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Organizational Meeting, January 2, 2018

What follows below is a summary of the motions and actions taken by the Town Board at the Organizational Meeting that took place on January 2, 2018, at 7:00 PM at Town Hall. Please note that all motions were unanimously approved by the Town Board and that all appointments end on 12/31/2018 unless otherwise noted.

ATTORNEY TO THE TOWN – Tabner, Ryan, & Keniry, LLP

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to enter into Executive Session at 7:02 pm for the purpose of discussing employee history and possible litigation.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to return from Executive Session at 7:44 pm; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

TOWN VETERINARIAN – Dr. Diane Biederman

CRITICAL INCIDENT MANAGER - Brian Wood

CRITICAL INCIDENT OFFICER - Gerald Wood

DEPUTY TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - Charles Welsch

CLERK TO THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – Kim Welsch

WATER TREATMENT OFFICER - John Rice

DEPUTY WATER TREATMENT OFFICER – Gerritt Platel

SEWAGE TREATMENT OFFICER – John Rice

DEPUTY SEWAGE TREATMENT OFFICER – Gerritt Platel

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE MEMBER – Rebecca Platel

RENSSELAERVILLE WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE – TERMS

Micah Kuhar 01/01/2014 – 12/31/2018

Timothy Miller 02/01/2015 – 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

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CONSTABLE – Richard Simons

CLERK 1 TO SUPERVISOR (Bookkeeper) – Linda McCormick

ACCOUNTANT TO THE TOWN – Pattison, Kosky, Howe and Bucci, CPA's

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR – Councilman John Dolce

CLERK 2 TO ASSESSORS – Debra Baxter

DOG CONTROL OFFICER – Cheryl Tefft-Baitsholts

REFUSE/RECYCLING OFFICER – Jon Whitbeck

SUBSTITUTE REFUSE/RECYCLING OFFICERS – Mark Case and Jonathan Wilber

HISTORIAN – Janet Nelson

PLANNING BOARD – Maryanne (term 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2024)

PLANNING BOARD TERMS

Walter Cooke	01/01/2012 – 12/31/2018
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

PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN – Richard Amedure

PLANNING BOARD/ZONING BOARD SECRETARY – TBA – Steven Pflieger will be filling the vacancy until a clerk can be hired.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR – Mark Overbaugh be appointed Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector for a period of three (3) months, subject to Town Board evaluation.

CLERK TO CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR - Debra Baxter

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – Anthony Higgins (term to be 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2022)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – TERMS

Brian Wood	01/01/2017 – 12/31/2018
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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CHAIRMAN – Anthony Guadagno

BOARD OF ETHICS – Douglas Lansing

BOARD OF ETHICS TERMS

John Mormile	01/01/2017 – 12/31/2018
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

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BOARD OF ETHICS CHAIRPERSON – Maryanne Overbaugh

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW (GRIEVANCE BOARD) – TERMS

Scott Whitbeck 10/01/2014 – 09/30/2018

Bradley Chase 10/01/2015 – 09/30/2019

Eric Sutton 10/01/2017 – 09/30/2022

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS – Victoria Kraker

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/COLLECTOR/REGISTRAR – Kathryn Wank

COURT CLERKS – Sally Lounsbury and Kim Welsch

RECORDS INVENTORY CLERK – Kathryn Wank

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

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE TOWN BOARD:

MILEAGE – mileage rate per mile for all Town employees be set at 54.5 cents per mile

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER – *Altamont Enterprise* and authorized the Town Clerk and Supervisor to advertise in other newspapers as needed

DEPOSITORIES – Bank of Greene County

MEETING DATE – 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM be the official meeting date for Town Board meetings

ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS – Town Officials be authorized to attend the Association of Towns Meeting in New York City in February at their own expense

SENIOR SERVICES COORDINATOR – Ann Vogel

ASSISTANT SENIOR SERVICES COORDINATOR – Thomas Snyder

INVESTMENT POLICY- reaffirm the investment policy

FINANCIAL REPORT – Supervisor be authorized 60 days after the close of the Fiscal Year to complete the Financial Report for the Town

BILLS – 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 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

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WAGES – following wage, salary and schedule of payments be adopted for the year 2018:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>PAID</u>
Town Council	(4 @ \$3,000 each) 12,000	Monthly
Town Justice	(2 @ \$9,450 each) 18,900	Weekly
Town Supervisor	12,500	Monthly
Town Clerk/Collector	32,780	Weekly
Assessors (3)		
Uncertified	4,835	Monthly
Certified	(3@ \$1,200 each) 6,035	Monthly
Chairman (1 @ \$500)	6,535	Monthly
Attorney for the Town	36,000	Quarterly
Building/Zoning Officer	14,930	Monthly
Dog Control Officer	5,140	Monthly
Registrar of Vital Statistics	580	Annually
Superintendent of Highways	45,407.50	Weekly
Constable	1,400	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>
Foreman	\$20.41	Weekly
Truck Driver (CDL)	19.61	Weekly
Seasonal Help CDL	\$18.00	Weekly
Non-CDL	16.00	Weekly

RECYCLING DEPARTMENT

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PAID PER HOUR</u>	<u>PAID</u>
Recycling Co-Ordinator	38,186.40 (salaried)	Weekly
Substitute (CDL)	11.64	Weekly
Substitute (Non-CDL)	10.00	Weekly

ADMINISTRATION

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY/WAGES</u>	<u>PAID</u>
Clerk 1 (\$20.35/hr.)	\$23,670	Weekly
Clerk 1 Assistant (\$20.00/hr.)	15,600	Weekly
Clerk 2 – Assessors (\$15.00/hr.)	10,500	Weekly
Deputy Town Clerk (\$12.00/hr.)	13,000	Weekly
Justice Clerk (2)		
(\$2,400.00 each – salaried)	4,800	Monthly
Planning Board Secretary (\$12.00/hr.)	3,500	Weekly
Zoning Secretary (\$12.00/hr.)	2,000	Weekly
Bldg. Inspector Clerk A (\$12/hr.)	3,280	Weekly
Clerk to Superintendent (\$12.00/hr.)	4,600	Monthly

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Hired Cleaning Service (Paid Sub-Contractor)	<u>BUILDINGS</u> 2,000	Annually
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A motion was made by Supervisor Pflieger to rescind the motion that Debra Baxter be appointed Building Inspector Clerk and moved to appoint Debra Baxter to be Building Inspector Clerk A. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

A motion was made by Supervisor Pflieger to rescind the wage, salary, and schedule of payments for 2018; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

A motion was made by Supervisor Pflieger to adopt the 2018 wage, salary, and schedule of payments as corrected above*, except for the wages of the Deputy Water Treatment Officer and Deputy Sewer Treatment Officer until verified; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir

* Clerk 1/Bookkeeper: \$20.35/hour - \$23, 670/year

BONDED OFFICIALS – Supervisor Pflieger, Deputy Supervisor Dolce, Town Justice Ronald J. Bates, Superintendent Randy Bates, Town Clerk/Collector Victoria Kraker, Deputy Town Clerk/Collector Kathryn Wank, Planning/Zoning Board Secretary (TBA), Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Mark Overbaugh, and Clerk 1 for the Supervisor/Bookkeeper Linda McCormick

2017 PAYMENTS – 2017 books remain open until February 28, 2018 in order to pay any remaining 2017 bills

Supervisor Pflieger wished to create a position of an assistant to Clerk 1/Bookkeeper, Linda McCormick. A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to create a position of an assistant to Clerk 1/Bookkeeper; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to appoint Valerie Lounsbury to the position of assistant to Clerk 1/Bookkeeper at a rate of \$20.00/hour for a maximum of 15 hours/week for a term of one year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dolce.

OATH OF OFFICE – Justice Bates swore the following appointed officials into office: Richard Amendure, Marion Cooke, John Dolce, Victoria H. Kraker, Mark Overbaugh, Maryanne Overbaugh, Jason Rauf, Kathryn Wank, Charles Welsch, Jon Whitbeck, and Gerald Wood.



Draft Minutes, Town Board Work Meeting, January 9, 2018

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 9th day of January 2018 at 7:00 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Steven Pflieger and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Steven Pflieger, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman John Dolce, Councilman Jason Rauf, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker
Also present was one interested citizen.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on January 11, 2018:

- December 12, 2017 – Work Meeting
- December 14, 2017 – Regular Meeting
- December 14, 2017 – Public Hearing on Fee Schedule
- December 28, 2017 – Final Meeting
- January 2, 2018 – Organizational Meeting

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Pflieger has correspondence which he will address on Thursday.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Corrections that are needed on the Organizational Meeting minutes will be addressed on Thursday.
2. The County Route 353 speed limit will be addressed at the Regular Meeting.
3. The Union Contract will need to be ratified at the Regular Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The computer in the Supervisor's office has crashed. A new one was slated to be purchased this year. As this is a time-sensitive matter, Supervisor Pflieger asked if authorization could be given at this meeting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize the purchase of a new computer for the Supervisor's office in the amount of \$1,284.00; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

2. Authorization to collect Water and Sewer District rents will be needed at the meeting on Thursday.
3. Authorization to sign the Shared Services agreement with the Town of Westerlo for the Senior/Youth bus and car will be needed.
4. Authorization to sign the contract for legal services will be needed.
5. 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.
6. Authorization is needed to sign the contracts for the Medusa, Rensselaerville, and Tri-Village Fire Companies.

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7. Councilwoman Cooke will need to make a disclosure statement regarding her employment with GNH Lumber.

8. Councilwoman Cooke will be performing the Town Justice audit.

9. Authorization is needed to allow Supervisor Pflieger, Councilman Dolce, and Councilman Rauf to attend the Newly Elected Officials training in Albany. The training is being held on January 10th, 11th, and 12th.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to authorize Supervisor Pflieger, Councilman Dolce, and Councilman Rauf to attend the training for Newly Elected Officials in Albany on January 10th, 11th, and 12th; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

As a vote could not be passed the motion was broken down into two separate motions as follows:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to authorize Councilman Dolce and Councilman Rauf to attend the training for Newly Elected Officials in Albany on January 10th, 11th, and 12th; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to authorize Supervisor Pflieger to attend the training for Newly Elected Officials in Albany on January 10th, 11th, and 12th; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Marie Dermody noted that the newly created position, Clerk1 Assistant, was not listed in the Organizational Meeting minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to enter into Executive Session at 7:16 PM for the purpose of discussion employee history and possible litigation; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to return from Executive Session at 7:44 PM; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



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The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 11th day of January 2018 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Steven Pflieger and the roll was called with the following results:

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

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, and nine interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Phil Pearson Sr. wished to address the Board regarding the speed limit on County Route 353. Mr. Pearson described some of the recent incidents near his house which is located just a few hundred feet south of the bridge. He has already spoken with the County Highway engineer and was directed to bring his concerns to the Town Board. Supervisor Pflieger explained that measures had already begun at the County and State level to reduce the speed limit.

Marie Dermody read a letter she wished to have placed into the minutes as follows:

First of all, I would like to commend whoever is responsible for posting "Notice of Meeting for Cold War Vet Exemption," "Planning Board Secretary Open Position," and "Duties of Planning Board Secretary" on the Announcements page of the Town's website. Hopefully, this is a sign that the Town Board is now committed to keeping the residents and taxpayers of this Town informed of important matters.

Considering that this is a new year with one new Town Board member and a new supervisor, and considering that the previous Town Board was often criticized for what was considered its rather indiscriminate use of executive sessions, and considering that I would like to provide assistance to the Town Board with regard to this matter to avoid future confrontation, I would like to present each member as well as the Town Clerk and attorney to the Town with a copy of section 105 of the Open Meetings Law which enumerates the eight purposes for entering executive sessions. I hope it is accepted with the same spirit with which it is given.

Now, at the risk of again being accused of being petty and overly critical, I bring up 2 additional matters.

At the final meeting of 2017 on December 29, the former supervisor announced that she had signed the new collective bargaining agreement with the union representing the Town's highway department. I questioned the former supervisor in an email dated December 30, 2017, but never got a response. When did the Town Board vote to authorize the supervisor to sign this agreement? There was no discussion at a public meeting, no motion made at a public meeting, and no vote taken at a public meeting. Since no motion/vote is permitted in executive session, when did this all take place? Because of this, I question its legality. And I'm still waiting for an answer.

At the organizational meeting held on January 2, 2018, the Town Board unanimously voted to create a new position, Assistant to Clerk 1, at \$20/hour for 15 hours/week for 1 year. This comes to an additional \$15,600 of taxpayer money for the year.

Clerk 1 already works 20/hours a week for the Town and received a 2.5% raise for 2018. Now the Town Board has increased Clerk 1 hours from 20 to 35 per week, a 75% increase. Can someone tell the taxpayers how her job requirements have increased by 75%?

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Then I recalled discussion that took place at a budget workshop meeting in November. I have an audio recording in which the former supervisor requested additional hours in the form of another position for Clerk 1 because she was concerned about the incoming supervisor's ability to do the job for which he was elected. She felt he would need assistance to learn the responsibilities of the job. When she made the motion to create this new position, not one Town Board member seconded it. So, no further action was taken.

But now, only 2 months later, the same motion is made at the organizational meeting and is approved unanimously. There was absolutely no public discussion on the part of the Town Board, no public explanation as to why 3 Town Board members changed their minds and reversed their position, no opportunity for the community to make audience comments and express their opinions. It begs the questions: When did these discussions take place? Behind closed doors? When was this decision made? Behind closed doors? The only thing you did in the public view was vote on the motion. And does an elected official, who ran for office knowing what the position entailed, really need a full year of "tutoring" to learn the job at taxpayers' expense? And why not call this position what it really is, Assistant to the Supervisor, instead of camouflaging it as Assistant to Clerk 1? I'd like an answer to these questions, if not tonight, then in writing in the very near future.

In addition, you've created a position with a salary, and yet didn't do a budget amendment adding a new line for this new position and explaining where the money is coming from to pay for this new position. Do you intend to do so?

This is the beginning of a new year and a new administration. It's never too early to commit to open and transparent government, improved communication with the community, and appreciation and respect rather than disdain and contempt for community members who are interested in their Town's government.

End Letter

[Editor's Note: Please see commentary on page 16.]

MINUTES

As there are only two members on the Board who could vote on the motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 Work Meeting, the vote will be tabled.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2017 Public Hearing; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

Marie Dermody questioned the accuracy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 14, 2017 specifically the wording of the motion regarding the renewal of the Blue Shield insurance for the retirees.

Supervisor Pflieger made a motion to rescind the original motion made by Councilwoman Cooke at the Regular Meeting held on December 14, 2017 which called for the renewal of the Blue Shield of NENY Medicare Advantage Plan to include the benefit of turning in their receipts over \$450.00.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize the Supervisor to renew the Blue Shield of

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NENY Medicare Advantage Plan for the retirees to include the \$500.00 which the Town will reimburse the seniors for their out-of-pocket co-pays for prescription drugs once they have submitted proof of expenditures over the initial \$3,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.

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

[Editor's Note: It was at this point in the meeting that Deputy Supervisor/Town Councilman John Dolce went into a rant about my addressing the Town Board with errors in the minutes. Unfortunately, this part of the meeting was not memorialized in the minutes of this meeting. For more information about this, you might consider reading the article by H. Rose Schneider on page 13 of the January 18, 2018 issue of *The Altamont Enterprise*.]

The approval of the December 14, 2017 Regular Meeting as well as the remainder of the minutes will be tabled until the next meeting.

TRANSFERS

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to approve the following transfer:

From 'FEMA Fund' 4187 to 'Highway' DA5131E 22999 in the amount of \$142,853.00 to cover the cost of the loader. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.

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

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - \$25,727.30; Highway Fund—\$164,205.52; Lighting District - \$736.42; Sewer Fund - \$68.30 ; Water Fund - \$44.81; T&A Fund - \$848.43. Total Abstracts - \$191,630.78

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Pflaging received a letter from the Huyck Preserve expressing their appreciation for all the Town does for the community, along with a \$250.00 donation.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR

1. Supervisor Pflaging reported the new computer should be arriving shortly.
2. Councilwoman Cooke will be meeting with Justice Bates to do the Justice Court audit.
3. Supervisor Pflaging, Councilman Dolce, and Councilman Rauf have been attending the training for Newly Elected Officials in Albany.
4. Supervisor Pflaging is learning about the budget, payroll, and compensation insurance.

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

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

ATTORNEY

1. Attorney Fallati read the Resolution for Local Law No. 1 of 2018 as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE

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TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, Section 458-b(c)2(iii) of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, established a residential real property tax exemption for Cold War veterans for a period of ten years; and

WHEREAS, the Laws of New York Chapter 290 of 2017 amended Section 458-b to permit local governments to remove the exemption’s ten-year limited period through adoption of a local law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the ten-year limitation on the residential real property tax exemption for Cold War veterans should be removed and made a permanent exemption for as long as the Cold War veteran remains a qualified owner of qualified residential property within the Town of Rensselaerville; and

WHEREAS, the attached proposed Local Law entitled “Extension of the Real Property Tax Exemption for Cold War Veterans” amends Section 194-19 of the Town Code to make the exemption permanent;

WHEREAS, the Town Board conducted a public hearing on the attached proposed local Law No. 1 of 2018 at the Town Hall on January 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, the attached Local Law No. 1 of 2018, which is incorporated herein, is enacted.

By motion made by Marion Cooke and seconded by Margaret Sedlmeir the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 11th day of January 2018 as follows:

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

End Resolution

2. Attorney Fallati read the Resolution for Local Law No. 2 of 2018 as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILE
TOWN BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is desirable to amend the current Code of the Town of Rensselaerville to revise and establish the fees that the Town charges for various services; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has further determined that it is desirable for purposes of providing an updated and consolidated fee schedule to repeal the fees codified in Section 63-10 of the current Town Code, subsection C, D, I, and J of Section 81-6 of the current Town Code, and Chapter 114 of the current Town Code and to amend the Town Code to provide provisions consolidating a fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) §617.5(c)(20), revising fees is a Type II action under SEQRA and is thus exempt from further review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board conducted a public hearing on the attached proposed Local Law

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville the attached Local Law No. 2 of 2018, which is incorporated herein, is enacted.

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 11th day of January 2018 as follows:

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

End Resolution

3. Attorney Fallati also reported that the process regarding the dissolution of the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance involves a proposal to transfer the property to the Town subject to some use restrictions. Attorney Fallati has a draft in this regard and will discuss it in Executive Session. These discussions are confidential under attorney-client communications.

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to accept the attorney's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent Bates reported that all the trucks are fully operational and materials are on hand.

2. Superintendent Bates stated that the new loader is exceeding expectations.

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

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

TOWN CLERK: Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of December as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$562.30. Paid to the Supervisor - \$532.40 - the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees: \$66.10; Recycling: \$196.50; Dog Licenses: \$77.00; Building Permits: \$182.80; Zoning: \$10.00. Total: \$532.40.

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$11.00

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$18.90

Town Clerk Kraker also presented an annual report for 2017 as follows: Total Collected: \$16,076.04; Paid to the Supervisor: Clerk Fees: \$1,198.12; Recycling: \$1,426.00; Dog Licenses: \$1,229.00; Building Permits: \$3,040.29; Zoning: \$1,300.00; Planning: \$200.00.

Paid to NYS Agriculture & Markets: \$200.00; Paid to NYS Environmental Conservation: \$7,370.13; Paid to NYS Department of Health: \$112.50

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Total: \$16,076.04

Total number of Marriage Licenses Issued: 5

Total number of Death Certificates Issued: 5

Total number of Birth Certificates Issued: 1

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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

1. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh submitted a written report as follows:

Two Deck Permits; one Accessory Building Permit; one Building Repair Permit; and one Home Addition Permit.

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

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

ASSESSORS

1. Assessor Kropp reported that Senior Star, Enhanced Star, Agriculture, and Disability exemption renewal letters have been mailed out.

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

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

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE: No Report

REFUSE/RECYCLING

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of December: Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 3.03 tons; City of Albany Landfill: 50.04 tons; Sierra Fibers: Old Cardboard Container 6.47 tons and Comingled 4.68 tons ; Oil: 1 gallons; Tires: 20

Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck also presented the Board with the annual report for 2017 as follows: Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 65.66 tons which amounts to revenue of \$9,813.34 for the Town; City of Albany Landfill: 777.85 tons; Sierra Fibers: Old Cardboard Container 64.51 tons and Comingled 57.06 tons; saving the Town; \$6,321.64 by recycling; Oil: 315 gallons; Tires: 412

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

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

CURRENT EVENTS

Kim Graff stated that activities at the Rensselaerville Library are typically quiet for the months of January and February. Wednesdays are kid's activities from 3:30 to 7 p.m. - including STEM programs and Story Time. In February there will be a therapy dog that children can come in and read to.

Medusa will hold its monthly Free-Will Offering Breakfast on January 20th.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. It has been confirmed that the Deputy Water/Sewer Treatment Officer will earn \$17.00/hr. This must be corrected in the Organizational minutes. The line item for "Assistant to Clerk 1" at \$20.00/hr. and David Potter – Seasonal/Winter Help at \$19.61/hr. will also have to be added to the Organizational minutes under Wages/Salaries. (Mr. Potter is a retired Union employee and will therefore earn the same rate of pay as those currently employed.)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to make the above mentioned corrections/additions to the Organizational minutes; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

Supervisor Pfliging noted that Mark Case who was appointed as Substitute Recycling Coordinator has declined the appointment.

2. Albany County is proposing to lower the speed limit on the east end of County Route 353 to 35mph. The County is also looking into placing more signage. The resolution submitted by Albany County states that the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, by a resolution adopted January 11, 2018, and the County Superintendent of Highways of the County of Albany, hereby request the Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 1622(1) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, to establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on County Route 353, a County road between Route 85 and about 0.4 miles west of County Route 359.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to authorize Supervisor Pfliging to sign the resolution; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

3. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to ratify the Union Contract retro-active to January 1, 2018; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

Superintendent Bates stated that going forward he feels that the Highway Superintendent should be allowed the opportunity to have input into the Highway Contract especially when changes such as working hours and beginning times are made.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The quote for new computer in the Supervisor's office has been signed and returned.

2. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize Supervisor Pfliging to sign the Warrant to collect Sewer Rents; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to authorize Supervisor Pfliging to sign the Warrant to collect Water Rents; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

3. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to sign the Shared Services Agreement with Westerlo for the bus and car. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

4. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to sign the contract for Legal Services between the Town of Rensselaerville and Tabner, Ryan, and Keniry; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

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5. 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.

6. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to authorize the supervisor to sign the contracts between the Town of Rensselaerville and the Rensselaerville and Tri-Village Fire Companies; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize Deputy Supervisor Dolce to sign the contract between the Town of Rensselaerville and the Medusa Fire Company; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

7. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to correct the date of the Public Hearing on Local Law No. 2 of 2018 to December 14, 2017; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

AUDIENCE COMMENTS [Editor's Note: This does not represent the actual chronology of the meeting. The Executive Session took place first, and then the Audience Comments.]

Marie Dermody questioned what changes have been made to the Union Contract. Supervisor Pflieger noted that the call-in/respond time had been extended from ½ hour to 1 hour during the winter months and the day after Thanksgiving would be an added Holiday no longer under the discretion of the Highway Superintendent. **[Editor's Note:** See comments on page 18.]

She also questioned the budget line item for the Deputy Highway Superintendent.

Mrs. Dermody noted that in the past, any comments and/or corrections she wished to present, she was asked to bring them to the Board's attention during the approval of the minutes. **[Editor's Note:** This was a continuation of the discussion that took place earlier in the meeting. More information on this matter will be forthcoming.]

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to enter into Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. for the purposes of obtaining legal advice regarding the dissolution of the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to return from Executive Session at 8:43 p.m.; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk

Commentary

Regarding the statement that I read at the January 11, 2018, Town Board meeting, Supervisor Pflieger told me he would not answer the questions posed in that statement that evening, but would get those answers to me soon. On January 13, I inquired about his office hours. What follows is a series of messages between him and me:

Me to Supervisor Pflieger after he said his office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 AM - 11 AM:

Thanks for this information, Steve. But do you really think 3 hours/day is enough time to do an adequate job as supervisor? We did not elect Valerie to be a quasi-supervisor to do your job when you're not in the office. And if Valerie is there to coach you in order to learn the job, she can't do that if you're not there to be coached. I hope you can allay my concerns about this matter. I look forward to getting your response.

Supervisor Pflieger to me:

While I appreciate your concerns, I would like to remind you that this is a small town which only allows this to be a part time position, with part time hours. As I am not at a retirement age, I do have to subsidize my part time income that comes from my position.

Valerie's position is not a quasi-supervisor, it is a Clerk 1 Assistant with responsibilities in assisting me with my transition and training. Valerie was approved for a maximum of 15 hours per week with Mondays and Fridays off.

The hours I indicated are the published hours that I anticipate being in the office. This does not mean I will only be in the office at those times. If there are occasions that I need to be there more than anticipated, or if the workload dictates a need for extended hours on occasion, I will adjust accordingly.

From me to Supervisor on January 14, 2018:

..... I feel you started your position on the wrong foot. This new position, Assistant to Clerk 1, should have been discussed fully during budget workshop meetings. You should have been there to state your case and to hear the concerns the former supervisor stated about your ability to "do the job" as the incoming supervisor. You should have expressed your personal concern about your ability to handle the job of supervisor considering its part-time salary. The Town Board should have discussed it openly and truthfully at that time, should have built it into the budget in order to give the public an opportunity to express their opinions during the public hearing on the 2018 budget, and should have been accepted as part of a legitimate budget process. Instead, it presented itself as a dead issue during budget workshops, brought up and voted on at the organizational meeting without any possibility of public discourse (talk about the public being blind-sided), and a person appointed, given a healthy salary, and a full-year position, all decisions seemingly made behind closed doors.

According to your email, Valerie will work Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday. If she's putting in 15 hours/week and you're there only 9 hours on those three days, who will she be training for those other six hours? And do you really need a full year of coaching? That, in itself, is extreme. Is she going to do your work in your absence? That's definitely a problem!

Furthermore, there is no reason why the present Clerk 1 needs assistance; she's been there long enough to know her job. If Valerie's sole job responsibility is to train you, then there is no need for her to be there when you're not (and her title should be specific to those duties). If, in fact, Valerie's position is also to assist Linda, then someone needs to explain why Linda needs assistance, especially considering her 2.5% raise because she's doing such a fine job. Don't sell it as one thing if, in fact, it's other than what you're selling.

I can assure you that I'm not the only person with these questions. Perhaps I'm the only one with the strength of my convictions to bring this up to you, but there is much grumbling in the community about this entire affair. And it needs to be addressed fully in an open forum. (In addition, if you would like to submit an open letter to the public for the R'ville Community Newsletter, I'd be happy to publish it.)

And, just as a reminder, you did say you would get the answers to the questions I presented in my statement to the Town Board on 1/11/2018. I look forward to getting them.

On January 22 and again on January 26, I inquired as to when I might receive answers to the many questions that I posed. As of January 30, 2018, none of those questions have been answered.

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In light of the little bit of information I did receive, I've done some math. The supervisor's posted hours are 8 AM - 11 AM, Monday through Friday. However, the newly appointed assistant whose charge is to train the supervisor in his new position only works Tuesday - Thursday. And, based on one of her time cards, she does not start work until about 9:00 AM. Cursory analysis: she was appointed to work 15 hours a week helping to train the new supervisor. However, their time in the office overlaps by only about 6 or so hours a week. So how much training is being accomplished, and what is being done with the her remaining hours in the office?

I truly feel that Town residents deserve an explanation and answers to all the questions I've posed as well as answers to additional questions they might have regarding this matter. In my opinion, this is not the right way to begin one's term of office as supervisor of the Town of Rensselaerville.



February 2



February 14



February 13



February 16



February 19

Ratification of Union Contract

Allow me to preface the following remarks with the fact that I have been a Union member since the early 1970s, and I fully support union efforts to better the working conditions of their members. But, with this being said, I also know that negotiations is a “give and take” between two parties ... except in the Town of Rensselaerville.

As mentioned in the Town Board minutes of January 11, 2018, the Town Board ratified the new contract with the highway department. Here are some observations that I feel are worth noting:

1. There was no official Town Board motion authorizing the former supervisor to sign the agreement as she said she did at the final meeting of 2017. This questions the legitimacy of the contract.
2. From what I can gather, the former supervisor was the only member of the negotiating team although I imagine she kept other Town Board members informed of the various “deals” being discussed. However, considering that one of her family members is an employee in the highway department, I would think that it would be wise to have a second TB member as an active negotiator in the process.
3. To negotiate means “to deal or bargain with another or others, as in the preparation of a treaty or contract.” Negotiate implies compromise... usually. I’ve examined as best as I can the difference between the old contract which ended in 2017 and the new one that expires in 2020. Here are the differences that I could find:

Town’s Concessions to Union	Union’s Concessions to Town
Salary increases: 3% in 2018 2% in 2019 2% in 2020	<i>I have been unable to find any “give backs” from the union to the Town in this new contract. If I have missed this is my examination of the contract, please</i>
Holidays: Added Friday after Thanksgiving as a paid holiday, no longer at the discretion of the highway superintendent (but if called in to work, will be paid at regular salary)*	<i>let me know so I can issue the necessary corrections.</i>
Work hours: may work 10-hour days Mon-Thurs from 3rd Monday in April to 3rd Monday in October; no longer with the approval of the highway superintendent*	
Call out pay: From May 1-Oct 1, employees will be paid <u>from the time they receive the call</u> to report to work, 30-minute response time. From Nov 1-Apr 30, employees will be paid <u>from the time they receive the call</u> to report to work, 1-hour response time.*	

*Highway superintendent was not part of these negotiations.

Again, I do not begrudge anyone for making a decent salary and enjoying decent benefits. Our highway employees enjoy a generous benefit package (including 3 weeks of paid holidays, generous vacation leave/sick leave/personal leave/bereavement leave allowances, clothing allotment, prescription drug co-pay reimbursement, \$5000/\$10,000 insurance co-pay reimbursement in addition to relatively low premiums, etc.), but I would expect a negotiation process that includes some give-back in exchange for the contract improvements noted above.

It’s often been countered that the men do a good job. I have no reason to believe otherwise, but being good at what they do for what they earn should be the expectation. Agreeing to all of the contract enhancements noted above in one contract renewal certainly seems to be “overkill” and could have been handled much more judiciously...in my opinion.

Senior Citizens Info

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

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

Please note that we are in desperate need of drivers for the bus and the car. Please call Town Hall at 239-4225 if you're interested in volunteering as a driver for our senior citizens..

Additional Important Phone Numbers:

- Department of Aging 518-447-7179
- HEAP: 518-447-2551



Rensselaerville Historical Society

The Research group of the Rensselaerville Historical Society will be meeting in the basement of the Library on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until mid-May because there is no heat at the Grist Mill Museum. Persons wanting help with research questions may email rensselaervillehistoricalsoc@gmail.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 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

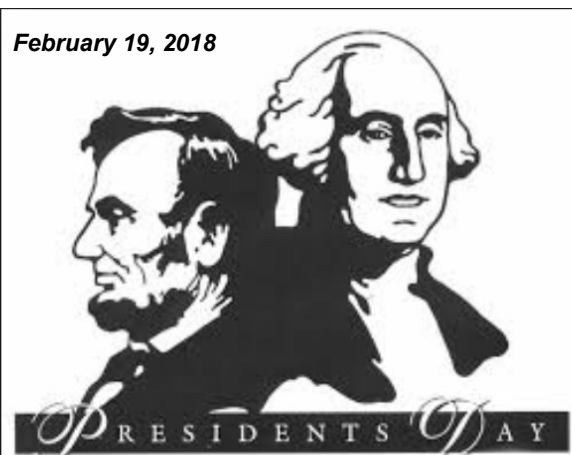


Rensselaerville Historical Society

Grist Mill Snow—2011

Rensselaerville Historical Society News

The Rensselaerville Historical Society is announcing its 3rd Art Show. We are looking for artists with a Rensselaerville connection to participate. If you are an artist or know of an artist who is no longer alive or has moved away, we are now creating our artist list for this year's show. The Historical Society is looking for a variety of art work including paintings, drawings, sculptures, photographs, carvings or other media. The show will be in the Grist Mill on Main Street in Rensselaerville for two weeks in mid-July. Since there is limited space, we are now collecting names of interested artists on a first come basis. In the spring, we will get back to you with more information. Please email the RHS with the artist's name/and your name if you are the contact person for a deceased artist, email address, mailing address, telephone number, media of art work to rensselaervillehistoricalsoc@gmail.com or mail it to RHS, PO Box 8, Rensselaerville, New York 12147. Any questions may also be emailed to the above address.



PRESS RELEASE

Media contact: Sarah Gordon – (518) 797-5100; sgordon@careyinstitute.org

The Carey Institute for Global Good to host a Mardi Gras Party

New Orleans infused menu, live music and an after-party at the Helderberg Brewery

Rensselaerville, N.Y. – The Carey Institute’s Carriage House Restaurant will host a Mardi Gras Party on February 10 from 5pm to 10pm in Rensselaerville, N.Y. The party will be held on the 100-acre campus at the Carey Institute for Global Good, also home to the Helderberg Brewery.

Executive chef, John Murray, has curated a New Orleans themed menu featuring items such as duck and tasso gumbo, cheddar scallion grits, jambalaya and New Orleans king cake, to name a few. Tickets include two drinks and the bar will be mixing up hurricanes as the evening’s special drink. Live music will be provided by the country blues band, Red Haired Strangers from 6pm to 9pm. The party will then continue at the Helderberg Brewery beginning at 9pm, a short walk from the Carriage House on campus. Overnight accommodations and breakfast are also available for those who choose to spend the evening.

To view the menu, ticket prices and available packages, visit our Eventbrite [page](#). All proceeds from the event support the Carey Institute for Global Good’s programs that are dedicated to building a strong, educated and just society.



The Carey Institute for Global Good is a not-for-profit organization founded in 2012 by Wm. P. Carey and is dedicated to making the world better by contributing to a strong, educated and just society. Through its programs, the Institute strives to bring together innovative and dynamic people from around the world to seek creative solutions to the most pressing challenges of the day. Learn more at careyinstitute.org.



BLOOD DRIVES

Saturday, February 17, 2018

Resurrection Lutheran Church

186 Main Street
Cairo, NY 12413

8.3 mi | 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

At this drive, you can give:

- Blood
- Power Red

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Middleburgh Central School

291 Main St
Middleburgh, NY 12122

10 mi | 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

At this drive, you can give:

- Blood
- Power Red



The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.™

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

**BREAKFAST
AT THE MEDUSA FIRE HOUSE**

7:00AM TO 11:00AM



~~September 16, 2017~~

~~October 21, 2017~~

~~November 18, 2017~~

~~December 16, 2017~~

~~January 20, 2018~~

February 17, 2018

March 17, 2018

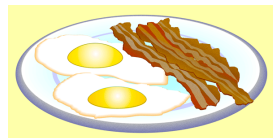
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2018 Winter Events



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5052 DELAWARE TURNPIKE RENNELLAERVILLE, NY
(518)797-3440 ~ WWW.HUYCKPRESERVE.ORG

Winter Festival and Artisan Market

Saturday, February 3, 11 AM – 3 PM

Eldridge Research Center and Lincoln Pond
284 Pond Hill Road, Rensselaerville, NY 12147

One of our most popular events is nearly upon us! Join us outside for popular, free activities on Lincoln Pond: sledding, ice skating, ice fishing and rescue demonstrations! Then, come warm up inside with hot cocoa, indoor activities, and a fine selection of local goods in our Artisan Market!

We'll be adding more information to our website soon, so be sure to check for updates by visiting www.huyckpreserve.org/coming-events

Interested in bringing your goods to this great event? Contact emileigh@huyckpreserve.org



Candlelit Snowshoe/Ski Hike

Saturday, February 17, 5 – 7 PM

Eldridge Research Center and Lincoln Pond Trail
284 Pond Hill Road, Rensselaerville, NY 12147

Bring your valentine, friends or family (or simply yourself!) and join us for a unique, illuminated, nighttime adventure around Lincoln Pond with this special event! During this self-guided hike, you will follow the trail lit by luminaries at your own pace. Warm-up with cocoa, cookies, and a bonfire. We look forward to sharing this magical night with you and yours!

Please wear comfortable shoes and dress in layers. The trail will be lit with luminaries, but you are welcome to bring headlamps or flashlights (red lights preferred). Weather permitting, bring your snowshoes or cross country skis. Snowshoes will be available on a first come, first served basis. Meet at the Research Center.

Cost of event: \$5 non-members, members and children under 12 free.



Owl Prowl

Saturday, March 3, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Eldridge Research Center
284 Pond Hill Road, Rensselaerville, NY 12147

Head to the Huyck at dusk and test your auditory and observational skills as we listen for our nocturnal friends! Wildlife rehabilitator, Kelly Martin, will start us off with an indo or show-and-tell with her live, rescued owls and will teach us interesting facts about these wonderful creatures. Next, we'll hit the trail with Kelly to see if we can be lucky enough to hear the owls in the wild.

All ages are welcome! Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and sturdy footwear. Bring headlamps or flashlights if you'd like (red lights preferred).

Cost of event: \$5 non-members, members and children under 12 free. Space limited, registration required.



RSVP to these events by calling (518)797-3440 or emailing info@huyckpreserve.org

Contact Information for Elected Officials & Department Heads

Position	Name	Email Address
Town Supervisor Hours: M-F :8a.-11am	Steve Pfleging	spfleging@rensselaerville.com townsupervisor@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Town Councilwoman	Marion Cooke	mcooke@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilman	John Dolce	jdolce@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilwoman	Margaret Sedlmeir	msedlmeir@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilman	Jason Rauf	jrauf@rensselaerville.com
Town Justice Court: Mondays, 7pm	Ronald Bates	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Supervisor's Clerk Assistant to Clerk 1	Linda McCormick Valerie Lounsbury	clerk1@rensselaerville.com
Town Clerk Hours: M-W: 9am-3:30pm Th: 1:30pm-6:30pm or by appointment F: 9am-12pm	Victoria Kraker	townclerk@rensselaerville.com vkraker@rensselaerville.com
Highway Superintendent	Randy Bates	rbates@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Highway Superintendent Clerk	Kim Welsch	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Assessors Clerk Hours: M-Th: 9am-12pm Assessor Hours: M: 1pm-3pm Th: 6:30pm-8:30pm	Donna Kropp Jeffry Pine Kathryn Wank	assessors@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer Office Hours: Th: 8am-10am Th: 7pm-9pm	Mark Overbaugh	codeenforcement@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Planning Board Meetings: 1st & 3rd Th @ 7:30pm	Richard Amedure	spfleging@rensselaerville.com
Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings: 1st Th @ 6:30pm	Anthony Guadagno	spfleging@rensselaerville.com
Board of Ethics	Mary Anne Overbaugh	ethicsboard@rensselaerville.com
Dog Control Officer	Cheryl Tefft-Baitsholts	Phone: 728-8082
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On the Calendar

Feb 4	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services (at Bill Moore's house until the end of March)	Medusa
Feb 4	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Feb 6	7:00pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
Feb 8	7:00pm	Town Board Regular Meeting	Town Hall
Feb 11	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services (at Bill Moore's house until the end of March)	Medusa
Feb 11	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Feb 13	12 noon	Seniors Lunch & Meeting	Medusa Firehouse
Feb 14		VALENTINE'S DAY	
Feb 17	7- 11am	Medusa VFD Breakfast	Medusa Firehouse
Feb 19		Presidents' Day TOWN OFFICES CLOSED	
Feb 18	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services (at Bill Moore's house until the end of March)	Medusa
Feb 18	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Feb 25	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services (at Bill Moore's house until the end of March)	Medusa
Feb 25	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville

Looking Ahead:

Mar 3	9am-3pm	1 st Spring & Easter Rummage Sale	Medusa Church
Mar 17	8am-12noon	2 nd Spring & Easter Rummage Sale	Medusa Church
Mar 17	7am-11am	Breakfast at Medusa Fire House from 7-11am.	

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

Please get events to Bill Moore...

by phone – 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 is a 501c3 non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Upcoming Library Events

The Library monthly **Board of Trustees Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27 at 7pm. Board meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of every month except when noted. All Board meetings are held at the Library in the downstairs meeting room and are open to the public.

Poetry Group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7pm, February 13 and 27. Come share your work, receive feedback and spend time working on your own project. The Poetry group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the downstairs meeting room.

The **Writing Group** meets on the second Thursday of the month. On February 8th the group will meet at 7pm in the downstairs meeting room. Come share your work, receive feedback and spend time working on your own project.

Youth Programs: Visit the online calendar for all of the weekly events at <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/calendar.html>

STEAM on Wednesdays at 3:30pm and 6:00pm

February 7: What do Optical Illusions tell us about how our brains work? How does what we see shape how we understand the world around us? Come and see some optical illusions, learn some things about your brain, and have some fun!

February 14: Ferro fluids become magnetized in the presence of a magnetic field. They were invented by NASA scientists as a way to control liquids in space. They have a lot of practical applications, are used to create art, and can be a lot of fun too! Come learn all about them, and see what they do when you add magnets!

February 21: Come and play with our Colby, new robotic mouse! Have fun while you learn how to direct him through a maze that you create! Kids learn the basics of coding in a fun, simple, hands-on activity.

February 28: Optical illusions work because of the way our brains process information. How can we use that knowledge to make toys and 'tricks'? Come find out - and have fun creating your own!

StoryTime on Wednesday at 4:30

StoryTime includes stories, music and movement, designed as early literacy instruction aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners.

Read with Lefty on February 28 at 5:30pm

Come read with Lefty, the TDI Therapy Dog, in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Children choose what they would like to read to Lefty, and read in a positive, non-judgmental atmosphere. Programs such as this have been found to improve children's self-esteem, as well as increase their enjoyment of and interest in reading.

Monthly Craft Project – kids stop in and check out the craft table downstairs and discover crafts to work on your own.

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Homework Help - Please see Lee Ackerman-Sawyer or email youth@rensselaervillelibrary.org

Games & Puzzles for all ages

Stop in on February 20th and select a game to play with family and friends. Not into games we have puzzles too.

Movies

The Eagle Huntress (2017), Rated: G, Length: 1:27. Friday, February 2 at 6:30pm. Description: Thirteen-year-old Aisholpan trains to become the first female in twelve generations of her nomad family to become an eagle huntress.

Moana (2017), Rated: PG, Length: 1:47. Wednesday, February 21 at 10 am. Description: In Ancient Polynesia, when a terrible curse incurred by the Demigod Maui reaches Moana's island, she answers the Ocean's call to seek out the Demigod to set things right.

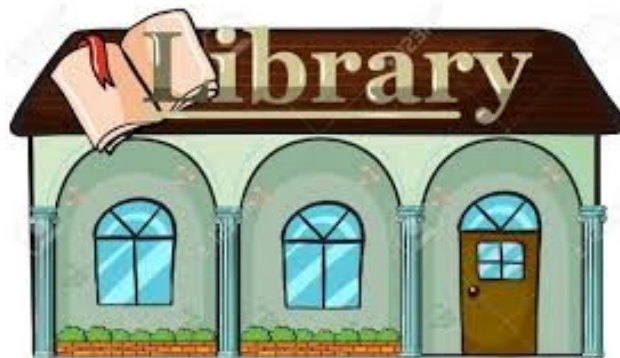
Loving Vincent (2017), Rated: PG13, Length: 1:35. Thursday, February 22 at 6:30pm. Description: In a story depicted in oil painted animation, a young man comes to the last hometown of painter Vincent van Gogh to deliver the troubled artist's final letter and ends up investigating his final days there.

Did you know there is a mobile app for the Library. Search for **UHLS Mobile** in your app store. Enter your library card number and have access to your account from anywhere.

Cypress Resume Builder is a new addition to our job resources. <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/job-now.html>

The Library has a **Museum Pass** for the Clark and Albany Institute of History and Art in Albany. Museum passes are available to check out with your Library card for seven days.

Hours of Operation: Sunday & MondayClosed
 Tuesday10am-2pm & 3pm-9pm
 Wednesday10am-12pm & 3pm-9pm
 Thursday & Friday 4pm-9pm
 Saturday9am-1pm



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Middleburgh Library

2/1, 8, 15, 22 - 7:00 PM - Knitting Circle - These friendly ladies (men are welcome, but we haven't seen any yet!) knit and crochet, embroider and quilt, and more. You can learn a new skill here or share your own special talents with others- or just craft in the company of friends. Drop in anytime! No registration is required

2/2, 16 - 10:00 to 12:00 - 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 sharing of educational opportunities. We hope to increase public awareness, acceptance, and support of home education in Schoharie County.

2/2 - 5:30 PM - Dinner & A Movie - "Dunkirk" (PG-13) - Allied soldiers from Belgium, the British Empire and France are surrounded by the German Army, and evacuated during a fierce battle in World War II. The library will provide pizza and drinks and you bring a dessert or snack to share. **Registration is required.**

2/6, 13, 20, 27 - 10:45 AM - Drop-in Storytime - Get ready to move in this interactive storytime designed especially for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. We'll read books, sing songs, recite fingerplays, dance and watch a short movie based on a weekly theme. *No registration required.*

2/6, 13, 20, 27 - 1:00 - 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.

2/6, 13, 20, 27 - 5:15 PM - Insight Meditation - Join us for a simple group Zazen meditation practice. All are welcome. No registration required.

2/7, 14, 21, 28 - Wednesday Matinee - Free Popcorn

2/7 - "Dunkirk" (PG-13)

2/14 - "LBJ" (R)

2/21 - Family Film - "The Lego Minjago Movie"

2/28 - "Murder on the Orient Express" (PG-13)

2/10 - 11:00 AM - Hugs & Kisses Valentine's Day Storytime - In this special interactive storytime, we'll go "hog wild" and we read stories, sing songs and share a Valentine's Day snack. Before children leave they will stuff a plush piggie friend that they can take home! Each piggie includes a special wish star to hide inside them and a birth certificate so children can name their new friend. *This program is appropriate for pre-schoolers through 1st grade. Registration is required and space is limited. A \$5.00 materials fee is required and is payable at the door.*

2/12-2/17 - Random Acts of Kindness Week - Join us all week long as we cultivate kindness!

Bring in a non-perishable and non-expired food item for St. Mark's Food Pantry and we'll forgive your library fines up to \$3.00. Stop in on Valentine's Day and share some cookies and hot chocolate with the library staff.

Create a "kindness card" to leave around the library for someone else to find. Check out a book from our "Blind Date with a Book" display and write a book review for the next person who checks out that book! Go on a scavenger hunt around the library and receive a special treat when it's completed. Check out all the ways that you can spread kindness posted in the library

2/12 - 6:30 PM - Library Board of Trustees Meeting - Public is welcome.

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2/13 - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion - "People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks - Inspired by a true story, People of the Book is a novel of sweeping historical grandeur and intimate emotional intensity by an acclaimed and beloved author. Called "a tour de force" by the San Francisco Chronicle, this ambitious, electrifying work traces the harrowing journey of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, a beautifully illuminated Hebrew manuscript created in fifteenth-century Spain. When it falls to Hanna Heath, an Australian rare-book expert, to conserve this priceless work, the series of tiny artifacts she discovers in its ancient binding—an insect wing fragment, wine stains, salt crystals, a white hair—only begin to unlock its deep mysteries and unexpectedly plunges Hanna into the intrigues of fine art forgers and ultra-nationalist fanatics. *No registration required.*

2/19 - President's Day - The library will be closed to observe the holiday.

2/20 - 11:00 AM - Clifford's Birthday Celebration.

2/21 - 10:00-12:30 PM - Crafty Morning: Beaded Jewelry - Join us for another installment of our popular beaded jewelry class! Get your creativity flowing as you learn to create your own jewelry by stringing beads. Create a necklace, earrings or bracelet or all three! All materials will be provided. Refreshments will be served. *This program is appropriate for adults and teens age 13 and up. Registration is required.*

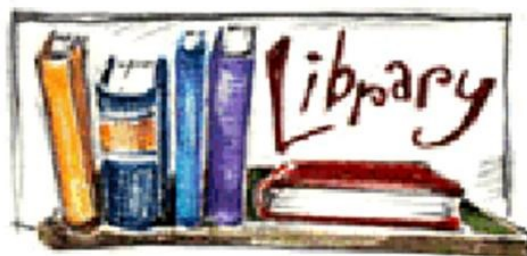
2/21 - 1:00 PM - Family Film - "The Lego Ninjago Movie" - Six young ninjas Lloyd, Jay, Kai, Cole, Zane and Nya are tasked with defending their island home, called Ninjago. By night, they're gifted warriors, using their skills and awesome fleet of vehicles to fight villains and monsters. By day, they're ordinary teens struggling against their greatest enemy: high school. *No registration required. Free Popcorn!*

2/22 - 1:00 PM - We Love Lego's! - Join us for some Lego and Maze building free play fun! Use your imagination to build whatever you like or choose a challenge card and see if you can meet the challenge. *Appropriate for kids in K and up. Registration is required.*

Please check our Calendar on our website at www.middleburghlibrary.info for future programs.

Contact information: 323 Main Street,
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<i>Hours: Monday 1:30 - 8:30</i>	<i>Tuesday 10:00 - 5:00 & 6:30 - 8:30</i>
<i>Wednesday 10:00 - 4:00</i>	<i>Thursday 10:00 - 4:00 & 6:30 - 8:30</i>
<i>Friday & Sunday - closed</i>	<i>Saturday 9:00 - 2:00</i>



Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

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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.

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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 2018						
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April 2018						
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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!!

Beginner Ballet at the Library

Instructor: Madeline Balta

Come join Miss Madeline for beginner ballet classes! This class is for 1st-6th grade children. Each student should wear a leotard or shorts (no jeans) and each must bring ballet slippers or socks. Madeline is currently a senior academy student at the School of the Albany Berkshire Ballet and has also taught at Redemption Dance Institute. No experience needed. **Just Drop In!**

Classes will be held in the large community room on the following dates:

Feb. 13, 27, Mar. 13, 27, Apr. 17, May 1, 15, 29, June 5
From 3:00 – 4:00

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Lego Fun!

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!**

Ages 4 & Up 3:00 – 4:00

February 6, 20; March 6, 20; April 10, 24; May 8, 22

Birds of Prey February 7, 6:00 Large Community Room



Wildlife educator Brian Robinson and his “Birds of Prey” show will be at the Greenville Library for a demonstration for all ages. This will be an opportunity to see amazing animals up close and learn how they live. Feeding behaviors will be discussed and demonstrated. A variety of birds will be included in the program. Each one of the birds has its own unique adaptations for survival. Learn about the importance of these birds in the balance of nature, and how man has helped to restore endangered species such as the peregrine falcon. There will be a flight demonstration with either a hawk or an owl. Mr. Robinson also discusses the importance of these birds in the

balance of nature, and how man has helped to restore endangered species such as the peregrine falcon. He'll walk through the audience with the birds so that everyone can get a close look and feel the wind from their wings.

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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