

R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Draft Minutes, Town Board Special Meeting April 28, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 28th day of April 2015 at 7:00 PM 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 Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Gerald Wood,

Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

ABSENT WAS: Councilman Robert Bolte

Also present were eleven interested citizens.

The purpose of the meeting was for the Board to discuss the proposed Noise Ordinance.

Councilwoman Sedlmeir and Councilman Wood have been working on a version of the proposed Local Law, fashioning it after the Town of New Scotland's Noise Ordinance. They have edited New Scotland's ordinance to tailor it to fit the needs of the Town of Rensselaerville.

Supervisor Lounsbury read the tentative version. Councilwoman Sedlmeir, Councilwoman Cooke, and Councilman Wood, as well as Supervisor Lounsbury made some minor changes as the meeting progressed.

Several commentaries were also received from the audience.

All the input from the Board and the audience will be taken into consideration. A clean copy of the changes and suggestions will be made keeping mindful of Attorney Sellman's suggestions that the wording of the ordinance be very specific so as to not impinge upon the First Amendment Freedom of Speech and the importance of having the document drawn narrowly so that violations are specific enough to be enforceable. Supervisor Lounsbury will then forward the preliminary version on to the attorneys for their review. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for some time in the future.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker

Town Clerk

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Draft Minutes, Town Board Work Meeting May 12, 2015

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 12th day of May 2015 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

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

Also present was Highway Superintendent Randy Bates and one interested citizen.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS - None

MINUTES, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS

Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on May 14, 2015:

- April 7, 2015 – Work Meeting
- April 9, 2015 – Regular Meeting
- April 28, 2015 – Special Proposed Noise Ordinance

Vouchers and bills will be addressed at the Regular Meeting also.

TRANSFERS - These will be addressed at the Regular Meeting on May 14, 2015.

REPORTS - Regular monthly reports from the Supervisor, Attorney, Highway Department, Town Clerk, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Assessors, Water/Sewer Committee, and Recycling Coordinator will be given at the Regular Meeting on May 14, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Bolte has sent several letters out to different people and government agencies, Homeland Security included, that he thought may be able to assist the Town in its pursuit of a generator.

REPORT FROM THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

1. Superintendent Bates presented the proposed 2015 Town Highway Agreement and asked the Board to please review it.

2. Superintendent Bates reported that he has located some old records that show which roads were repaired and how and when they were repaired. With this newly found information, he can determine what products and procedures have or have not held up over time, and therefore plan more effectively for the future. He explained that there are three types of repair materials: 1). Double chip seal which looks nice initially, but does not hold up well and costs approximately \$40,000/mile; 2). Moto Pave does hold up very well and costs about \$64,000/mile; and 3). Hot asphalt overlay which also holds up quite well and costs nearly \$82,000/mile. Single chip seal, which is a preservation treatment costs in the vicinity of \$12,000/mile. CHIPS budget, typically \$181,000, is quite nice but unfortunately, does not go far.

3. Superintendent Bates will need approval to attend the Cornell Local Roads Program June 1st through June 3rd.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Town Clerk will need authorization to place a Legal Notice in the Altamont Enterprise announcing the receipt of the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2014, the mailing of the report to District users and location of copies for those who wish to have them.

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2. Attorney Fallati will present the "Good Samaritan" Legislation which was signed into law and is intended to provide coverage when an out-of district volunteer firefighter or ambulance worker assists at a scene prior to the arrival of a jurisdictional officer. A Resolution must be passed in order to make the coverage available.

3. Attorney Fallati will also present the Bond paperwork at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

4. Supervisor Lounsbury will need the Board's approval for the Seniors to take a bus trip to Fly Creek on either May 19th or 26th.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Councilman Bolte is in need of more names for the Veteran's Ring of Honor. New plates can only be engraved after a total of 21 names have been collected. Names may be submitted at the Town Clerk's Office. Please be prepared to provide the branch of service and rank.

2. The Board thanked Councilman Bolte for his hard work on the flowers and rose bushes at the Veteran's Memorial and noted how lovely everything looked.

3. Councilman Wood expressed his concern over the poor condition of the sidewalks in Preston Hollow. Superintendent Bates has spoken to the engineer at the Department of Transportation. The engineer indicated that it is the Town's responsibility to maintain the sidewalks, but cautioned that a permit is needed before any work can be performed. However, DOT cannot issue a permit until approval is obtained from the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). Approval from the Board will also be needed. Supervisor Lounsbury will check into the situation.

4. Councilman Wood stated that the park committee will send a 'thank-you' note to the Albany County Correctional Facility and also to Sheriff Apple for arranging for the inmates to work in the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park and at the cemetery.

5. Councilman Bolte is assisting in obtaining a genie-lift for the Rensselaerville Cemetery so that a tree can be taken down before it falls and damages headstones.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



Draft Minutes, Town Board Meeting, May 14, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 14th day of May 2015 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

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

ABSENT WAS: Councilman Robert Bolte

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Assessor Donna Kropp, Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Doug Story, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, and Investigator Tracy Mance from the Albany County Sheriff's Department. Also present were three interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS - None

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

April 7, 2015 – Work Meeting; April 9, 2015 – Regular Meeting; April 28, 2015 – Special Proposed Noise Ordinance

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

TRANSFERS - None

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS - General Fund - \$59,676.86; Highway Fund - \$34,514.65; Lighting District - \$688.95;

Sewer Fund - \$270.26; Water Fund - \$370.85; T & A Fund - \$5,536.91. Total - \$101,058.48

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE - None

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR

1. Supervisor Lounsbury reported that there is a need for more names for the Veteran's Ring of Honor. New plates can only be engraved after a total of 21 names have been collected and so far there are only about 10. Names may be submitted to Deputy Town Clerk Kathy Wank. Please be prepared to provide the branch of service and rank. There is no charge for a name to be placed on the plaque.

2. Supervisor Lounsbury thanked KB Enterprises for the generous donation of mulch for the Veteran's Ring of Honor garden and flower beds.

3. A 'thank-you' also goes out to Councilman Bolte for planting new rose bushes and for his hard work on the Veteran's Ring of Honor and flower gardens to make Town Hall beautiful.

4. The Medusa Firehouse will install an outside mailbox where residents may pick up the Town Newsletter.

5. There are still some outstanding 'workplace violence' acknowledgements.

6. Supervisor Lounsbury has signed and sent in the three Certifications required to participate in the

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Albany County Government Efficiency Plan.

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

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

ATTORNEY

1. The Mid-Hudson Cablevision Franchise Agreement is up for renewal. A Public Hearing will be held on May 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM with a Special Meeting for the purpose of voting on the Agreement immediately following.

2. Attorney Fallati read the introductory part* of the Bond Resolution as follows:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MAY 14, 2015.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE PURCHASE OF A TANDEM TRUCK FOR THE TOWN OF RENSSSELAERVILLE, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$186,496 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$50,000 BONDS OF SAID TOWN AND THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE OF \$70,566 EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND MONIES AND \$65,930 OTHER FUNDS THEREFOR TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The specific object or purpose of paying the cost of the purchase of a tandem truck for the Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, including incidental equipment and expenses in connection therewith, is hereby authorized, subject to permissive referendum, at a maximum estimated cost of \$186,496.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of the aforesaid maximum estimated cost is as follows:

- a) by the issuance of not exceeding \$50,000 bonds of said Town, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law; and
- b) by the expenditure of not exceeding \$70,566 equipment reserve fund monies and \$65,930 other funds hereby appropriated therefor; and
- c) by the expenditure of \$65,930 other monies of the Town hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is fifteen years, pursuant to subdivision 28 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby determined that the maximum maturity of the bonds herein authorized will not exceed five years.

* the remainder of the Resolution is as follows:

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New

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York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said Town, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the Town by the facsimile signature of the Supervisor, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the Town), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Supervisor. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Supervisor shall determine.

Section 7. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies and \$65,930 other funds are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 8. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 9. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in full or summary form in the official newspaper of the Town for such purpose, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 10. THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to adopt the Bond Resolution; 2nd by Supervisor Lounsbury.

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

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The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent Bates reported that approximately two-thirds of the patching and repair of potholes has been completed. The highway crew continues to work on ditching and drainage.

2. Now that the roads have dried and become stable, they are able to be repaired. Stedman Lane, Saybrook Valley Road, Davis Mountain Road, and Wood Road have been shaled. Cook Road will be shaled next.

3. Superintendent Bates read the 2015 Highway Contract which runs from May 14, 2015 through May 11, 2016 as follows:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that monies levied and collected in the Town of Rensselaerville and received from the State of New York as State Aid shall be expended for the repair and improvement of town highway as follows:

General Repairs: The sum of \$163,200.00 shall be set aside to be expended on primary work and general repairs of Town Highways including culverts and bridges having a span of less than five (5) feet.

Permanent Improvements: The sum of \$217,121.89 shall be set aside to be expended on permanent improvements of Town Highways as follows:

Cheese Hill Road: Install a 2-inch Motor Pave surface and seal with a single chip surface treatment, 18 feet in width beginning at Scutt Road for a distance of 1.2 miles and ending at Travis Hill Road for a sum of \$75,959.00. (Note that base reconstruction was done last year in preparation for this project.)

Edwards Hill Road: Install a 2-inch Motor Pave surface and seal with a single chip surface treatment, 18 feet in width beginning at Fish Road for a distance of 0.6 miles and ending at Davis Mountain Road for a sum of \$37,210.00. (Note that base reconstruction was done last year in preparation for this project.)

Fish Road: Resurface with a 1.5-inch Motor Pave overlay and a single chip surface treatment, 18 feet in width beginning at Edwards Hill Road for a distance of 1 mile for a sum of \$51,025.00. (Note that paver patching and leveling was done last year in preparation for this project.)

Rugg Road: Install a single chip surface treatment, 18 feet in width beginning at County Route 351 for a distance of 0.7 miles and ending at Willsey Road for a sum of \$8,087.00. (Note that preparation for this project was performed 2 years ago.)

McCulloch Cross Road: Install a 2-inch hot asphalt overlay, 18 feet in width beginning at Willsey Road for a distance of 0.325 miles and ending at 10 Mile Creek for a sum of \$26,568.00. (Note that patching was done last year in preparation for this project.)

Alternate Road – Niles Road: Install a single chip surface treatment, 1.9 miles from Albany County Route 352 to the Greene County Line.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to accept the 2015 Highway Agreement; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Highway Superintendent's report, 2nd by Supervisor Lounsbury. *Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)*

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

Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$1,177.65. Paid to the Supervisor - \$964.08 the break-down is as follows:

Clerk Fees - \$378.18; Recycling - \$118.50; Dog Licenses - \$129.00; Building Permits - \$228.40; Zoning - \$85.00; Planning - \$25.00. Total - \$964.08

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$21.00; Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$170.07; Fees paid to NYS Department of Health for Marriage Licenses: \$22.50

Water Rents for the month totaled \$2,160.59 which includes \$31.12 in penalties, and Sewer Rents totaled \$1,329.09 which includes \$26.06 in penalties.

Town Clerk Kraker reported that the Property Tax season officially ended March 31st and all unpaid taxes were delivered to the Albany County Department of Finance on April 17th. She also noted that with the advances in technology, the information that has been hand-delivered in the past may now be transmitted electronically and what is not transmitted electronically may be mailed. It will no longer be necessary to make the trip into Albany.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to accept the Town Clerk's report; 2nd by Supervisor Lounsbury. *Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)*

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

1. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh reported that he will be attending the PERMA Conference next Thursday and Friday. Topics such as Workplace Violence and tips on how to save on Workman's Compensation will be addressed.

2. Following through on the building on Smith's Corners, Officer Overbaugh reported that it had been taken down. Many other dilapidated buildings have been taken down as well.

3. R.V. Permits are almost completely collected.

4. Officer Overbaugh reported one Solar Panel permit, one Home Addition permit, one Building Repair permit, and one New Accessory permit for the month of April.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to accept the Code Enforcement/Building Inspector's report; 2nd by Supervisor Lounsbury. *Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)*

ASSESSORS

1. Assessor Kropp reported that the Tentative Roll is complete and letters have been sent out to those taxpayers whose assessments have changed.

2. The Assessors will have additional office hours as follows: Friday May 15th and 22nd from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM and Saturday May 16th and 23rd from 9:00 AM to Noon.

3. Grievance Day is Tuesday May 26th from 3 PM to 5 PM and again from 6 PM to 8 PM.

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

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

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE

1. Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Story reported that for the month of April 522,200 gallons of water was filtered (an average of 17,410 gallons/day); and 220,680 gallons of sewage was pumped (an average of 7,356 gallons/day).

2. Officer Story has contacted Rural Water. They have a system whereby they inject smoke into the water system in an effort to detect illegal hookups. There are legal procedures that must be followed which, hopefully, Officer Story will have ironed out by next month.

3. The warmer weather has predictably caused an increase in water usage. Officer Story will also be asking residents who are avid gardeners for permission to perform pressure tests on their systems.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Water/Sewer Treatment Officer's report; 2nd by Supervisor Lounsbury. *Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)*

REFUSE/RECYCLING

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of April: E-Waste: 1.33 tons; Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 7.3 tons; Tires: 38; City of Albany Landfill: 79.95 tons; Sierra Fibers: 10.46 tons; Oil: 37 gallons

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to accept the Recycling Coordinator's report; 2nd by Supervisor Lounsbury. *Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)*

CURRENT EVENTS

1. The Town-Wide Picnic is June 7th from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM. Partakers whose last name begins with the letters 'A' through 'M' are asked to bring any kind of salad and those whose last name begins with the letters 'N' through 'Z' are asked to bring a desert to share.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion is needed to authorize the Town Clerk to place a Legal Notice in the Altamont Enterprise announcing the receipt of the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2014, the mailing of the report to District users and location of copies for those who wish to have them.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to authorize Town Clerk Kraker to place the Legal Notice in the Altamont Enterprise; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir. *Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)*

2. Attorney Fallati read the Good Samaritan Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, the Town of Rensselaerville (the "Town"), in the interest of promoting the health, safety, and public welfare of the residents of the Town desires to make available the coverage provided by General Municipal Law Section 209-i(1-b) taking effect June 15, 2015, and Volunteer Ambu-

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lance Workers' Benefit Law Section 5, taking effect June 15, 2015, collectively referred to informally as the volunteer workers' "Good Samaritan" benefit law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, that whenever a volunteer firefighter or ambulance worker of the Medusa Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.; Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.; Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Co. of Preston Hollow, Cooksburg, and Potter Hollow, Inc.; the Town of Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance, Inc., or any other such entity as may provide fire or ambulance services within the Town of Rensselaerville, provides services under General Municipal Law 209-i or Volunteer Ambulance Workers' Benefit Law Section 5 when there is no jurisdictional officer in command present, such volunteer firefighter or ambulance worker shall be entitled to coverage under the N.Y. Volunteer Firefighter's Benefit Law or N.Y. Volunteer Ambulance Workers' Benefit Law coverage provided by such volunteer firefighter's or ambulance worker's volunteer organization for the provision of such services. Upon the arrival of a jurisdictional officer in command, such volunteer firefighter or ambulance worker shall report to such officer and offer his/her services to assist. If such offer of assistance is not accepted, then such volunteer firefighter or ambulance worker must immediately cease providing any additional service at the scene of the emergency; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the intent of this resolution is to provide the maximum insurance coverage permitted under the law to local volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers who elect to respond to an emergency that may not be within their own jurisdiction.

By motion made by Supervisor Lounsbury, 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 14th day of May, 2015 as follows:

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

END RESOLUTION

3. A motion is needed to allow the Seniors the use of the bus for a trip to Fly Creek on either May 19th or 26th, 2015.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to allow the use of the bus for the Seniors to go to Fly Creek; 2nd by Supervisor Lounsbury. *Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)*

4. A motion is needed to allow Superintendent Bates to attend the Cornell Local Roads Program June 1st through June 3rd, 2015.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to authorize Superintendent Bates to attend the Cornell Local Roads Program; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir. *Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)*

5. A motion is needed to accept the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials which will be submitted to New York State Retirement.

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A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to accept the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir. *Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)*

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Marie Dermody had several questions:

1. Why the time frames for Grievance Day were not posted and not on the Community Calendar?
2. If Councilman Wood had researched the wording when announcing an Executive Session? Councilman Wood indicated that Executive Session may not simply be announced by saying "...for discussing personnel".
3. What the progress was regarding the Noise Ordinance? Supervisor Lounsbury responded by stating that there has not been any progress since the last meeting.
4. What the progress was regarding the Zoning Law? Supervisor Lounsbury responded by stating that there has not been any progress since the last meeting.
5. If Supervisor Lounsbury had a definite answer on the Preston Hollow Lighting District? Supervisor Lounsbury explained that one year was allowed to make the transfer and being that another transfer would have to be done at the end of this year, both transfers will be done at the same time.

ADJOURNMENT - A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 7:53PM; 2nd by Supervisor Lounsbury. *Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;
Victoria H. Kraker, Town Clerk



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, 518-239-6825

Fees: Wed Pilates—\$7.00
All Others—\$12.00



CCE's Agroforestry Resource Center
is proud to present pastel landscapes

BLOOMING COLORS

by

Susan M. Story, PSA

May 1st - June 29th

Reception:

Saturday, June 6th, 3:00-5 :00PM

Plein air, Wild Flower, Pastel Workshop

lead by

Susan M. Story, PSA

Saturday, June 6th, 10:00 AM-2:30 PM

Please register: (518)-622-9820

6055 Route 23, Acra, NY 12405

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Historical Society to Feature Rebirth of Daniel Conkling House

By Ken Storms, president of Rensselaerville Historical Society

The special program at the Annual Meeting of the Rensselaerville Historical Society this fall will detail the extraordinary rebirth of the Daniel Conkling House on Albany Hill Road. It will include John Eldridge's complete photographic record of the historic property and its renovation over the last three years.

The house was built in 1806, one of the earliest houses built in Rensselaerville, and has been restored by brothers Stewart and Roy Myers, descendants of its first owner, after more than 20 years of neglect and vandalism while owned by others. The Myers brothers were recently honored by the Preservation League of New York State with an Excellence in Historic Preservation Award. Please look for the Historical Society Annual Meeting announcement coming later this summer.



Town-wide Picnic

The Town of Rensselaerville will hold its third annual townwide picnic on Sunday, June 7 from 2:00pm to 4:30pm on the grounds of the Town Hall to celebrate the unity of its five hamlets: Cooksburg, Medusa, Preston Hollow, Potter Hollow and Rensselaerville.

The Town Council created this event as a way to bring residents together to share a meal and build community spirit. Hot dogs and hamburgers donated by the fire departments and home-made salads and desserts will be on the menu along with music and information tables hosted by town businesses, organizations and churches. The Albany County Sheriff's Office education outreach bus will be onsite and there will be a demonstration of its K-9 program. The volunteer fire companies and the ambulance corps will have vehicles and representatives on hand. The American Legion will hold a ceremony at the "Ring of Honor" at 3:00pm to honor Town of Rensselaerville residents who are veterans and active members of the armed services.

All current and former Town of Rensselaerville residents are invited. Those whose last name begins with A through M are asked to bring a salad to share; those whose last name begins with N through Z are asked to bring a dessert to share.

Businesses and organizations that want to host an information table should contact Margaret Sedlmeir at 518-239-6282.

Did you know

...that GNH in Greenville, NY has contributed a significant amount of money towards the purchase of a 6-burner gas grill for the town-wide picnic, thereby eliminating the need to borrow a grill each year? The remaining balance of the cost of the grill was covered by donations..

Kenneth's Army presents the
1st Annual

June 6th, 2015

Kenneth's Ride

Registration:

10 am Thacher's Park
Main entrance
Hailes Cave Pavilion

\$ 20.00 per bike
\$ 30.00 w/passenger
1st 100 bikes get a FREE t-shirt
Kick stands up at 11:30
Ends at Thacher's with a BBQ



50/50

Music

Proceeds benefit a
Scholarship Fund for a
Berne Knox Westerlo
student furthering their
education in the field of
Social Services.

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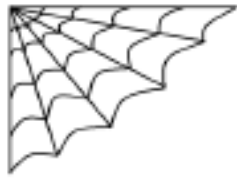
DOOR PRIZES

Raffles

Contact Info:
Claire Ansbro-Ingalls 518-368-9812
Dawn Gibson 518-694-2151

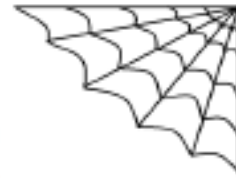
We reserve the right to refuse admission to this event.

LET'S KEEP UP THE GOOD FIGHT



Kenneth's Army

Champions for Children



B-K-W Scholarship Fund, in memory of **Kenneth White**, to a student furthering their education in the field of Social Services.

Kenneth's story:

Kenneth's Army was established after the death of five year old Kenneth White. He was murdered on December 18th 2014, allegedly at the hands of his cousin, just seven days before Christmas. Kenny's twin sister Cheyanne and their younger sister Christine are now in the foster care system. As more information continues to come out regarding his case, it becomes evident that the death of Kenny was preventable on multiple levels and that the placement of Kenny, Cheyanne and Christine with that family should not have taken place. Our goal is to shed light on the darkness to reveal the cracks that children like Kenny and his sisters fall through and honor Kenny's memory by advocating for change in laws that affect the placement of children, speaking out against child abuse and neglect and ensuring the safety of Kenny's sisters. Because being a child shouldn't hurt and no child should have to find out that monsters are real. We are the voice for the voiceless, the light where there is darkness. We are Kenneth's Army.

Our organization's mission is to raise awareness and be the voice for those that do not have one. This is a chance to give back to the community and give at-risk children the chance to speak up and be heard. Supporting us helps us show the abused children that someone does care and that someone is stepping up for them.

We would be grateful if you could support our community MC Run. We are anticipating over 300 people attending this event, and we are relying on support and sponsors like you to help make it a huge success. If you support us, we will include your information as a sponsor on our T-shirts and on the day of the event.

The amount you give is completely up to you. We are asking \$150 donation/sponsorship for a business card placement or \$100 for a name.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please give us a call or email. Feel free to contact us with any additional questions. Thank you for your time.

MC Run Contact Info:

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PASTEL WORKSHOP

with

SUSAN M. STORY, PSA

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

Wellington's Herbs and Spices

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

Pastel Color Play On The Farm!

Have fun and learn to see beyond local color! Students will sketch outside at Wellington's and some of the local farms. We will then return to the studio to

paint your uniquely colored composition in pastel. Susan will give demonstrations and give encouraging one on one help to each artist. A materials list will be provided.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wellington's Herbs and Spices

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

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

<http://www.usps.com>



MEDUSA POST OFFICE: Phone 518-239-4826

(19 COUNTY ROUTE 351 MEDUSA, NY 12120)

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

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

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



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



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

Senior Citizens Info

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

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

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

Additional Important Phone Numbers:

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

A Serious Concern

The Town of Rensselaerville has a 2015 budget of \$2,165,021 (\$1,210,964 for the highway fund; \$954,057 for the general fund). Therefore, it suffices to say that the Town of Rensselaerville is a multi-million dollar business. How is it possible for the Town Board to conduct the multi-million dollar business of this Town in meetings that are so relatively short? Case in point, the May 12 "work meeting" lasted all of 24 minutes and the "regular meeting" on May 14, which included reports from the various departments within Town government, lasted approximately 53 minutes.

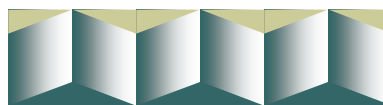
Based on a recent incident, we are relatively sure that a considerable amount of Town business is being discussed and decided by Town Board members outside of the regularly scheduled public meetings and that the public meetings simply allow a forum for Town Councilmen to "rubber-stamp" previously and/or privately made decisions. The May 21, 2015 public hearing and special meeting on the Cablevision Franchise Agreement were set up by the Supervisor through a series of telephone calls to Board members. Public notice of public hearings and special meetings must be made by a legal notice in the Town's official newspaper (*The Altamont Enterprise*). Since these are paid notices and therefore involve the expenditure of public funds, a Town Board motion authorizing such legal notices is required. Although the first legal notice was dated May 7, 2015, absolutely no discussion was conducted at the May 12 or May 14 meetings and no authorization given to publish the legal notice. It was not until the Supervisor was told that the actions of the Town Board in this matter were in violation of Town Law and the Open Meetings Law that the Board retroactively approved all actions regarding this matter just prior to the public hearing on May 21.

As stated in §100 of the Law, its Legislative Declaration:

"It is essential to the maintenance of a democratic society that the public business be performed in an open and public manner and that the citizens of this state be fully aware of and able to observe the performance of public officials and attend and listen to the deliberations and decisions that go into the making of public policy. The people must be able to remain informed if they are to retain control over those who are their public servants. It is the only climate under which the commonweal will prosper and enable the governmental process to operate for the benefit of those who created it."

In an advisory opinion dated February 5, 2013, Robert Freeman, Executive Director of the Committee on Open Government, wrote: "We believe that the Legislature intended to include more than the mere formal act of voting or the formal execution of an official document. Every step of the decision-making process, including the decision itself, is a necessary preliminary to formal action. Formal acts have always been matters of public record and the public has always been made aware of how its officials have voted on an issue. There would be no need for this law if this was all the Legislature intended. Obviously, every thought, as well as every affirmative act of a public official as it relates to and is within the scope of one's official duties is a matter of public concern. It is the entire decision-making process that the Legislature intended to affect by the enactment of this statute" (60 AD 2d 409, 415).

We strongly advise the Supervisor and the Town Board that the residents and taxpayers of the Town of Rensselaerville deserve and demand that all Town business must be discussed fully and openly at Town Board meetings. We will accept nothing less.



“Down With the Rent!”

By Janet Haseley

“We Will Be Free” is one of the Anti-Rent songs sung at a celebration at the foot of the Helderberg Escarpment on July 4, 1845. It is also one of the 21 ballads and songs of the Anti-Rent Rebellion which will be performed in a historical concert on July 3, 2015 in Rensselaerville by well-known area folk musicians in the Old Songs production “Down With The Rent!”

Having this production on the Fourth of July weekend, in an area which was a hotbed of the Anti-Rent Rebellion, is an appropriate time and place to remember the historic events that took place here from 1839 to the 1880s.

“Down With The Rent!” is the story in narrative and song of the farmers’ protests against the Van Rensselaer family’s efforts to collect unpaid back rents from people who had thought of the land as theirs. After the American Revolution, Stephen Van Rensselaer III, under a charter from the Dutch West India Company, offered “free” land to anyone who would develop it. But after several years, those who took advantage of the offer were to pay rents in goods or services. Van Rensselaer often did not collect these rents and when he died, his sons sent the sheriff to foreclose on properties that could not pay the accumulated sums. One of the songs in the “Down With The Rent!” production, “The End of Bill Snyder”, tells of the fate of Sheriff Bill Snyder.

Many local people do not know the dramatic story of the Anti-Rent movement and this production is an excellent way to learn many of the historical facts. A great deal of research went into developing the story line and choosing the authentic songs. Words of some songs were printed on “broadsides” (flyers) and in newspapers of the time. Rallying meetings were held and “Calico Indians” waylaid sheriffs sent to foreclose or sell properties for unpaid rents. The “Calico Indians” were farmers disguised in calico cloth and masks to hide their identities.

Andy Spence, director of the “Down With The Rent!” production, is the founder and executive director of Old Songs, Inc. She wrote the narrative and selected the songs for the production. The cast consists of well-known folk musicians George Wilson, John Roberts, George Ward, Bill Spence, Toby Stover, Greg Clarke, Terri Leonino and Greg Artzner.

The performance will be at the Guggenheim Performance Hall at the Carey Institute for Global Good in Rensselaerville at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 3. The Performance Hall has excellent acoustics and there is ample parking. A number of individuals and organizations are helping to sponsor this production in order to make the admission price only \$10.

The printed program includes a glossary of historical terms used in the “Down With The Rent!” production, background information about each of the songs, and a bibliography of the sources Spence used in her research. One of the sources was “Words to the Songs and Ballads of the Anti-Rent Rebellion in New York State, 1839-1880” which was from a production in Rensselaerville’s Conkling Hall in 1997. That production was an original historical musical, “...of the People”, written and directed by the late Richard Creamer of Rensselaerville. George Ward, one of the folk musicians performing in “Down With The Rent”, arranged the music for Richard Creamer’s 1997 production. Ward and the late John Whitbeck of Preston Hollow provided the music for Creamer’s musical and the Rensselaerville Historical Society produced CDs of the songs in that performance.

Advance reservations and further information about the “Down With The Rent” production may be had by calling Janet Haseley, Research Chair of the Rensselaerville Historical Society, at 252-714-6626 (cell phone).

Library News

Rensselaerville Library

Rensselaerville resident Tom Gilroy and 2014 Festival of Writers poet Shin Yu Pai have set up another Haiku Project campaign on Indie GoGo. This year they have set the fundraising goal higher in hopes to raise more money for the Library. The fundraising campaign has photographs, books, the Haiku art piece as well as the Haiku bandannas and dish towel perks for this year. To support the Library, to view the story behind the project and the items available please visit <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/festival-of-writers-haiku-project-2015#/story>

The Library's Writing Group will be meeting on Thursday, June 11th at 7pm. This informal and supportive writing group is designed for writers of all interests, backgrounds and abilities. Participants have time to write and share "works in progress" and receive the support needed. If you have questions please call Linda Miller at 936-4402.

The Library's Poetry Group will be meeting on Tuesday, June 9 & 23 at 7pm. Poets of all interests and abilities bring your poem and receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words. Questions please contact Tom Corrado at tjc123@midtel.net

The Library's Board of Trustees meeting is on Monday, June 15th at 7pm. The Meeting is open to the public.

Online registration for the Summer Reading Program will begin on June 26th. This program is open to all ages, children through adults and more information will be available on the 26th. Get ready to set your summer reading goals.

Friday, June 26th the Library will be showing the movie *Paddington* in the Library on our new big screen TV at 6:30pm. Paddington tells the story of the comic misadventures of a young Peruvian bear who travels to the city in search of a home. Finding himself lost and alone, he begins to realize that city life is not all he had imagined -until he meets the kindly Brown family who read the label around his neck that says "Please look after this bear. Thank you," and offer him a temporary haven. It looks as though his luck has changed until this rare talking bear catches the eye of a museum taxidermist. The film features an entirely computer-generated bear who interacts with a cast of esteemed actors. Paddington is rated PG and is 1:35 in length. The purchase of the TV was made possible with a grant from The Bank of Greene County.

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

Hours: Sunday, Monday Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday 10am - 12pm; 4pm - 9pm

Thursday, Friday 4pm - 9pm

Saturday 9am - 1pm

Contact information: 1459 Route 351, Rensselaerville, NY 12147

(518) 797-3949; Fax (518) 797-5211

www.rensselaervillelibrary.org

Director Kimberly Graff: director@rensselaervillelibrary.org

Library Assistant Katie Caprio: library@rensselaervillelibrary.org

Middleburgh Library

June 2 **1:00pm** **Mahjongg** - In the Community Room (Also meets June 9, 16, 23, 30)

June 4 **7:00pm** **Knitting Circle** - These friendly ladies (men are welcome, but we haven't

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seen any yet!) knit and crochet, embroider and quilt, and more. You can learn a new skill here or share your own special talents with others - or just craft in the company of friends. Drop in anytime! No registration required. (Also meets June 11, 18, 25)

- June 4 **Tai Chi** - Summer at the Covered Bridge - Schoharie (will be moving to The Covered Bridge by the Old Stone Fort in Schoharie until **Labor Day**
10-11am For beginners
11-12noon For Intermediate
12-1pm For advanced
6-7pm For all levels
- June 8 **6:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting** - Meetings are open to the public and all are invited to attend.
- June 10 **5:00-6:15pm Kundalini Yoga** - Facilitated by Debra Krol, involves repetitive movements with the breath, building strength, toning the nerves and clearing the adrenal glands. Wear comfortable clothing and bring 2 blankets or a mat and blanket. A \$5.00 donation is requested. Use the back entrance when entering the building. No registration required. (Also meets May 27)
- June 11 **7pm The Not so Quiet Concert Series: Horowitz & Malkine** - Stand-up poet **Mikhail Horowitz** and unapologetically French guitarist **Gilles Malkine** have been performing together in the Hudson Valley and beyond since 1989. They perpetrate increasingly unlawful acts of political satire and recycle literary classics, adapting them to rap, blues, bop, hip-hop, high-tech hillbilly, and other, even scruffier musical idioms. They also spoof or pay backhanded homage to various subgenres of American roots music. Tickets are available at the door. A \$10.00 donation is suggested.
- June 15 **1:30pm Registration for the Summer Reading Program Begins**
- June 30 **10:45am Drop-In Storytime (Summer Reading)** - Get ready to move in this interactive storytime especially for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. We'll read books, sing songs, recite fingerplays, dance and watch a short movie based on a weekly theme. No registration required.
- June 30 **7pm Book Discussion: "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd** - Inspired by the historical figure of Sarah Grimke, Kidd goes beyond the record to flesh out the rich interior lives of all of her characters, both real and invented, including Handful's cunning mother, Charlotte, who courts danger in her search for something better. This book discussion will be facilitated by Audrey Kupferberg.

This exquisitely written novel is a triumph of storytelling that looks with unswerving eyes at a devastating wound in American history, through women whose struggles for liberation, empowerment, and expression will leave no reader unmoved. Books are available to check out at the Help Desk.

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

<http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=8616&thisMonth=5&thisYear=2015>

Contact information: 323 Main Street, Middleburgh, NY 12122

(518) 827-5142

www.middleburghlibrary.info

Albany Countywide Government Efficiency Plan

As taken from the Albany County website: "Local governments and special districts within Albany County have a long history of sharing services and implementing efficiencies to control the growth of property taxes.

The collaborative activity and efficiencies already implemented by local governments and special districts within Albany County run the gamut from shared highway equipment and personnel to merging ambulance districts.

With the support of the Albany County Legislature, the Albany County Comptroller, Executive, Sheriff and Clerk led a collaborative effort of 19 Albany County local governments and 10 Albany County special districts to devise a countywide Government Efficiency Plan (GEP)."

[Click here for the Albany Countywide Government Efficiency Plan \[PDF; 1.85 Mb\]](#)

This is an interesting read, especially with the ability to compare Rensselaerville to other Albany County municipalities to see how we measure up to the concept of shared services and increasing efficiency in Town government.



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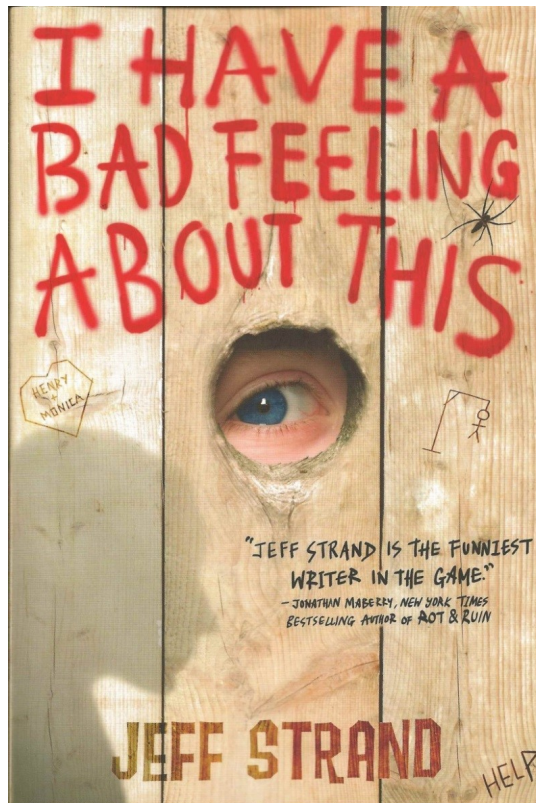
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- ⇒ Check out where your book has been and follow where it goes once you **RIF!**
- ⇒ Share your **wilderness survival tips**
- ⇒ Fill out a quick survey for a chance to win a **prize**: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/rifbadfeeling>
- ⇒ Drop into your **public library!** Share your comments with the librarian or in the comment box in the teen area.

ENJOY THE BOOK!

A collaborative project of Upper Hudson Library System

Teens the Library has 6 copies, stop in, pick one up
and Read It Forward!

Don't Forget to Complete the READ IT FORWARD SURVEY
You could Win a Survival Prize Pack

The last day to participate in the Survey is August 31, 2015

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On The Calendar

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|---------|-------------|--|---------------------------|
| June 6 | 7 to 11 am. | Special Breakfast
To benefit the Greenville FFA | Medusa Firehouse |
| June 7 | 2:00-4:30pm | Rensselaerville Town-wide Picnic
For former and current residents.
Please bring a salad if your last name begins with A-M;
Please bring a dessert if your last name begins with N-Z.
Hot Dogs & Hamburgers provided by Fire Companies.
There will be live music. | Town Hall |
| | 3pm | American Legion Ceremony at Ring of Honor.
Businesses and organizations that want to host an information table should contact Margaret Sedlmeir at 518-239-6282. | |
| June 9 | 12 noon | Rensselaerville Seniors Club
Meeting & luncheon | Medusa Firehouse |
| June 9 | 7pm | Town Board Work Meeting | Town Hall |
| June 11 | 7pm | Town Board Regular Meeting | Town Hall |
| June 14 | | Flag Day -
People across the United States celebrate Flag Day on June 14 each year to honor the United States flag and to commemorate the flag's adoption. | |
| June 21 | | Father's Day | |
| June 21 | 8-11am | Father's Day Breakfast
Join us for Glen's famous pancakes, eggs, sausage and toast. | Rensselaerville Firehouse |



Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

- * Please support our Calendar Drive! Calendars will be delivered in June.
- * Our social number has changed to: 966-0338. Please update your records. *In case of an emergency, **call 9-1-1.***



May-June, 2015

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Zoning Board of Appeals	John Mormile	
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Dog Control Officer	Cheryl Baitsholts	Phone: 797-5201
Town Hall		Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798 Fax: 239-6339



Did you know

...that, at the March 12, 2015, Town Board meeting, the Attorney to the Town declared that the new zoning law was ready to be moved forward? So where is it? A recent email to the Supervisor seeking a status update went unanswered. The chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals has already submitted his review. How much longer does the public have to wait to see the document and have an opportunity to voice their opinions?

The Back Page

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