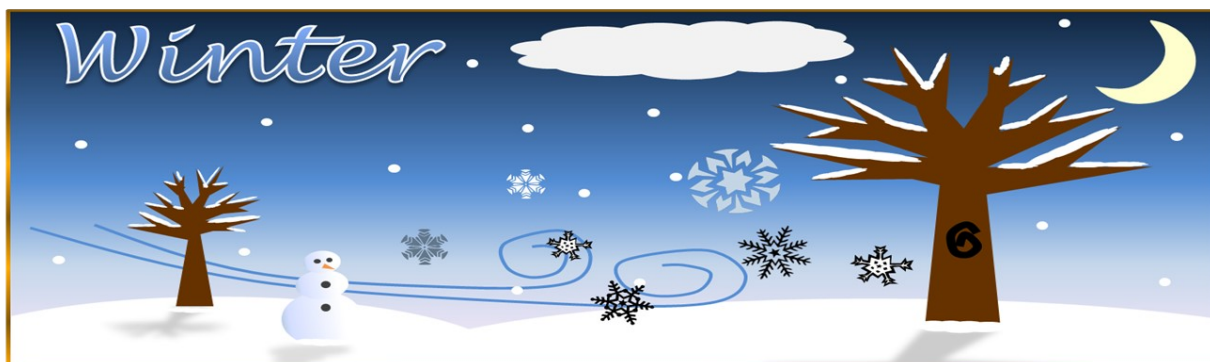
Know the signs to #stopscams

UTILITIES UNITED
AGAINST SCAM

Beware: Scammers may appear as Central Hudson in caller ID

Scammers are targeting utility customers nationwide and Central Hudson has received many recent reports of fraudulent phone calls targeting homeowners and businesses here in the Hudson Valley. Callers impersonating Central Hudson will often demand immediate payment with a prepaid, store-bought debit card. The demand for this specific method of payment is a sure sign of a scam. Some sophisticated scammers are even able to display Central Hudson's name and real phone number on your caller ID.

If you are ever unsure of the authenticity of a call you receive regarding your Central Hudson account, hang up and contact us immediately. Learn more about common utility bill scams at [CentralHudson.com/ScamCentral](https://www.centralhudson.com/ScamCentral).





STORM PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

Follow this checklist *before* a storm hits



Pay close attention to weather advisories and storm warnings.



Keep a flashlight and fresh batteries handy.



Refuel vehicles and ensure they are in good working condition.

Have a phone that does not require an electric outlet to operate. Charge cell phones or have a car cell phone charger.

Stock water and packaged or canned foods that do not require refrigeration or cooking. Be sure to have a non-electric can opener.



Have a battery-powered radio to keep informed of restoration efforts.



Ensure adequate supplies of medications, cash & other necessities.



Have a plan to check on vulnerable neighbors and family members.

You can access a mobile version of Central Hudson's website with your web-enabled cell phone or mobile device at mobile.CentralHudson.com. Recent updates to our apps were made earlier this month and users need to download these updates at CentralHudson.com/mobileapp for complete access.

GENERATORS

Back-up generators require proper, professional installation. Never plug a generator into any electric outlet in your home. A wrong connection could feed electricity back through the lines and endanger the lives of our repair crews. Check local ordinances to see if you need a special permit and inspection.

Follow these safety tips when using a portable home generator:

- Read all manufacturer's instructions.
- Follow instructions on properly "grounding" the generator.
- Don't exceed the manufacturer's rating for total electric load.
- Generators produce carbon monoxide, so your generator should never be operated in an enclosed building. Locate it outdoors in a dry area.
- Turn the generator off to refuel, and store fuel in a properly designed container.
- Use only UL-listed, three-prong extension cords.
- Keep cords out of the way, and don't run them under rugs or carpets.



- » Stay at least 30 feet away from downed power lines, and lines that may be entangled and hidden in fallen trees. **Assume a downed line is live.**
- » Avoid using candles for illumination.
- » Never use outdoor gas or charcoal grills indoors, as they pose a fire hazard and, over time, can give off deadly carbon monoxide gas. Use these appliances outdoors only, with proper ventilation. Operate motor vehicles outdoors only, and never in the garage.

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(845) 452-2700 OR (800) 527-2714

RVFD News

- **IMPORTANT:** Our social number is: **966-0338**. Please update your records. In case of an emergency, call 9-1-1.
- **Is there a fire in you? Please come to a drill or meeting to find out more.**
 - ⇒ Drills are the first two Mondays at 7:00,
 - ⇒ Battalion meeting first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm (no meeting in August), and
 - ⇒ Fire Meeting last Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm.

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 7:30am - 5:00pm; Sat 7:30am - 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

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



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

Kids' Activity Page - Word Find

Valentine's Day

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Valentine

Candy

Hearts

Chocolate

Flowers

Love

Cherish

Forever

Eternal

Friend

Spouse

Give

HEAP Helps Eligible Residents Pay for Heating Costs

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) provides both regular and emergency financial grants to eligible households to help pay heating and/or utility bills. Regular HEAP benefits for the 2018-2019 season are available until March 15, or until funding is exhausted. Emergency HEAP benefits are also available between Jan. 2 and March 15, 2019.

HEAP is funded by the federal government and administered through the New York State Department of Social Services. To apply, call (800) 342-3009 or visit www.mybenefits.ny.gov. Individuals who are 60 or older and do not receive SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits may contact their local Office for the Aging for eligibility requirements and to apply for benefits. Call (800) 342-9871 or visit www.aging.ny.gov.

2018-19 Maximum Income Levels for HEAP Eligibility		
Household Size	Maximum gross MONTHLY Income	Maximum gross ANNUAL Income
1	\$2,391	\$28,693
2	\$3,127	\$37,521
3	\$3,863	\$46,350
4	\$4,598	\$55,178
5	\$5,334	\$64,006
6	\$6,070	\$72,835
7	\$6,208	\$74,490
8	\$6,346	\$76,146
9	\$6,483	\$77,801
10	\$6,621	\$79,456
11	\$6,918	\$83,010

Bill discount for HEAP customers

Central Hudson customers who receive a HEAP benefit toward their account during the 2018-2019 HEAP season will also be issued a monthly bill credit on their Central Hudson bill for a maximum of 12 months based on service type and amount of HEAP benefit. If you heat by means such as oil, coal, propane, wood/wood pellets or kerosene, provide Central Hudson with your "Notice of Decision" letter from HEAP to be enrolled. You can email this letter to DSSdesk@cenhud.com.

New NYS Law Will Require 10-Year Sealed Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors must be hardwired into the home or have 10-year battery after April 1, 2019.

Effective April 1, 2019, the new General Business Law Section 399-ccc requires all new or replacement smoke detectors in New York State to be powered by a 10-year, sealed, non-removable battery or hard-wired to the home. According to 399-ccc: "It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to distribute, sell, offer for sale, or import any battery operated smoke detecting alarm device powered by a replaceable or removable battery not capable of powering such device for a minimum of ten years." Starting April 1st Real Estate professionals will no longer be able to market your home with the old detectors in place either, you will have to replace them before you can rent or sell the home or apartment in NYS.

Here are some FAQ's about 10-year sealed smoke alarms:

√ Are they more expensive than non-sealed alarms?

Up front? Yes. In the long term? No. Most 10-year sealed smoke alarms range in price from roughly \$20-\$30, making their initial investment higher than a non-sealed alarm, but non-sealed alarms require annual battery changes. The cost of these replacement batteries average \$38 over their 10-year life span, meaning they ultimately cost more than the sealed version.

√ Do they really last 10 years?

Yes! The sealed lithium battery (included) will never have to be replaced throughout the life of the alarm, giving you a decade of peace of mind even in the event of a power outage. Like all safety alarms, 10-year sealed smoke alarms should still be tested at least once each year using the button on the front of the unit to ensure they are working properly.

√ Will the alarm sound every time I'm cooking something?

No. There are 10-year sealed alarms designed for the kitchen with advanced sensors that can tell the difference between cooking smoke and real fire. The dangerous habit of disabling or removing smoke alarms after a nuisance alarm while cooking is a major part of why this new legislation went into effect, so alarm manufacturers considered this issue in the design of 10-year sealed alarms. You are very likely to experience less nuisance alarms than you did with your traditional battery alarm.

√ Are 10-year sealed smoke alarms better than hard-wired smoke alarms?

There are advantages to both systems. Hard-wired smoke alarms tie into your home's wiring and require professional installation, but generally do not require battery changes unless they feature a backup battery. 10-year sealed battery-only alarms are simple to install, and they work during a power failure. All smoke alarms have a life span of 10 years, sealed or non-sealed, and should be tested on a regular basis. When the battery wears out in a 10-year sealed alarm, the entire unit must be replaced, which helps prevent outdated units from staying in circulation.

√ What about landlords and their rental properties?

10-year sealed alarms offer security and convenience to landlords, who are legally required by New York State to provide smoke detectors in their rental properties. The tamper-proof design of these alarms prevents tenants from taking the batteries out due to nuisance alarms, or to use the batteries for another purpose. The 10-year lifespan of these lithium batteries mean fewer changes, and less equipment updates. Overall, there is a lesser chance of equipment failure in the event of a fire. It's a win-win situation for both landlords and their tenants.

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/SchoharieCo.FireWire/posts/1200800856733721>

In My Opinion

1. Regarding the recent embezzlement of Town funds by the former supervisor

There are absolutely no excuses or explanations to be made that can lessen the disappointment and disgust that I feel for what Steve Pflaging did to shatter the trust and confidence that residents and taxpayers had for Town government. Whatever fate awaits him lies in the hands of the court. However, as the current Town Board wrestles with righting the ship, I strongly feel that other "systems" that were in place also failed us and need investigation and probable revision. Only by identifying our weaknesses and rectifying them can we be assured that something like this can't or won't happen in the future.

A. Training - Taxpayers paid over \$3600 for a former supervisor to train Pflaging as he began his tenure as supervisor. Since the theft of checks allegedly took place in February 2018, the very beginning of Pflaging's term of office, I would expect rigorous oversight and review of everything the trainee did in his official capacity. Had rigorous oversight been an integral part of the training process, it is very possible that Pflaging's illegal actions could have been caught early on rather than 8 months after the fact.

B. Bookkeeping - From what I understand, the clerk to the supervisor DID notice the missing checks early on. Although the claim is made that the bank was notified to stop payment on those five checks, there is no record of who the bank employee was who took the message and no confirmation that this directive was ever received by the bank. At the very least, this is shoddy bookkeeping. And it raises the question as to why the bookkeeper never informed other Town Board members at the time of this incident. Why did the Town Board not find out until almost 10 months after the fact? Policies regarding such matters need to be created and/or revised to address present inadequacies in procedures.

C. Accountants - Representatives from the accounting firm claim that they repeatedly requested copies of all bank statements from the supervisor so they could fulfill their obligations to the Town, but none were forthcoming. Why didn't they notify other Town officials of this difficulty? They claim they were busy doing other things for the Town so they allowed this matter to sit on a back burner for a while. In my opinion, at the very least, they're guilty of dereliction of duty! It is imperative that the Town require much more diligence and accountability from its accountants.

D. Payroll Audits - NO payroll audits had been done for the entire 2018 fiscal year! That, in itself, is troublesome. And I admit that it's very possible that a payroll audit might not have identified these missing checks. So I encourage the Town Board to 1) expand the scope of payroll audits to include other documents (i.e., payroll register) and actions to allow deeper insight into this aspect of governmental bookkeeping, and 2) require ALL Town Board members to work in teams of two to complete payroll audits. Presently only one councilperson has been doing all the audits. All Town Board members are responsible for the finances of the Town and such a responsibility should fall equally on all their shoulders, minus the supervisor.

Hindsight is always 20-20. But I encourage the Town Board to address ALL systems in place and make the necessary modifications to hopefully prevent something like this from happening in the future.

2. Regarding the change to the meeting agenda

I acknowledge that the Supervisor and Town Board have every right to modify the meeting agenda. In this case, they've decided to eliminate the Audience Comments segment at the beginning of the meeting. Their reasoning? They need to get the business of the Town done, but audience comments at the beginning of the meeting tend to delay this process. (I truly didn't realize that listening to taxpayer/resident comments, complaints, suggestions, etc. was not part of conducting the business of the Town.) They will, however, allow audience "participation" throughout the meeting unless it becomes overly burdensome. I

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don't necessarily agree with their decision or their rationale, but I accept and will respect these changes.

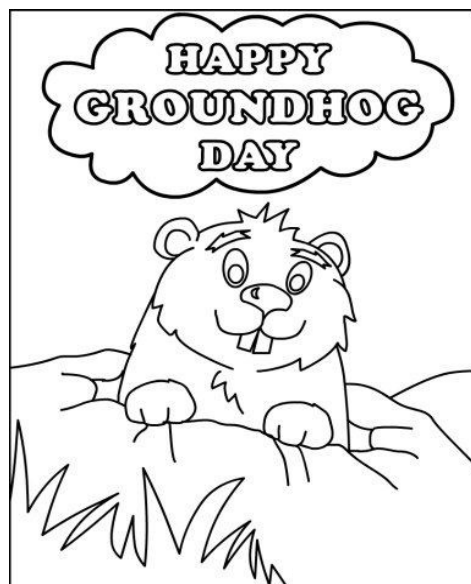
What I have difficulty accepting is the manner in which this change was made. The Supervisor acknowledged to me that he called each Board member individually and asked their opinion on this agenda change. They all agreed to it. It was implemented at the 1/8/2019 Town Board meeting with absolutely no discussion or explanation to the public. We would not have known about the permanence of this change if I hadn't asked for clarification.

Is this the way the Town Board should go about rebuilding trust and confidence in our local government, by discussing and making such decisions behind closed doors? How much better would it have been to conduct such discussion and decision-making during a public meeting? The end result would have been the same, but at least it would have been a salute to transparency and open government.

3. Regarding Town Board responses to emails received from taxpayers/residents

I had requested that one of the goals that the Town Board should address is acknowledging receipt of emails received from Town taxpayers/residents in a timely manner. I have had quite a few emails not delivered because the Town's email server identified my message as spam. (Thank you to Councilman Rauf for straightening this out with ITS, the Town's tech advisors.) And I've sent emails for which I never received a response so I have no way of telling whether or not my messages reached their intended destination. I simply requested that they reply with "Got it" or "Received" or some other indication that the message arrived at its destination. When some of Town Board members reacted with "what if I'm on vacation?" or "what if I'm sick?" or "what if....?", I suggest that they set up an automatic reply for these instances when they're unavailable to acknowledge receipt in a timely manner. My advice to them is... instead of saying **why** something reasonable **can't** be done, figure out **how** it **can** be done.

I am happy to report that my last email to all Town Board members was acknowledged as received by all. Four chose to reply, one did not ... which is fine. I hope the Town Board members will now extend this courtesy to all taxpayers/residents who contact them by email.



Color Me!



You are invited to attend:

Five Course Beer Pairing Dinner

Saturday, February 9, 2019

Join the Carey Institute's Carriage House Restaurant for a five-course beer pairing dinner held in collaboration with the Helderberg Brewery. Each of our five delectable courses will be paired with a 6 oz. brew selected to complement the dish. Arrive early for a cash bar at the Carriage House Restaurant at 5:00 pm; dinner begins at 6:00 pm. Stay late at the brewery until 10:00 pm, and sleep over on the Carey Institute's country estate in one of our historic guest rooms. A buffet breakfast will be served in the Carriage House Restaurant from 8:30 am to 10:00 am on Sunday morning.

Package Options:

Dinner with Beer Pairings — \$75 per guest

Dinner with Beer Pairings, Overnight Lodging & Buffet Breakfast — \$250 per couple



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For more information about what is happening at the Carey Institute for Global good, read the recent E-Newsletter by visiting the website at www.careyinstitute.org.



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(518) 797-5100

Wednesdays: 5-9PM
Fridays: 6-10PM
Saturdays: 2-8PM
CLOSED Sundays



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 and are 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 518-239-4376.

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 518-447-7179
- HEAP: 518-447-2551

On the Calendar

Feb 2		HAPPY GROUND HOG DAY!	
Feb 3	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Feb 3	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Feb 10	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Feb 10	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Feb 12	7:00 pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall

NOTICE: The Rensselaerville Seniors Club Lunch at 12 noon in Medusa Firehouse --- has been **cancelled**.

Feb 14		HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!	
Feb 14	7:00 pm	Town Board Regular Meeting	Town Hall
Feb 16	7am-11am	Medusa VFD Breakfast - Free Will Offering Note: The work on the Medusa Fire House Kitchen is almost completed. The kitchen is now being used.	Medusa Firehouse
Feb 17	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Feb 17	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Feb 18		PRESIDENT'S DAY—TOWN OFFICES CLOSED	
Feb 24	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Feb 24	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville

Looking Ahead:

Mar 2	9am-3 pm	1 st Spring & Easter Rummage Sale	Medusa Church
Mar 7	9:30am-3:30pm	Rensselaerville Senior club is hosting a defensive driving course on at the Medusa Firehouse. All seniors are invited. Cost is \$25 - cash or check made out to instructor. Bring lunch as we will be working right thru with a half hour break. Coffee and tea will be available.	
Mar 16	7am-11am	Medusa VFD Breakfast - Free Will Offering	Medusa Firehouse
Mar 16	8am-noon	2 nd Spring & Easter Rummage Sale	Medusa Church

For trips contact Janet Nelson @ 518-797-3963 or Ruth Snyder @ 518-239-4376

Please get events to Bill Moore...

by phone – 518-239-4843;

by e-mail – whmoore44@yahoo.com; or

by mail to: 11 CR 351, Medusa, NY 12120.



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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.

Rensselaerville Library
 Schedule of Events through October 2018
 All events are at the library unless otherwise noted.

Events subject to change. Please check our online calendar.

February

2 – **Winter Festival and Artisan Market** – the Library will have a table at the Huyck Preserves event from 11-3 pm

5 – **Chinese New Year** – the Year of the Pig. Learn more about this holiday and explore the art projects available.

12 – 7 pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

14 – 7 pm – **Writing Group**: Writers of all interests, backgrounds, and abilities are welcome.

19 – 7 pm – **Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees** – public welcome, meeting is on the lower level.

26 – 7 pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

27 – Is **International Polar Bear Day**. Learn more about polar bears and check out the art projects.

In celebration of Valentine’s Day we will have a variety of art projects downstairs in the activity room. Coloring books for adults can be found upstairs in the living room. Coloring is a great way to relax. Or visit the 700’s in nonfiction to discover other ways to get creative.

Stop in Friday nights at 6pm for our weekly movie. Check our website or calendar for the movie title.



Have you made a New Year’s Resolution? We can help you find books on exercising, new diets, getting organized, discovering a new hobby, finding a new job, etc.

Come visit and let us help you achieve your goals.

Don’t forget to log your exercise on the Library Moon Walk web site.

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Survey

Have you completed our survey for a chance to win an Amazon gift card? [CLICK HERE](#) to participate. Or copy and paste <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHYV9L6>

School Break

Looking for places to go?
We have museum passes for miSci, The Iroquois Indian Museum and the Albany Institute of History and Art

HOURS

Tuesday & Wednesday

10-12 and 3-9pm

Thursday & Friday

4-9pm

Saturday

9-1pm

Sunday & Monday

Closed



Rensselaerville Historical Society

Looking for Artists

The last two years the Rensselaerville Historical Society has hosted an Art Show for two weekends during the summer at the Historic Grist Mill on Main Street in Rensselaerville. We are again looking for artists who would like to display one or more pieces of their work. The Historical Society would like to have artists that represent the whole township including Preston Hollow, Medusa and Potters Hollow, Cooksburg as well as Rensselaerville. Amateurs and professions are welcome plus we are looking for middle and high school students. The only requirement to participate is to live in the town of Rensselaerville now or sometime in the past. Relatives or friends are encouraged to honor artists who are no longer with us by submitting their work. All medium are welcome. Last year we had paintings and sketches, carvings, needle work, large metal sculptures, photographs and more. This year's show is tentatively planned to take place between mid-July to mid-August and will be open two weekends. Please share this information with Rensselaerville artists. We need contact information from all interested artists. More details will follow later in the spring.

Please send artist name, email, telephone number and mailing address to the following email or post office address.

Rensselaervillesitoricalsoc@gmail.com

Rensselaerville Historical Society
P.O. Box 8
Rensselaerville, NY 12147



Now Open for Business!

Hours: Monday Closed
Tuesday - Sunday 6 am - 3 pm
Thursday Dinner 4 pm - 7 pm
 2939 NY 145
 Preston Hollow 12496

Library News - Greenville Library

Toddler Time

The library's Toddler Program is held on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 – 9:45 & 10:00 – 10:45 for Infants, Toddlers & Preschoolers.

The program helps to foster early literacy development and play skills. Children and their parents enjoy stories, games, singing, marching and socializing. They can also choose books to take home and enjoy during the week. The instructor is Devon Balta. **For a full listing of the Toddler Time Program see the link below.**

- If Greenville Schools are closed, running on a 1 or 2 hour delay, we will not meet.
- The following Tuesday and Friday dates in red are the days we will be meeting.

Please remember we follow the Greenville School District calendar. If Greenville Schools are closed due to weather or running on a 2 hour delay, we will not meet.

February 2019						
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March 2019						
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31						

April 2019						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Health & Safety Policy: Please do not bring your child to group if he/she has been ill with fever, vomiting, diarrhea, flu like symptoms, pink eye, unexplained rash or skin infection, croup, any childhood contagious diseases. Children should not attend if they have exhibited any of the symptoms within 24 hrs of group. Children must be fever free without the use of Tylenol or Motrin for 24 hrs prior to coming to group. THANK YOU!!

Lego Fun!

Ages 3 & Up Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:00

February 5, 19 ~ March 5, 19 ~ April 9, 23 ~ May 14

Do you love to imagine and build? Do you enjoy the rush of satisfaction when you find the perfect piece in a pile of colorful plastic bricks? Do you love the satisfying snap of a well placed Lego? Do you feel little pain when you step on a scattered Lego brick? If you answered “yes” to these questions then this program is meant for you! Bring your imagination, we'll provide the Legos! Just Drop In!



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WANTED: Persons who love fabric arts and quilting...we'd LOVE to meet you! Learn new quilting techniques and meet others with similar interests. Sew and chat! You'll find the support and encouragement invaluable...with no fee! Open to all.

The Greenville Quilters meet every Wednesday from 1-3 pm in the Community Room at the Greenville Public Library, 1177 Route 32, Greenville, NY.

Contact Cindy at 518-966-5217 for more information.



Greenville Local History Group

Don Teator, Town Historian, invites the public to attend the Greenville Local History Group meetings held in the libraries large community room the second Monday of the month, April thru November, at 7:30.

The Greenville Local History Group newsletter can be found at <http://www.dteator.com/glhg/glhg.htm>

The Town of Greenville Historian's holdings are listed in a nearly 50 page long Word document (as of May 2012). Click [Historian's files](#) to download. For further information, contact Historian Don Teator (dteator@gmail.com).

The Boarding Houses / Resorts of the Greenville, Greene County, NY Area is another document that Don has made available to the public. The purpose is to document the boarding house era establishments, give locations, supply additional information and indicate their fate. <http://www.dteator.com/zResort/resortweb.htm>

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

Library News - Middleburgh Library

2/1 & 15 - 10:00-11:00 AM - Qigong with Debbie Krol - Tai Chi and Qigong, from China, is the cultivation of human energy. Gentle slow movements, strengthen the body and calm the mind. These practices have been used for agility, balance, cognition and longevity. Join us on Fridays 10-11:00 am. Suggested donation, \$5.00. Please use back entrance as the library is closed on Fridays.

2/1 & 15 - 11:00-1:00 - Home Educators of Schoharie County - HEGS (Home Educators Group of Schoharie County) is a group of homeschooling families with a wide variety of backgrounds, approaches to education, and religious affiliations. We exist to provide secular support for homeschooling families, offer information about homeschooling, and to allow for the sharing of educational opportunities. We hope to increase public awareness, acceptance, and support of home education in Schoharie County. Please check out our Facebook page. Or contact Rebecca at veggiamamma@yahoo.com for more information. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 11 - 1.

2/3 - 4:00 PM - Concert - Steve Gillette & Cindy Mangsen - "Steve and Cindy have hit on a combination that consistently produces high quality recordings and entertaining stage shows. Their voices and their styles meld seamlessly with a gentleness and a maturity that is unmatched in the world of folk duos."-- Matt Watroba, Sing Out Magazine

Tickets are available at the door. A \$10.00 donation is suggested. Please use back entrance.

This event is made possible (in part) with public funds from the Decentralization Program and the NYS Council on the Arts, administered through the Community Arts Grant Program by the Green County Council on the Arts.

2/5, 12, 19, 26 - 10:45 AM - Drop-in Storytime - This fun and interactive program is meant for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers, although older siblings are always welcome! We read books, sing songs, play games, dance and watch a short movie based on a weekly theme. *No registration required.*

2/5, 12, 19, 26 - 1:00-4:00 PM - Mahjong Mania - Every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 a spirited group of people get together in the Community Room to play Mahjong. Don't know how to play? No problem! They will teach you how. No registration required.

2/5, 12, 19, 26 - 5:15 PM - Insight Meditation - What do you want most deeply? Seeing your life calmly and clearly helps answer this. Insight Meditation is a simple way to steady your mind, stop wandering in day-dreams, and end the suffering of troubling thoughts. Our group is a place to sit quietly in safety, supported by others; to allow understanding and compassion to arise; to encourage loving-kindness and patience. We welcome those with no experience to advanced meditators', teens to seniors. give it a try. No registration is required. There is no fee. All are welcome.

2/6, 20 - 11:00 AM - Storytime with Miss Doreen -

2/6 - "Valentine's Day is Coming"

2/20 - "Outdoor Winter Fun"

2/6 - 1:00 PM - Wednesday Matinee - "First Man" (PG-13) - A Biopic on the life of the legendary American Astronaut Neil Armstrong from 1961-1969, on his journey to becoming the first human to walk the moon. Exploring the sacrifices and costs on the Nation and Neil himself, during one of the most dangerous missions in the history of space travel. Starring Ryan Gosling. ***No registration required. Free popcorn!***

2/6, 13, 20, 27 - 3:30-4:30 PM - Teen Depot - Come hang out with us at the Teen Depot. We will have crafts, board games, video games, and snacks. Bring your own board games, crafts and Phones, Tablets, Swithes, laptops and any other devices you want. This program will be held every Wednesday from 3:30 4:30 and is for kids 12 and up.

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Registration is not required but appreciated!

2/6, 13, 20, 27 - 5:00-6:00 PM - Yoga Classes with Deb -

2/6 & 27 - Restorative - Restorative Yoga: Relaxation yoga, using props and gravity to do the work. Plus Qigong integrating finish By donation - donations go to the library. Please use back entrance as the library is closed that evening.

2/13 - Akhanda Yoga - Follow along with Vishva Ji Video. A basic Hatha Yoga practice includes classes asanas. 2nd Wednesday of each month. By donation, donations go to the library, Please use back entrance as the library is closed that evening.

2/20 - Yoga Dance - Move, grove, shake up your body for better health. Plus Qigong cool down. By donation, donations go to the library, Please use back entrance as the library is closed that evening.

2/7, 14, 21, 28 - 10:30 AM - Library Moon Walk - Indoor walking workout - During this time of year when the weather is unpredictable, walking outside can be a challenge. Why not walk with us inside the library as we work through Leslie Sansone's **Walk at Home** workout videos. These "Walking" workouts burn more calories than a stroll around the park because they focus on a series of multi-muscle moves. A higher muscle engagement leads to higher calorie burn and of course more muscle tone all while being easy on the joints! Walking is the most natural and effective way to health and wellness, and works for anyone, any age, any size and anywhere. Classes will be 30 - 40 minutes long with time for cool down and conversation and will be led by our resident yoga instructor Vicki DeGroff. Please wear loose fitting and comfortable clothing. **Registration is required.**

2/8 & 22 - 10:00-11:00 - Tai Chi with Earl O'Bryan - Tai Chi and Qigong, from China, is the cultivation of human energy. Gentle slow movements, strengthen the body and calm the mind. These practices have been used for agility, balance, cognition and longevity. Join us on Fridays 10-11:00 am. Suggested donation, \$5.00. Please use back entrance as the library is closed on Fridays.

2/11 - 6:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting - The public is welcome.

2/16 - 2:00 PM - Cooking by the Vegan Book - "Whole Foods Cookbook" - The Middleburgh Library presents its monthly book club, "Cooking by the Vegan Book." We pick the cookbook, you pick and make the recipe!

How the cookbook club works; Every month, a cookbook will be selected and will be at the circulation desk, for you to look at and we will print up the recipe of your choice. Sign up online, call or at the circulation desk, let us know what you're cooking so we don't have duplicates. **Registration is required.**

2/18 - President's Day - The library will be closed to observe the holiday.

2/19 - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion - "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant - The Red Tent is a novel by Anita Diamant, published in 1997 by Wyatt Books for St. Martin's Press. It is a first-person narrative that tells the story of Dinah, daughter of Jacob and sister of Joseph. She is a minor character in the Bible, but the author has broadened her story.

2/20 - 1:00 PM - Wednesday Lunch & A Movie - "A Star is Born" (R) - Seasoned musician Jackson Maine (Bradley Cooper) discovers-and falls in love with-struggling artist Ally (Gaga). She has just about given up on her dream to make it big as a singer - until Jack coaxes her into the spotlight. But even as Ally's career takes off, the personal side of their relationship is breaking down, as Jack fights an ongoing battle with his own internal demons.

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Hurray! Our popular night time movie program held during the day! The library will provide pizza and drinks and you bring a dessert or snack to share. **Registration is required.**

2/21 - 1:00 PM - "Rocking the Blocks LEGO Building Day" - Come use your imagination and rock the LEGO blocks and build anything you want. **Registration is required.**

2/22 = 5:30 PM - Dinner & A Movie - "Bohemian Rhapsody" (PG-13) - Join us as we watch the story of the life Freddie Mercury in the critically acclaimed film *Bohemian Rhapsody*. The library will provide pizza and drinks and you bring a dessert or snack to share. **Registration is required.**

2/26 - 6:20-7:30 PM - Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group - This program is open to anyone caring for a Alzheimer's patient.

Not all of programs have been scheduled at time of printing. Please check our Calendar on our website at www.middleburghlibrary.info for future programs.

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



WANTED: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER

The Town of Rensselaerville is seeking letters of interest to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Applicants must be a resident of the Town.

This is a 5-year term, with meetings held on the 4th Tuesday of the month, as needed.

A Zoning Board of Appeals member is responsible for familiarizing themselves with the current Zoning Law and reviewing applications which were denied by the Planning Board or Building Inspector.

Letters of interest should be addressed to the Town of Rensselaerville Town Clerk, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120, and submitted no later than February 19, 2019.

How Do Scammers Know So Much About Me?

They're good sleuths, but too often we give our data away

by Amy Nofziger and Mark Fetterhoff, [AARP](#), January 9, 2019

Many don't understand how they get on the radar of crooks. Here are some of the ways.

- **I frequently enter contests.** Online contests are gateways to unwanted sales pitches. Not only do marketers collect information like name, age and address, they may learn other things — that you like to travel or are buying a car. Also, they know you believe in luck. That could make you a target.
- **I mail in warranty cards.** Ever notice when you fill out a warranty card for a toaster or coffee maker that it requests information like how much money you make? It is likely that your information is being sold to others, either legitimately or as part of a scam.
- **I fill out lots of surveys.** Did you recently fill out a questionnaire rating your stay at a hotel or the service at a restaurant? Selling survey data is big business, and marketing firms and even criminals can learn a lot about you based on travel preferences, what type of home you own or what car you drive.
- **I share personal updates on Facebook.** Scammers turn to social media postings to learn more about those they've targeted. So be prudent: Don't post personal info, narrow who can see your posts and avoid posting real-time updates about your whereabouts.
- **I live in the United States.** Many public records are available at the federal, state, county and city levels, including census data, property information, criminal records, bankruptcies and tax liens. Private companies can pull together all this information on you and sell it to anyone. And it's 100 percent legal.
- **I toss my mail.** Shred all mail that has your name and address, account numbers, or other personal data. If you don't have a home shredder, save your papers for a neighborhood shredding event. (AARP sponsors these in many communities.) Messy garbage won't deter a bad guy.
- **Someone in my family has died recently.** Obituaries are prime hunting ground for scammers, who learn the names of vulnerable widows, widowers, children or grandchildren. Honor the dead, but keep personal information in obituaries to a minimum.

Amy Nofziger and Mark Fetterhoff are consumer fraud experts with the AARP Fraud Watch Network.

Source: https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2019/identity-mistakes.html?fbclid=IwAR1MCsfCGrFdrIaDF0qs0doJdSzShQ-pEeMSqYD_1LWYtk2glfrMICI2iQ





Cabin Fever Potluck

Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 7 PM
Conkling Hall

Join us on Saturday evening, February 2, at 6:00 for a pot-luck dinner at Conkling Hall. We'll all be just starting to lose patience with winter by then so why not get out and socialize?? Enjoy the day at the [Huyck Preserve](#) for their annual Winter Festival and then relax in the warmth and comfort of Conkling Hall. Bring a dish to share as well as your beverage of choice. This is strictly a pot-luck event!

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1526571850779011/>



Protect Yourself from Rabies

[Capture the Bat: Protect Yourself from Rabies \(click to learn more\)](#)

BREAKFAST

AT THE MEDUSA FIRE HOUSE

7:00AM TO 11:00AM

~~October 20, 2018~~

~~November 17, 2018~~

~~December 15, 2018~~

~~January 19, 2019~~

February 16, 2019

March 16, 2019

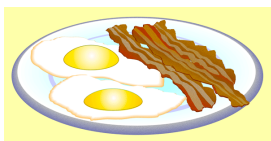
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