

*****Public Notice*****

The **Town of Rensselaerville** will be holding a public hearing on the feasibility of consolidating the Town's three polling places into one place at Town Hall. The meeting will be on ***Thursday February 8th at 6:30pm.***

FACTs for consolidating:

1. Costs have increased 93%(from \$6608 in 2018 to \$12763 in 2023) costs are expected to continue to increase.
2. There are additional costs for using three buildings instead of one.
3. Everyone comes to town hall already for the dump.
4. Absentee ballots are an easy alternative to travel.

FACTs against consolidating:

1. Further distance to travel to vote.
2. In the 2 major elections (Presidential and Gubernatorial) on average 82% of the Towns 1464 registered voters vote. If we are in one location it is not unreasonable to expect longer lines and wait times at peak voting times.

The board really wants to do what the residents want. Board members for it are trying to be frugal and save money and those opposed want to maintain an accessible voting process. It's a good debate.

If you cannot make the public hearing, feel free to share your thoughts in an email to **cbauer@rensselaerville.com** and Ms. Bauer will share your email with the Town Board.