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Special Town Board Minutes June 30, 2015 (not received in time for previous issues)

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 30th day of June 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, Councilman Robert Bolte, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Gerald Wood, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker
Also present was one interested citizen.

The purpose of the meeting was for the Board to authorize the purchase of a used 1986 Oshkosh from the Town of Catskill.

In April Superintendent Bates had made an offer to the Town of Catskill to purchase a 1986 Oshkosh for \$6,000. The offer was denied at that time. The Town of Catskill then placed the Oshkosh for sale on Auctions International, but was unsuccessful. Catskill then contacted Superintendent Bates to inquire whether he would be interested in placing another offer. Superintendent Bates offered \$5,000 which, this time, was accepted by the Catskill Town Supervisor.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to allow Highway Superintendent Bates to purchase the 1986 Oshkosh from the Town of Catskill; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir. *Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)*

Supervisor Lounsbury noted that Superintendent Bates has the funds on the miscellaneous equipment line item.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Although the meeting was scheduled for the specific purpose of authorizing the purchase of the used Oshkosh, Marie Dermody inquired if Audience Comments would be accepted. She stated that she understands the rationale, but inquired whether the Town Board was aware of how much has been spent on equipment and machinery since January of 2012. Councilman Bolte responded by stating that the Board was more than aware of how much has been spent and that he thinks people are very happy with the amount the Board has actually saved the Town.

Mrs. Dermody stated that in a recent FOIL request she asked for vouchers and invoices for machinery and equipment purchases. She stated that the total is over \$400,000. As a taxpayer, she has a hard time understanding why the Town continues to purchase equipment, but yet still had to issue a bond for \$50,000. She noted that however low the interest rate was, it is still an additional expense. Looking back on the Bond, it states that \$65,930 comes from other funds, but does not state where those other funds are coming from.

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Mrs. Dermody prepared a graph based on the vouchers she received and provided copies to the Board members.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker

Town Clerk

Special Town Board Meeting Minutes, July 19, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 19th day of July 2015 at 7:30 PM at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was requested by Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

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

Also present were two interested citizens.

The purpose of this meeting was to hold an Executive Session regarding the status of an employee. (**See Editor's Note**)

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to enter into Executive Session at 7:31 PM to discuss the status of an employee; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir. *Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)*

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to return from Executive Session at 7:40 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

Supervisor Lounsbury announced that she had received the resignation of Sarah Hunt, Clerk 1 to the Supervisor. Mrs. Hunt has been offered employment elsewhere that the Town is unable to match.

It was with deep regrets that a motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to accept the resignation of Sarah Hunt. Supervisor Lounsbury stated that Sarah has done a wonderful job assisting in getting everything straightened out; she is glad Sarah was here, she was great to work with. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)*

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize the Supervisor to advertise for a new Clerk 1; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir. *Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)*

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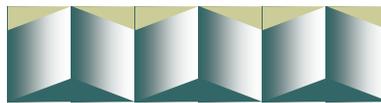
A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk

(Editor's Note: *The Town Board was advised that "an Executive Session regarding the status of an employee" was not a legitimate, enumerated reason for entering into Executive Session. An attempt was made to read the enumerated list directly from the text of the law. However, the Town Board refused to consider the law and entered into Executive Session anyway.*)

**Special Town Board Meeting Minutes, July 28, 2015**

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 28th day of July 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was requested by Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

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

Also present were five interested citizens.

Supervisor Lounsbury opened the meeting by summarizing the purpose of the meeting which was to appoint an interim Clerk 1 to the Supervisor. Appointing an interim clerk allows the continuation of payroll and accounts payable until a full-time appointment can be made. Supervisor Lounsbury stated that she would like to appoint Linda McCormick. Mrs. McCormick has experience with both payroll and accounts payable. As Mrs. McCormick is currently serving as the Assessor's Clerk, Supervisor Lounsbury contacted the Association of Towns. According to the Association, it is permissible for Mrs. McCormick to keep her position as Assessor's Clerk as well as to serve as interim Clerk 1 to the Supervisor. Mrs. McCormick is willing to perform both duties. She has been in training for the Clerk 1 duties as of July 20, 2015. She has been keeping track of the hours spent training as Clerk 1 and will bill the Town as a subcontractor through the submission of a voucher.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to appoint Linda McCormick as interim Clerk 1 to the

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Supervisor; 2nd by Councilman Wood. *Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)*

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Marie Dermody inquired as to when the decision was made to call Mrs. McCormick in for training. Supervisor Lounsbury responded that it was on Monday July 20th , immediately following the July 19th Special Meeting accepting Sarah Hunt's resignation.

Mrs. Dermody also inquired as to when it was brought to the Board's attention that Supervisor Lounsbury intended to hire Mrs. McCormick as an interim. The response from the Board was that it was this evening and that no discussions were had prior to that.

Mrs. Dermody questioned what rate of pay Mrs. McCormick would be receiving as interim clerk. Supervisor Lounsbury responded that she would be getting the same rate as Sarah has been getting. Mrs. Dermody stated that it has been practice that people that are hired are paid commensurate with their qualifications. She felt that paying Mrs. McCormick, who has minimal municipal accounting experience, the same as Mrs. Hunt who has a 4-year college degree in accounting was not a decision made in good conscience.

Mrs. Dermody noted that despite the ad in the Altamont Enterprise for a Clerk 1, due to the time and money that has been invested in Linda, it would seem that Mrs. McCormick is the de-facto clerk.

Mrs. Dermody reminded the Board of the May 2012 Town Board newsletter's rules of order, which states that public participation at all regular and special meetings will be open to commentary to allow the public the right to have input before the Board takes action. (**See Editor's Note**)

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

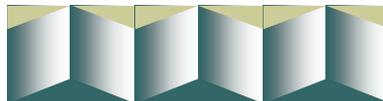
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker

Town Clerk

Editor's Note: *These minutes do not reflect the Supervisor's attempt to silence the audience member because it was a special meeting for a specific purpose. Why should the Town Board need to be reminded of their own Rules of Order?*

Also, it is a known fact that at least 2 of the Town Board members absolutely DID KNOW about this appointment prior to the meeting! Names available upon request! And if, in fact, no Town Board members were aware of this appointment prior to this special meeting, why did no one ask the obvious questions, such as rate of pay, number of hours, method of payment, beginning date of hire, etc.?



Town Board Work Meeting, Draft Minutes, August 11, 2015

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 11th day of August 2015 at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

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

ABSENT WAS: Councilman Robert Bolte, Councilwoman Sedlmeir

Also present were Assessors Kropp, Tollner, and Wank as well as two interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ERIN NEVINS

The Town's current health care plan expires at the end of August. Erin Nevins of Nevins Insurance Agency attended the meeting to present the Board with the new health care plans available. Mrs. Nevins explained that no plan is exactly the same from year-to-year. If the Town were to choose a health care plan as close to the one now in effect, the increase in premiums would be just under 12%. Primarily the plans are the same; the deductible is the same, but the out-of-pocket expense has increased slightly with the Federal level. However, of utmost importance is the way the deductible is calculated. Going forward, the deductible will be considered aggregate instead of embedded. Mrs. Nevins explained that embedded is better. Currently, under a family contract, no one person shall exceed the individual deductible amount; each member is capped at \$5,000. Under an aggregate plan, until the \$10,000 deductible is met, either by one family member or by the entire family, no benefits are paid out. Because the Town is funding the deductibles, the liability on the Town will be doubled. More than 50% of those employees enrolled are family contracts.

The second issue is that CDPHP has adopted a new rule that states no employer shall fund more than 50% of the deductibles. Currently, the Town is covering 100% of the deductibles.

She also introduced an option to switch to MVP and the pros and cons of switching carriers.

Mrs. Nevins announced that the premiums for the Delta Dental and the Empire Vision plans will remain the same.

Mrs. Nevins also discussed supplemental options for the retirees.

MINUTES, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS

Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on August 11, 2015: June 30, 2015 – Special – Authorized purchase of used Oshkosh; July 7, 2015 – Public Hearing – Noise Ordinance; July 7, 2015 – Work Meeting; July 9, 2015 – Regular Meeting; July 19, 2015 – Special - Resignation of Clerk 1, Sarah Hunt; July 28, 2015 – Special – Appointment of Interim Clerk 1, Linda McCormick

Vouchers and bills will be addressed at the Regular Meeting.

TRANSFERS: Transfers, if any, will be addressed at the Regular Meeting on August 13, 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 August 13, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Public Hearing for the proposed Zoning Law will be held on August 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Supervisor Lounsbury spoke with Attorney Tom Fallati and he suggested holding the Hearing in sections in order to make it more organized and manageable. His thoughts were to address Articles

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1 through 4 and Article 13 together; Articles 5 through 8 and Article 10 together; and finally Articles 9 through 11 together.

2. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh will address the Unsafe Building issue in his report at the Regular Meeting.

3. Attorney Tom Fallati will address the issue regarding Olmo Road in his report at the Regular Meeting.

4. Town Clerk Kraker gave an update on the Canon copier. The copier has been cleared of all data/memory. The Town must submit a final payment of \$384.00. When the payment is received, instructions on how to return the copier will follow.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Assessors Kropp, Tollner, and Wank presented their views on the possibility of being without a clerk if Linda McCormick is appointed as permanent Clerk 1 to the Supervisor. They suggested setting special hours for each of them and absorbing the duties of the clerk; dividing the responsibilities among the three of them; similar to what was done when Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Mark Overbaugh's clerk resigned. The Assessor's are concerned about training a new clerk with a busy season upon them.

A discussion ensued on the pros and cons of having a clerk versus having the Assessor's absorb the duties of the clerk.

Marie Dermody directed an inquiry to the Assessors as to how many hours, on the average, each of them worked per week. Assessor Kropp responded that she put in an average of 6 to 7, and sometimes up to 20 during the busy season.

The Assessors expressed that they would like to be compensated for performing the duties of the Clerk.

2. Supervisor Lounsbury announced that she received two applications for the position of Clerk 1. Linda McCormick was one and the other withdrew her application when she learned that she would not be allowed to perform the duties of Clerk 1 during evening hours and weekends. Supervisor Lounsbury would like to appoint Mrs. McCormick as Clerk 1 on Thursday.

3. The Trinity Episcopal Church of Rensselaerville is hosting a "Good Neighbor" bible day camp August 24th through 28th . They have requested the use of the Senior/Youth Bus for August 25th between 10 AM and noon to transport the children from Trinity Church to the Lewis Dale Farm. Bob Bolte has volunteered to drive. The camp is open to children ages 4 through 12 and activities are scheduled every day from 10 AM until noon. Day one will consist of a visit to the Rensselaerville Historical Society and E.N. Hyuck Preserve; day two, children will get a tour of the Lewis Dale Farm; day three will be a tour of the Library; day four, a visit to the Rensselaerville Fire Department; and day five 'neighbors as artists'.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Councilman Wood to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. *Motion carried: Ayes (3) Lounsbury, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

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Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk

**Town Board Meeting, Draft Minutes, August 13, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 13th day of August 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 Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Mark Overbaugh, Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Doug Story, and Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck. Also present were twelve interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

MINUTES

Councilwoman Cooke noted a correction to the July 9, 2015 Regular Meeting, page 6 paragraph 5 under the Highway Superintendent's report, where the word 'paver' should have read 'roller'.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to approve the minutes of the following meetings: June 30, 2015 – Special – Authorized purchase of used Oshkosh; July 7, 2015 – Public Hearing – Noise Ordinance; July 7, 2015 – Work Meeting

July 9, 2015 – Regular Meeting *** ; July 19, 2015 – Special - Resignation of Clerk 1, Sarah Hunt; July 28, 2015 – Special – Appointment of Interim Clerk 1, Linda McCormick

*** with correction as noted above.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir. Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

TRANSFERS: None

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - \$54,080.90; Highway Fund - \$172,122.48; Lighting District - \$656.35; Sewer Fund - \$482.04; Water Fund - \$832.05; T & A Fund - \$5,810.87. Total - \$233,984.69

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

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

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CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Lounsbury will address this later in the meeting as it pertains to a request for use of the Senior/Youth Bus.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR

1. Supervisor Lounsbury announced that about 95% of the departmental budget requests have been returned to her. She will begin entering those figures for the budget.
2. The interim clerk has been working out very well. She has been doing a great job and has had a very successful week.

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

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

ATTORNEY

1. Following through on the situation on Olmo Road, Attorney Fallati stated that he has been in contact with Jon Kosich, attorney for the landowner on Olmo Road. Attorney Fallati has been notified that Mr. Kosich's client has agreed to replace the lock with a clasp that can be opened by hand.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to accept the Attorneys report; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: No report

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Kraker reported on the Canon copier. The copier has been cleared of all data/memory. The Town must submit a final payment of \$384.00. Receipt of final payment will in turn generate instructions on how and where to return it.

Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of July as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$990.50 Paid to the Supervisor - \$955.88 - the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$125.38; Recycling - \$103.50; Dog Licenses - \$77.00; Building Permits - \$435.00; Zoning - \$175.00; Senior/Youth Bus Donations - \$40.00. Total - \$955.88.

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: \$23.62; Water Rents for the month totaled \$3,529.85 which includes \$33.24 in penalties, and Sewer Rents totaled \$2,947.71 which includes \$29.19 in penalties.

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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

1. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh reported for the month of July two Repair Permits, one Agricultural Use Permit, one Solar Panel Permit, one New Accessory Permit,

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and one Deck Permit.

2. Officer Overbaugh reported that he has been in contact with the owner of the unsafe buildings on County Route 354. The property owner needs a 'letter of condemnation' for the City of Albany and the Department of Labor. This letter is needed due to the issue with the asbestos. Once that is complete, the owner will get estimates and have the barns demolished.

3. Reports of two 'resort' businesses have been received by Officer Overbaugh. Neither of these businesses have Special Use Permits. Officer Overbaugh will be following through will these matters.

4. A voucher has been submitted for Officer Overbaugh to attend a class. Thus far, Greenville has been covering the costs of Officer Overbaugh's training.

5. The bill for the new Zoning maps is \$85.00.

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

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

ASSESSORS: No report

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE

1. Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Story reported that for the month of July 343,100 gallons of water was filtered (an average of 11,600 gallons/day). Officer Story stated that this was the lowest it's been in approximately a years' time. He feels that these numbers indicate progress in closing off the loss that has been experienced in the past.

2. 238,680 gallons of sewage was pumped (an average of 7,956 gallons/day).

3. Officer Story brought in a water sample he had taken just a few hours prior and it was only slightly tinted. Officer Story received several complaints within the past week or two about the water not being quite 'up to snuff'. The filtration system has been working at its' limits with all the sediment that is in the water. Officer Story brought in a water sample he had taken just a few hours prior. It was still slightly tinted, but much better than it had been.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to accept the Water/Sewer Treatment Officer's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

REFUSE/RECYCLING

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of July: E-Waste - 0.996 ton; Rensselaer Iron & Steel - 3.61 tons; Tires - 19; City of Albany Landfill - 66.11 tons; Sierra Fibers - Comingled 6.15 tons; O.C.C. - 5.26 tons; Oil - 30 gallons

2. Both Iron Horse and DeGennaro's will be submitting an estimate for repairing the containers.

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

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

CURRENT EVENTS

1. Councilwoman Cooke, on behalf of Donna Kropp announced that the Trinity Episcopal Church of

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Rensselaerville is hosting a "Good Neighbor" bible day camp August 24th through 28th. They are looking for children to sign up. The camp is open to children ages 4 through 12 and activities are scheduled from 10 AM until noon. Day one will consist of a visit to the Rensselaerville Historical Society and E.N. Hyuck Preserve; day two, children will get a tour of the Lewis Dale Farm; day three will be a tour of the Library; day four, a visit to the Rensselaerville Fire Department; and day five 'neighbors as artists'.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Lounsbury reminded everyone that the Public Hearing for the proposed Zoning Law will be held on Tuesday, August 18th at 7:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. & Mrs. Porphiglia wished to express their concern over Edwards Hill Road where they live. They have been told year after year that the road would be paved. They are concerned about the wash-off having made ruts at the end of their driveway and also the fact that a portion of Fish Road only a few hundred feet from their residence has been paved. Supervisor Lounsbury took their phone number and ensured them that she would contact Highway Superintendent Bates and then get back to them.

2. Supervisor Lounsbury announced that she received two applications for the position of Clerk 1. Linda McCormick was one and the other withdrew her application when she learned that she would not be allowed to perform the duties of Clerk 1 during evening hours and weekends. Supervisor Lounsbury would like to appoint Mrs. McCormick as Clerk 1.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to appoint Linda McCormick as Clerk 1 to the Supervisor; 2nd by Councilman Wood. Supervisor Lounsbury mentioned that the position would be for 20 hours per week at \$19.90 per hour.

Marie Dermody recommended that the motion be amended to include that information.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to appoint Linda McCormick for 20 hours per week at \$19.90 per hour.

Mrs. Dermody inquired if Mrs. McCormick would now be on payroll. Supervisor Lounsbury confirmed that Mrs. McCormick would now be on payroll as she was previously being paid as an independent contractor for the interim clerk position. Mrs. Dermody felt that because there would be a change in the method of payment, that should also be part of the motion.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to put Linda McCormick on the payroll for \$19.90 per hour for 20 hour per week as Clerk 1; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

3. Supervisor Lounsbury recapped what the Assessors had put forth at the Work Meeting this past Tuesday. They suggested absorbing the duties of the clerk; dividing the responsibilities among the three of them. Supervisor Lounsbury, as well as the two Board members that were present at the Work Meeting, felt that there should be someone in the office to assist the public on a more regular basis. Last year, being unfamiliar with the position and what was required, and in addition to having someone new in the office, the Board felt 20 hours at \$10.50 per hour would be fair. The Assessors, at the time, recommended shorter hours with more pay. Now, with a more clear understanding of the responsibilities of the job, the Board is comfortable with that theory. Supervisor Lounsbury recommends 15 hours at \$12.00 per hour.

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Jeff Pine inquired whether Linda could do both jobs. Supervisor Lounsbury responded that it would not be healthy for her, nor the taxpayers, to be in both positions. Councilwoman Cooke expressed that one person could not be in both places at the same time.

Councilwoman Sedlmeir suggested that the Assessors be present for the interviewing.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to authorize the advertising of a Clerk to the Assessors for \$12.00 per hour for 15 hours per week with resumes to be in by September 2, 2015; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

4. Supervisor Lounsbury received a letter from Donna Kropp on behalf of the Trinity Episcopal Church requesting the use of the Senior/Youth Bus on August 25, 2015 to transport children that are attending their bible day camp from the Church to the Lewis Dale Farm and back. Bob Bolte has volunteered to drive the bus.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize the use of the bus on August 25, 2015 to transport the children from the Trinity Episcopal Church to the Lewis Dale Farm; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

5. Supervisor Lounsbury made a request to schedule a Special Meeting to discuss the health insurance plan.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to schedule a Special Meeting to discuss the health insurance on August 17, 2015 at 7:00 PM contingent upon the availability of Erin Nevins; August 21, 2015 being the alternate date; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

6. A motion was made by Councilman Wood to enter into Executive Session at 7:48 PM to discuss possible litigation; 2nd by Supervisor Lounsbury. Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to return from Executive Session at 8:04 PM; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

Supervisor Lounsbury needs authorization to retain Tabner, Ryan, and Keniry for possible litigation. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to retain the law firm of Tabner, Ryan, and Keniry to represent the Town in a Real Property tax litigation per their hourly retainer agreement; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Councilman Wood questioned that although there are signs in the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park that dogs must be leashed, if someone were to be bitten, would the Town be liable? Attorney Fallati stated that he is not concerned about the Town's liability as long as there are postings.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

1. Marie Dermody questioned the status of the Noise Ordinance. Supervisor Lounsbury responded that the Noise Ordinance has been put on the back burner for now, stating that the Town is busy with the Zoning Law and the budget. Supervisor Lounsbury also added that Attorney Fallati is looking into different avenues regarding the Noise Ordinance.

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2. Mrs. Dermody also inquired as to whether Linda McCormick has submitted her official resignation as Assessor's Clerk. Supervisor Lounsbury responded that the subject had been discussed that afternoon and Mrs. McCormick will be submitting her resignation.

3. Mrs. Dermody noted that on July 28th when the motion was made to appoint Linda McCormick as Interim Clerk, it was not mentioned that it would be retro-active to the 20th when she began training. Mrs. Dermody said that by law, Mrs. McCormick cannot get paid for those days unless the motion is amended to make it retro-active to the day she started working. Mrs. Dermody suggested that the ones who made the original motion should be the same ones who amend it, thus...

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to amend the motion made at the July 28, 2015 meeting to appoint Linda McCormick as Interim Clerk and to be paid as a subcontractor \$19.90/hour retro-active to July 20, 2015; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

4. Jeff Pine inquired as to whether the action being taken regarding the real property was tertiary or small claims. Attorney Fallati responded that it was tertiary.

5. Delores De Meyere inquired about Olmo Road, specifically if the two 'posted - no trespassing' signs that were facing outward and are on Town property, are going to be taken down. She noted that if one were walking toward the gate, it appears that one should not go past the gate. Attorney Fallati stated that he will inquire into the matter.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



Editorial Comment

The **TOWN LAW MANUAL For Town Supervisors and Town Boards** states the following with regard to public hearings:

“The term ‘public hearing’ has been variously discussed or defined as follows:

(a) ‘. . . A statutory direction that a notice of public hearing be published means that a fair and impartial hearing be held pursuant to such notice and that all interested parties attending the hearing be accorded an opportunity to be heard. . . .’

(b) ‘ ‘Public hearing’ means a right to appear and give evidence and the right to hear and examine witnesses’

(c) ‘ ‘Public hearing.’ Any hearing open to the public, or any hearing, or such part thereof, as to which testimony or other evidence is made available or disseminated to the public by the agency.’

(d) ‘Its very purpose [the public hearing] is to give the public an opportunity to express its views and to make inquiries in respect to budget matters, hence, the public may freely participate in such meetings.’ (From 69-405, Dept. of Audit and Control, 6/6/69)

C. A fair and reasonable interpretation of the discussions and definitions of a “public hearing” creates a positive directive that the public attending a public hearing has the legal right to question the applicant, the petitioner or the proponent relating to the purpose of the public hearing.”

The people attending the public hearing on August 6, 2015, regarding the proposed Albany County Sheriff’s Office communications tower on Edwards Hill Road had an opportunity to do precisely this, express their opinions/ concerns regarding the proposal and ask questions of the experts in attendance. No one in that audience denied the necessity of a communications tower in the town. What some attendees questioned was the transparency with which this effort was transacted. Concerns centered primarily on whether this was the best site and what considerations were given to the impact on the Town’s vistas. Not much relevant data was presented to the public (such as all the sites that were investigated); hence, many in the audience were skeptical whether due diligence was exercised regarding this project.

The fact that one audience member chose to apologize to the experts in attendance for the behavior of those attendees questioning the validity of the chosen site is, in this editor’s opinion, an affront to all who attended. This is exactly the purpose of a public hearing — for the public to be heard. All opinions matter, whether you agree with those opinions or not. All who addressed the Planning Board on this matter were both civil and passionate about the matter. We all have an obligation to respect these individuals and their comments.

It is our hope that civility and respect for others reign supreme on September 3, 2015, when the public hearing on the communications tower continues (7:30 pm)

Did you know

... that the minutes for the public hearing on the proposed communications tower was submitted to the Town Clerk via FOI L request on 8/10/2015? The Town Clerk was asked (and followed through) to convey to the clerk of the Planning Board that he was legally responsible to comply with the Freedom of Information Law, including the two-week time frame permitted under the law to make such documents available to the public. This request was submitted early so the clerk would be on notice regarding the 8/21/2015 due date. The planning board clerk has been issued several reminders regarding these minutes; no response has been received and the minutes are more than a week overdue.

The Supervisor has been asked to intervene in this matter. If and when the minutes are received, we will be sure to forward them to you under separate cover.



Sheriff Craig Apple, Cecilia Tkaczyk, Albany County Executive Dan McCoy

Photos from the 2014 Democratic Social Club Annual Picnic.

Chairman of the Rensselaerville Democratic Committee Jeff Pine



See page 15 for information about the 2015 Democratic Social Club Annual Picnic

YOU ARE INVITED!!!!

**The Town of Rensselaerville
Democratic Social Club
Annual Picnic**

Sunday, September 13, 2015

Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park Pavilion
Preston Hollow, NY

1 PM 'til ???



Please join us for an afternoon of food, fun, & camaraderie!

MEET THE CANDIDATES!

Please bring a covered dish to share.

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SEPTEMBER 5TH

WITH OLIVIA QUILLIO
SEPTEMBER 6TH WORKSHOP \$20
LOCAL AUTHOR SHOWCASE

SEPTEMBER 5TH
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Join us on September 21st for the
Library Annual Meeting 7pm at the
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Annual Lawn Party
Saturday, September 5, 2015
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Please join us for an afternoon of food, fun, & camaraderie!

Potter Hollow Yard Sale Day

The Potter Hollow Yard Sale Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, from 9 am to 3 pm. Stop by and see what treasures abound in the hamlet and surrounding areas.

In addition, Ed Volmar, representing the Greenville Educational Foundation, will be documenting materials regarding the Potter Hollow Schoolhouse. Anyone in possession of pictures, artifacts, or other sentimental items are encouraged to bring them to the schoolhouse on this day. Volunteers will be in attendance to photograph the objects and scan pictures. If you have any questions, you can contact Ed Volmar at 518-966-8404.



Word Search Puzzle ... Happy Hunting!

SEPTEMBER

APPLES	APPLE PIE	AUTUM	FAIRS	FALL	GOURD
GRANDPARENTS DAY	HARVEST	LABOR DAY	LEAVES	MIGRATE	RAKE
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From Deterioration to Rebirth

By Janet Haseley, Research Chair, Rensselaerville Historical Society

“From Deterioration to Rebirth” will be the program at the annual meeting of the Rensselaerville Historical Society Saturday, September 26, 2015.

The meeting will be at the Medusa firehouse and will consist of a business meeting at 5 p.m., a pot-luck supper at 6 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m. All are welcome; visitors do not have to be members of the Historical Society to attend any part of the meeting.

The program will be many of John Eldridge’s vast collection of photos documenting the step by step progress over the last three years of before, during and after restoration of the Daniel Conkling House on Albany Hill Road by brothers Stewart and Roy Myers. The Myerses are descended from the original owner of the house and this year were honored by an award from the Preservation Society of New York State. The Daniel Conkling House has also been listed this year on the National and State Registers of Historic Places. It was originally built in 1806, one of the earliest houses built in the Town of Rensselaerville.

Before the Myerses bought it, the Daniel Conkling House had been neglected and vandalized for over 20 years. John Eldridge’s photos show what it looked like when John’s grandmother owned it in the early 1900s and it was a magnificent structure then. His photos also show the progress “From Deterioration to Rebirth” as the Myerses removed many dumpsters of trash and repaired broken stair railings and broken windows and replaced damaged walls and restored areas to what they looked like in the past life of the house. Modernization of heating and plumbing systems and updating of the kitchen area make the interior of the house more suitable for today’s needs but the exterior is restored to the appearance it enjoyed in the early and mid-1900s. The Myerses are now restoring various outbuildings on the property also.

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THE DEMOCRATIC
TEAM

ELECTION DAY
November 3, 2015

★ ★ Elect ★ ★
Dwight (Taylor) Cooke

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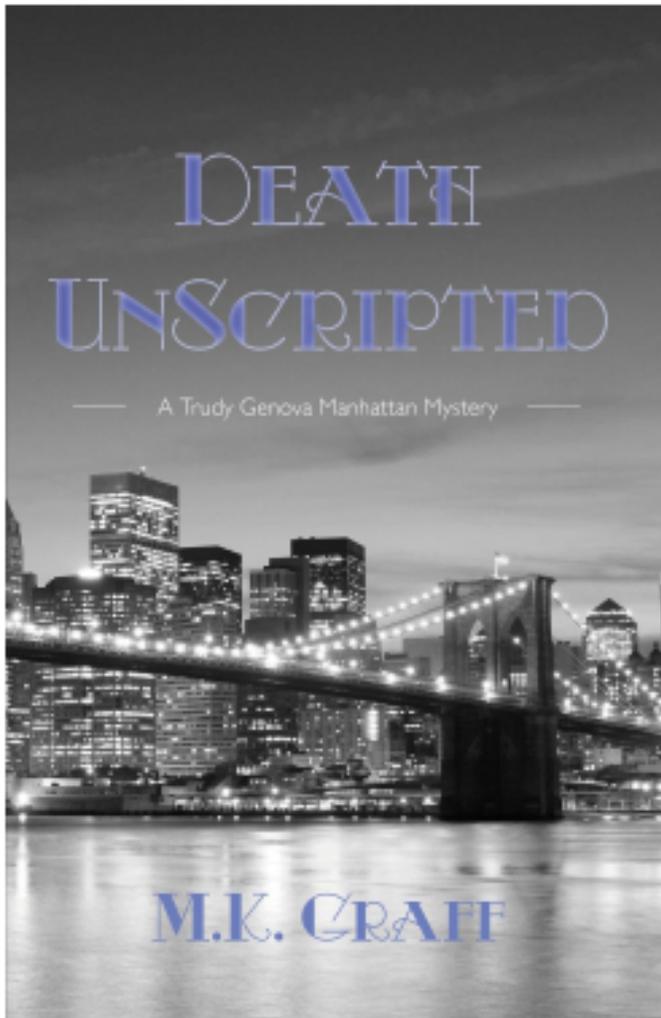
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TOWN ASSESSOR

AUTHOR READING
RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

7PM



Marni Graff returns to Rensselaerville with the first title in her Trudy Genova series. You may be familiar with her Nora Tierney titles *The Blue Virgin*, *The Green Remains* and *The Scarlet Wench*.

Graff debuts the first of The Trudy Genova Manhattan Mysteries this June. *DEATH UNSCRIPTED* follows nurse Trudy Genova, who works as a medical consultant for a NY movie studio. Based on Graff's favorite nursing job when she lived in NY, Trudy Genova considers herself lucky to have such a great job without emergencies. That is, until the actor whose been annoying her lately suddenly dies in the middle of taping--but not before pointing his finger accusingly at Trudy.

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Sat 9:00am - 12:00pm



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Sarah Nelson Weiss, CYT
savitrisarah@gmail.com, 518-239-6825

Fees: Wed Pilates—\$7.00

All Others—\$12.00

Library News



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

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

Upcoming Library Events

Fine Amnesty: Do you have overdue Rensselaerville Library books, audiobooks, movies, magazines? Starting August 25th through September 5th is Fine Amnesty. So dig through the closets, book bags and drawers, search the bookcases and family car, and recover those Library items. Fine Amnesty does not apply to damaged or lost items.

Thursday, September 3rd a joint program with the Rensselaerville Historical Society trip to Sharon Springs to take the one hour tour of Adelphi Paper Hangings. Adelphi produces block-printed wallpapers using the same techniques employed in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The carpool will depart the Library at 9:45am. Reservations are required and ONLY FIVE spots left, Call the Library to Reserve A Space. For more information <http://www.adelhipaperhangings.com/>

Saturday, September 5th the Festival of Writers Presents A LOCAL AUTHOR SHOWCASE at Stonecrop, Carey Institute for Global Good from 12:30 – 3:30 pm. Authors include John Gordon, Reinhold Scholz, and Rensselaerville Historical Society. Tickets are \$10. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the authors.

Saturday, September 5th is the Library's Annual Lawn Party fundraiser, 4-7pm at the Palmer House Café Courtyard, under the tent. Tickets are \$20 available in advance or at the door. Your ticket includes one beverage and additional drink tickets are available for purchase. Children 12 and under are free. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

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Poetry Tuesday evenings at 7pm on September 8 and 22. Come share your work. Questions please contact Tom Corrado at tjc123@midtel.net

Thursday, September 10th join the writing group at 7pm to share your work and receive feedback or just spend a few hours working on your own project. The group meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month downstairs in the Library.

Sunday, September 13th the Rensselaerville Historical District Associa-

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tion, Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department and the Library are offering Citizen Fire Safety presentation for our neighbors. Children and adults will participate in the program at 3:30pm in the Rensselaerville Fire Department.

Tuesday, September 15th at 7pm Author Reading with Marni Graff. Graff returns to Rensselaerville with the first title in her Trudy Genova series, Death Unscripted.

Friday, September 18th 6:30pm representatives from the Capital Region Chapter of the Empire State Lyme Disease Association will share the movie Under Our Skin and discuss what resources are available for those interested in learning more about Lyme and its treatment. The Chapter will have books for sale on Lyme Disease.

Saturday, September 19th the Library will be participating in the Discover the Hilltowns: Farm and Artisan Tour from 9-1pm. The Library will have out our used books bottles of water and gift shop items for sale. For more information visit <http://www.hilltowns.org/farms-and-artisans-tour.html>

The Library Board of Trustees Annual Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21 at 7pm with a regular meeting to follow. All Board meetings are open to the public.

Want to go fishing but don't have a pole? Use your Library card to borrow one for a week. Hooks and Bobbers provided. Anyone 16 and over needs a fishing license. The program is made possible with assistance from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

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

Please check the Library calendar for schedule changes and additions.

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

Middleburgh Library

Sept 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Mahjong Mania	1:00 pm
Sept 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Chair Yoga	9:00 am
Sept 3, 10, 17, 24	Knitting Circle	7:00 pm
Sept 8	The Not So Quiet Concert Series: Bob Malone	7:00 pm
Sept 9, 23	Kundalini Yoga	5:00 pm

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Sept 14	Board of Trustees Meeting	6:30 pm
Sept 23	Homeschoolers Party	11:00 am
Sept 30	The Not So Quiet Concert Series: Roy Zimmerman	7:00 pm

The link to the Middleburgh Library Events Calendar for September 2015 is as follows...

<http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=8616&thisMonth=9&thisYear=2015>

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

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

Greenville Library

Greenville Quilters Meet in small community room	Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 1:00 - 3:00pm	All welcome. No experience necessary, will teach
Greene County Camera Club Basement level	Sept. 10 (at 6:45 PM) Sept. 24 (at 7:00 PM)	10th: competition night that includes beginners and advanced members. Please join us and see how it works. 24th: We provide help in photography, Photoshop, critiquing and using digital cameras.
Greenville Local History Meeting Young Adults (13) - Adults	Sept. 14 7:30 - 8:30 PM	

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

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

The Rensselaerville Library's

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Palmer House Café Courtyard – Saturday, September 5th

Meet-the-artist at the Library Cocktail Party 4-7pm

Showtime at 7:30 pm – Tickets \$10

Songwriting workshop with Olivia on Sunday, September 6th – 10-noon – \$20*



*Advance registration required: contact library@rensselaervillelibrary.org
~ All proceeds benefit the Rensselaerville Library ~

The Festival of Writers presents....

An Afternoon with Local Authors

Saturday, September 5th

at

Stonecrop at the Carey Institute for Global Good

63 Huyck Rd., Rensselaerville, NY 12147

12:15pm to 3:30pm

Tickets are \$10

Schedule of Readings

12:15 - OPEN

12:00 - 1:00 ~ Rensselaerville Historical Society
People Made It Happen Here

1:15 - 1:45 ~ John "Jack" Gordon
The Land and the People

2:00 - 2:30 ~ Ralph Hull
A Lifetime of Experience and Memories

2:45 - 3:15 ~ Reinhold Scholz
Maltrose: The Story of Reinhold Scholz

3:30 - CLOSE

Authors will have books available for sale and signing.



Community Fire Safety Training & Preparedness

Sunday, September 13, 2015

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department
(State Route 85)
3:30 – 4:30 pm

The RHDA, the Library, and RVFD, in response to community interest will offer another R'ville Citizen Fire Safety presentation. Our neighbors (adults and children) will be a part of a presentation covering household safety and recommendations as well as an opportunity to sign up for an individual in-house walk through.

This past winter we experienced a fire at a home on Main Street which sparked an interest by members of our Community to have Fire Safety Training and Preparedness along with a home walk through by the Fire Department.

Please attend this meeting, presentation and signup session, it will provide you with information and insight into activities that can be implemented in your own homes for the safety of you and your family.

During this meeting we will set times for those interested in a personal walk through of your home to offer onsite advice and recommendations. The actual walk through will be scheduled for late September and into October. Be sure to let us know if you will be closing your home in October.



For more information contact the
Rensselaerville Library at 797-3949.

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



Medical Appointment Use of the Town of Rensselaerville Car

This service depends on donations. This is not tax-subsidized. The drivers for this service are your friends and neighbors. They volunteer their time to help you when you have no other means of getting to your appointments.

If you require any assistance getting in and out of the car or other physical limitations, you **MUST** bring someone with you. Your driver's only responsibility is to get you safely to your appointment. You are responsible for any bridge tolls and parking lot fees.

If you are in a wheelchair, the Town bus will be used to take you to the doctor.

When you make an appointment through Ann Vogel (797-3376), please provide the following:

Date & Time of Appointment

Doctor's Name, Address, & Phone Number

If you cancel or change appointment, let Ann know as soon as possible.

2015 Summer Services at Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church

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

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

September 6 "Displaced"

Barbara G. Wheeler, Former President,
Auburn Theological Seminary, New York, NY

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

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

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



On The Calendar

Sept 3	7:30 pm	Public Hearing: Communications Tower The Planning Board of the Town of Rensselaerville will hold a continuation of the Public Hearing which commenced on August 6, 2015 regarding the Albany County Sheriff's Communications Tower.	Town Hall
Sept 8	12 noon	Rensselaerville Senior's Club meeting	Medusa Firehouse
Sept 8	7 pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
Sept 10	7 pm	Town Board Monthly Meeting	Town Hall
Sept 12		Potter Hollow Yard Sales Day	
Sept 13	1pm-?	Annual Democratic Social Club Picnic See flyer on page 15)	Bayard Elsbree Park Preston Hollow
Sept 25		Senior's Club Westchester Theatre Trip Lunch & Show: "Show Boat" Cost is \$62 (members) -- \$67 (non-members) Contact Janet Nelson to sign up at 797-3963.	
Oct 3	9am - 3pm	"New" Fall Rummage Sales Hall will be full of good items including fall, Halloween, and Thanksgiving	Medusa Church
Oct 17	8am - 2 pm	"New" Fall Rummage Sales Hall will be full of good items including fall, Halloween, and Thanksgiving	Medusa Church
Nov 19		Senior's Club trip to The Beeches Dinner Theatre Lunch and Show: "Christmas: The Hap-hap-happiest Season". More information in the future.	

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

News from RVFD

Congratulations to J.R. Delia and Addison Brand who recently completed Firefighter 1 and good luck to Amber Vaughn who is currently enrolled in the Firefighter course. We appreciate your time and dedication!

Please remember to come to one of our meetings if you are interested in joining. There is a job for everyone! Battalion meets first Wednesday at 7:00 and the Company Meeting is last Wednesday at 7:30. All are welcome!

We would like to thank everyone that responded to the Hale Road Fire including Medusa, Tri-Village and Westerlo. Also, a very special THANK YOU to Amanda Wilbur, Hilltown Café for making breakfast! We appreciate your support over the years!

Thank you for supporting the RVFD and thank you to everyone that contributed to the calendar drive.

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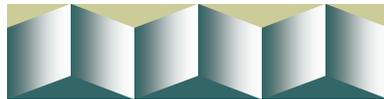
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