



# Town of Rensselaerville

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## July Town Board Minutes Summary

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The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 10th day of July, 2008 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Nickelsberg and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Deputy Supervisor Richard Tollner, Councilwoman Marie Dermody, Councilman J. Robert Lansing, Councilwoman Sherri Pine, Attorney Joseph Catalano, Town Clerk Kathleen A. Hallenbeck. ABSENT: Supervisor Jost Nickelsberg, Councilman Gary Chase, Superintendent G. Jon Chase.

There were 40 interested citizens present.

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 12, 2008; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 3, 2008; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 19, 2008; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

**TRANSFERS** - A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to make the following transfers: from A1990.4 contingency account to the following accounts; A1640.4 Central Garage - \$1308.55; A3510.4 Dog Control - \$43.43; A5010.4 Highway Superintendent - \$351.95; DA5142.4 Snow Removal - \$1,521.76; SW8310.4 Administration - \$1,137.85; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Dermody.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

### ABSTRACT - 2008-05 - VOUCHERS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to pay all signed vouchers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Dermody.

Discussion ensued concerning the Carver bill and the load slips and that they be signed by the vendor employee and the town employee receiving the load.

Councilwoman Pine rescinded her motion.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine that all signed vouchers be paid except for the voucher from Carver Stone & Gravel for the amount of \$2837,80; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Dermody. (Carvers bill #V08-445 until loading slips are signed).

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Letters were received from NYSDOT concerning the speed limits on certain roads that the Town Board had requested a year ago. Letters are available to be viewed at the Town Clerk's office.

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## Library Bookmark

The Board and staff of the Rensselaerville Library wish to extend a great big thank you to everyone who came and supported us at the Lawn Party on August 30. Thank you also to the Way Out Gallery and the Ward Family for their hard work on the recent Painted Bamboo fundraiser. The overwhelming generosity of the community is part of what makes Rensselaerville the special place that it is, and the Library greatly appreciates your support.

First Friday Movies will return to Conkling Hall in October, and the Library would like the community to help us pick our first feature of the season! Please email the Library at [rvll1@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:rvll1@uhls.lib.ny.us) with your suggestions.

Come check out the latest additions to the Library!

### New in Fiction:

*The Lace Reader* by Brunonia Barry

*The Lemur* by Benjamin Black

*The Story of Forgetting* by Stefan Merrill Block

*Blood* by C.J. Box

*Free Fire* by C.J. Box

*The Nightingales of Troy* by Alice Fulton

*The Night Villa* by Carol Goodman

*Comfort Food* by Kate Jacobs

*Baltimore Blues* by Laura Lippman

*Buckingham Palace Gardens* by Anne Perry

*Don't Tell a Soul* by David Rosenfelt

*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer

### New in Nonfiction:

*The Sum of Our Days* by Isabel Allende

*Predictably Irrational* by Dan Ariely

*Shakespeare's Wife* by Germaine Greer

*New European Poets* by Wayne Miller (ed.)

*When You Are Engulfed In Flames* by David Sedaris

*Beautiful Boy* by David Sheff

*The Three Trillion Dollar War* by Joseph Stiglitz

*The Geography of Bliss* by Eric Weiner

*The Post-American World* by Fareed Zakaria

The Library is online! Check out our website at [www.uhls.org/rvll\\_library](http://www.uhls.org/rvll_library). You can look up items in our catalog, vote for the First Friday Movie selections, and keep up on all of our upcoming events.



### Staff:

Candy Wilson, Director;  
Katie Caprio, Assistant;  
Barbara Husek, Assistant-  
Zachary Wellstood, Page

### Library Hours:

**Tuesday & Wednesday:**

**10:00 AM to Noon, 4:00**

**-9:00 PM**

**Thursday & Friday:**

**4:00—9:00 PM**

**Saturday: 9:00-1:00 PM**

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Medusa: 239-4826

Preston Hollow: 239-6111

## Conkling Hall—What's On In September

**Friday, September 19:** Noteworthy Coffeehouse returns!!! Doors open 7:30 PM; music begins at 8:00 PM. Coffee and treats available. \$10.00 admission.

**Sunday, September 21:** Music from Downtown Rensselaerville: Peter Michael Boudreaux and John Rice present an afternoon performance of their lively tunes. Come join the fun. 5:30 PM.

**Saturday September 27:** Margaret Bernstein presents her concert "Bricks in the Wall", 4:00 PM. For more information call 797 9517.

### OCTOBER:

**Friday, October 3:** First Friday Movies return at 6:30 PM. Children \$1., Adults \$2.

**Saturday, October 11:** The Chili Cookoff Returns!!! Chili Cookers, sign up now: see our website at [www.ConklingHall.org](http://www.ConklingHall.org) for entry form. Chili eaters should show up at 12:00 noon to sample the selection

and vote on "People's Choice" winner.

**Sunday, October 12:** RHDA (Rensselaerville Historic District Association) presents the RENSSELAERVILLE REVIEW. Our annual opportunity for music and a variety of talent: spoken word, instruments, and vocal. An afternoon of interpretation, improvization and irreverence. Refreshments will be available. Starts 4:00 PM. Adults \$10, Children 8 - 16 \$5., children 7 and under, free.

**Wednesday, October 15:** Senior Luncheon: Autumn Celebration. Delicious food served at 12:00 PM, \$4.00. Desserts welcome.

**PILATES: Saturdays 9-10 AM.** Pilates mat class with Sarah Nelson Weiss. Strengthen your abdominals, gain long, lean muscles and work with good alignment. Appropriate for all levels. Please call 239 6825 for more information and to confirm schedule.

You can contact Conkling Hall at



Methodist Hill Road  
Rensselaerville, NY  
(518) 797- 3459

(518) 797 3459 or read our website on [www.ConklingHall.org](http://www.ConklingHall.org). We send out frequent e-mail announcements/reminders about our events. If you wish to be added to the list, please give us your email address at [ConklingHall@earthlink.net](mailto:ConklingHall@earthlink.net).



## Resource Center's Back-to-School Drive



The old adage 'always be prepared' is certainly true when it comes time to return to school in September and begin the task of learning new and exciting things. Arriving in school that first day well prepared for learning sets the tone for success throughout the school year. The Hilltowns Community Resource Center (HCRC), an outreach site of Catholic Charities of Albany and Rensselaer Counties, wants to ensure that many of the children in our community are set for success in the next school year.

HCRC is conducting a BACK-TO-SCHOOL drive in the townships of Berne, Knox, Westerlo and Rensselaerville. Community members can help with the Resource Center's efforts by purchasing a variety of school supplies and dropping the items off at the following locations throughout the area: Post Offices in East Berne, Berne, Knox, Westerlo, Medusa, Preston Hollow and Rensselaerville; transfer stations and libraries in Rensselaerville

and Westerlo. Back-to-School items that can be donated include new boys/girls sneakers (all sizes), book bags/backpacks, pens, colored pencils, crayons, markers, highlighters, pencil holders, pocket folders, primary school writing tablets, 1", 2" and 3" 3-ring binders, loose-leaf paper, binder dividers, 3 and 5 subject spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, rulers, protractors, calculators, erasers, 3x5 index cards, tissues, post-it notes, and small and larger zip-lock bags. NO PENCILS OR 1-SUBJECT NOTEBOOKS THIS YEAR. WE HAVE PLENTY! The Resource Center is also seeking individuals and organizations willing to adopt-a-student in order to provide him or her with new clothing for the return to school. Monetary contributions are always welcome. Checks can be made payable to HCRC and can be sent to the Hilltowns Community Resource Center, P.O. Box 147, Westerlo, NY 12193. Please call 797-5256 with any questions.

## Senior Corner

**Need Information?** Elder Source Line (447-7177) has information about Senior Services to help in a variety of ways. Call between 8:30AM-12:30PM Monday through Friday. Call for free assistance with housing options, insurance counseling, benefits and entitlements, community resources, adult daycare, and caregiver options. This program is funded by United Way of Northeastern New York and Senior Services of Albany Foundation.

**Senior Citizens Club:** We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Medusa Firehouse at noon. \$1.00 is collected. ALL senior citizens are invited to join the club. Please bring a covered dish to share and/or dessert. Members need to bring their own plates and utensils. Coffee is provided.

**Senior Van:** Tuesday: Bryant's Center, Greenville Thursday: Cobleskill (Wal-Mart) Monday, Wednesday and Friday: Van is available to travel to doctor appointments. Call Ann Vogel at 797-3376 regarding scheduling and/or arranging for van pick up.

**Helderberg Senior Services:** Lunches are served Monday through Friday at noon for \$3.75. The Grange would appreciate one day advance notice. Call Marie at 797-3652 between 9:00AM-1:00PM for information and reservations.

**We need volunteer drivers!!!!** If you have a valid driver's license and could volunteer a couple hours of your time now and then, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Kathy Hallenbeck, Town Clerk, for more details.


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### HELP WANTED

The Town of Rensselaerville is looking for a custodial worker/laborer to work 20 hours a week (7 AM to 11 AM) at Town Hall. Duties may include, but are not necessarily limited to: vacuuming, cleaning bathrooms and kitchen, dusting, washing floors and windows, changing light bulbs, emptying trash cans, shoveling snow at main entrance to Town Hall, mowing lawns, weed whacking, weeding gardens, and working on the newsletter relative to distributing it to Town residents.

Rate of pay is \$7.50 per hour with no benefits. The applicant/employee must be a Town of Rensselaerville resident.

Anyone interested in this position is encouraged to submit a letter of interest to Town Clerk Kathy Hallenbeck.



**Extra Helpings Food Buying Club — Available to Everyone**

Extra Helpings is a program of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York and is offered to the community through The Hilltowns Community Resource Center (HCRC) in Westerlo. The program is open to all individuals regardless age or income. Extra Helpings has changed the prices and the menus being offered. Anyone is welcome to purchase any or all of the package options. The menu for each month's Extra Helpings' offerings will still be published one month in advance. September's Extra Helpings menus are as follows:

**September's Regular menu: \$20.00**

- 4/6 oz. Chicken Cordon Bleu
- 1 lb. Bag Coleslaw Mix
- 3 lb. bag I.Q.F. Boneless Chicken Breast
- 1.5 lbs. Holton 1/4 lb. Beef Patties
- 3 lb. box John Morell All-Meat Franks
- 1 pint Grape Tomatoes

**Special #1: \$ 19.00**

**8 lbs. Boneless Fresh Pork Loin**

**Special # 2: \$ 12.00**

**2/ 2.5 lbs. Bag Fully-cooked All-Beef Meatballs**

**Special #3: \$30.00 MEAT BOX**

- 2 lbs. Cranberry & Apple Stuffed Pork Chops
- 3 lbs. Honey-Mustard Flavored Chicken Breast
- 3 lbs. Home Style Beef Patties
- 2 lbs. Maple Breakfast Sausage Links
- 3 lbs. Chicken Patties

(Substitutions of equal value may be necessary due to availability.)


**PLEASE NOTE:** Orders with payment are due at the HCRC office by September 7TH for pick-up on **September 23, 2008.** HCRC distributes Extra-Helpings at the Rensselaerville Firehouse from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. and at St. Bernadette's Church in Berne from 11:30 to 12:00 p.m. on delivery days. The pick-up site must be noted with each order. Anyone wishing more information regarding Extra-Helpings or other Hilltowns Community Resource Center services, please call 797-5256. HCRC's mailing address is P.O. Box 147, Westerlo, NY 12193. Please include your phone number on all correspondence.

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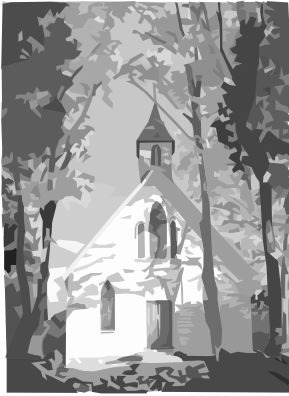
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### *Church Services*

#### ***Preston Hollow Baptist Church***

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Worship: Sunday - 11:00AM

#### ***Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church***

Summer Session Worship - 11:00AM  
Coffee Hour following Mass

#### ***United Church of Christ***

Medusa, 239-6119

Worship: Sunday - 10:00AM

#### ***Trinity Episcopal Church***

Trinity Lane, Rensselaerville,  
797-5395

Holy Eucharist & Church School  
Sunday - 11:00AM

#### ***Potter Hollow Union Church***

Potter Hollow, 734-5106

Worship: Sunday - 9:00AM

Bible Study and Prayer Group

Wednesday—6:30PM

## **The Westerlo and Van Rensselaer Connections**

By Janet Haseley, Research Chair, Town of Rensselaerville Historical Society

Eight people from Westerlo (Belgium) visited the Rensselaerville Grist Mill on August 8, 2008, and we were told that Westerlo (NY) and Westerlo (Belgium) are the only towns in the world with that name. We were curious, so checked Google. Sure enough, there were no other towns listed by the name of Westerlo except for our neighbor, Westerlo, NY, and the Belgian city of Westerlo.

The New York Westerlo was named for a Dutch clergyman (the title was Domine) named Eilardus Westerlo who was born in Groningen, Holland, in 1737. He applied for service overseas after he finished his training for the ministry in 1760 and came to America the same year to become the pastor of the Albany Dutch Reformed Church. He reached out to budding Reformed congregations across Albany County. He was the last of the Dutch-speaking clerics and preached primarily in Dutch. However, after 1780 he held an English-language service as well.

He was considered a warm supporter of the American cause in the Revolution and offered daily prayers for the safety and victory of American troops and often ministered directly to them. He trained a number of future clerics and was also interested in secular education. In 1779 he was named one of the trustees of Clinton College. He served the Albany area for 31 years, the longest tenure in the church history.

In 1815 the town of Westerlo in Albany County's hilltown area was named for him. Westerlo Street in Albany's South End was also named for him. He died in December 1790 at the age of 53 and is buried in the vault of the Van Rensselaer family. In the Van Rensselaer vault? Why?

Well, it seems that in July 1775 he married Catherine Livingston (by 1783 the marriage had produced three children). Catherine's father was Philip Livingston, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Catherine was a young widow. Her first husband was the Dutch patroon Stephen Van Rensselaer II, and their son, Stephen Van Rensselaer III, was only five years old when his father died. After marrying Catherine, Domine Westerlo lived at the Van Rensselaer Manor House which also served as his parsonage for a decade until Stephen III married.

Stephen III graduated from Harvard in 1782 at the age of 19 and the following year married Margaret Schuyler who was the third daughter of General Philip Schuyler of Revolutionary War fame. He and Margaret moved into the Van Rensselaer Manor House and Catherine and Eilardus Westerlo moved to a parsonage on Market Street in Albany.

After Stephen III came of age and became Lord of the Manor, he took an active part in the management of the Van Rensselaer holdings (called Rensselaerswyck), which comprised close to 1200 square miles, and offered "free" land to all who would develop it. Many Revolutionary War veterans took advantage of Stephen III's offer and most of the early settlers in the Rensselaerville area were Revolutionary War vet

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Stephen III was known as the "Good Patroon" because he seldom collected rents from the farmers to whom he had issued "indentures" (deeds with certain restrictions such as an obligation to pay yearly rent of four fat fowl, 18 to 24 bushels of good winter wheat, and a day of service with a horse and cart).

Alexander Hamilton was a brother-in-law of Stephen Van Rensselaer, III, having married Margaret Schuyler Van Rensselaer's sister Elizabeth Schuyler. Hamilton is said to have been instrumental in advising Stephen III and even drawing up many of the legal procedures that involved the leaseholds.

In 1801 Margaret died and the next year Stephen III married Cornelia Paterson, daughter of former New Jersey Governor William Patterson. The Rensselaerville Historical Society has several Van Rensselaer genealogy books, photos of Cornelia, of Stephen III and his younger brother Philip Schuyler Van Rensselaer, and a large oil painting of Stephen III's son, Henry Bell Van Rensselaer. Henry was a politician and a general in the Union Army during the Civil War and Philip (1767-1824) was mayor of Albany from 1799 to 1812. All these books and paintings and photos were donated to the Historical Society by a descendant, Philip Van Rensselaer.

Stephen III was keenly interested in education and gave the land and founded, largely at his own expense, The Rensselaer Institute at Troy, NY (now known as Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) to advance scientific exploration.

Interesting facts which we had not known before include that Stephen Van Rensselaer III won a seat in the New York State Assembly in 1789, was twice elected Lieutenant Governor of New York, was a Major General of the Militia in the War of 1812, and in 1810 was appointed to a State commission to study the possibilities of a route for a western canal. He maintained a lifelong interest in the canal and was on the Canal Commission for 23 years, from 1823 until his death in 1839, and its president for the last 15 years. From 1823 to 1829 he served the county and city of Albany as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1831 he became the chief financier of the Mohawk and Hudson Railroad and was its first president.

He sponsored several geological and agricultural surveys of Albany and Rensselaer Counties and was president of the Central Board of Agriculture commissioned by the legislature. An interesting note is that in 1821 he was appointed to the commission to revise the State Constitution. Until then, only freeholders had been allowed to vote, but Van Rensselaer was willing to abandon the property qualification for voters.

In addition to being "The Good Patroon", Stephen Van Rensselaer, III, was also called "The Last Patroon" because in 1787 the legislature had abolished the right of primogeniture, the exclusive right of inheritance belonging to the eldest son. Stephen III's life spanned a period of two distinct cultures: the aristocratic tradition that said that men of wealth were pre-ordained to be leaders of the people in governmental and cultural development, and the republican principles after the Revolutionary War that said that men could achieve their highest potential regardless of wealth or family position.

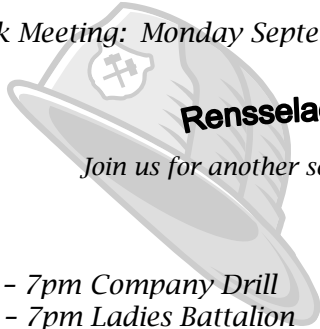
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*Volunteer News and Events*

**Medusa VFD**

Company Meeting: Monday, September 8th, at 8:00 PM

Drill & Work Meeting: Monday September 15th and September 22nd at 7:00PM



**Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department**

Join us for another season of saving lives and homes in your neighborhood!!  
Calls as of July 14: 30

**September:**

- 2<sup>th</sup> - 7pm Company Drill
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7pm Ladies Battalion
- 8<sup>th</sup> - 7pm Company Drill
- 13<sup>th</sup> - BEGIN Food Drive for Hilltown Resource
- 21<sup>st</sup> - 8am-11am Pancake Breakfast
- 27<sup>th</sup> - 8pm Company Meeting

**October:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - 7pm Ladies Battalion
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 7pm Company Drill
- 11<sup>th</sup> - END Food Drive
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 8am-11am Pancake Breakfast
- 13<sup>th</sup> - 7pm Company Drill
- 25<sup>th</sup> - 7am - 12pm Red Cross Blood Drive
- 29<sup>th</sup> - 8pm Company Meeting
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween Party - Come join the fun!!!

**Special Events:**

10/31 - Halloween Party - R'ville Fire Department and R'ville Library...

**Peek at the future:**

11/1 - 11/22 TOY DRIVE for Hilltown Resource Center

**Tri Village VFD**

Company Meeting: Wednesday, September 3rd at 8:00PM

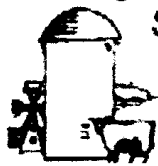
**Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Service**



Company Meeting: Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00PM

**Thoroughbred & Trotter Horse Boarding**

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### REPORTS

Reports were received from the following; Bookkeeper Britton, Town Clerk Hallenbeck, Assessor Pine, Attorney Catalano, and Building Inspector Overbaugh. Councilwoman Dermody gave the report for Superintendent Chase.

Bookkeeper Britton has installed the Quickbooks Premier Accounting Addition 2008 software and is inputting all data.

Highway Superintendent - Councilwoman Dermody received a call from Superintendent Chase who mentioned several concerns. Superintendent Chase met with Mr. Coalts of Earth Tech, Inc. the engineer hired to do the FEMA projects. His report concerned who is pulling all the data together for the projects. Earth Tech wants the highway department to do it. Superintendent Chase mentioned they could give the day sheets to Earth Tech to do or if the Highway Department does it then they should be paid to do it. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning this topic.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody that we authorize the Highway Superintendent to offer Earth Tech, Inc. an option of either creating their own data from the daily sheets or having the Superintendent's office compile the information in the manner that they want for reimbursement for additional hours worked; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported the receipts for the Town Clerk's department for the month of June.

Building Inspector Overbaugh reported that the following permits were issued: one new house, one house replacement, a building repair permit, one new accessory building, a garage and there was one violation.

Attorney Catalano reported on the Pearson Road culvert project contract. He has reviewed it and feels that it can be signed by the Supervisor. The Town Board discussed this project.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody authorizing the Deputy Supervisor to sign the contract with Ingalls & Associates, Inc. regarding the Pearson Road project; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Pine. Discussion ensued.

Councilwoman Dermody modified her motion as follows;

Councilwoman Dermody moved that we authorize the Deputy Supervisor to sign the contract with Ingalls & Associates regarding the Pearson Road Project subject to Superintendent Chase's review; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

### King Lane

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine authorizing the signing of the contract with Ingalls & Associates for the King Lane project after being reviewed by Superintendent Chase; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Dermody.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

### Civil Service Classification

Attorney Catalano checked with Civil Service concerning the classification ruling for the highway clerk. Under the State rules, the clerks of department heads, or departments or secretaries of boards are in the exempt class. However, clerk 2, Planning Board and Zoning Board clerk are not in the classifications.

Assessing Department - Assessor Pine gave a definition of the equalization rate and explained how it works.

**CURRENT EVENTS** - The Tri-Village Fire Company will sponsor a blood drive on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Medusa Garage sale day will be August 9<sup>th</sup>.

### OLD BUSINESS

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2008 - ALTERNATIVE MEMBERS OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LAW.**

This law would provide a process for appointing up to 2 alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals. These individuals would serve when members are absent or unable to participate on applications or matters before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to introduce this draft law, Proposed Local Law No. 2 of the year 2008, A Local Law entitled "Alternate Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals Law," with the one change, commencing the adoption process, and scheduling a public hearing for August 14, 2008 at 7PM at the Rensselaerville Town Hall; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

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### CAP ON SCHOOL TAXES

The Town Board discussed the letter that Attorney Catalano had written concerning the proposed cap on the school taxes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to amend our letter of support with a provision that we are in support of the concept but with the one year callback being eliminated; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### MYOSOTIS LAKE DAM - CHAD JAMISON

Mr. Chad Jamison, Executive Director of the EN Huyck Preserve spoke about the direction that the Preserve is planning to follow for the next 3 to 5 years. Mr. Jamison explained the report that was received from Woidt Engineering concerning the large dam on the Lake. DEC did an inspection of the dam in April and informed the Preserve of their findings. Mr. Jamison explained the work that needs to be done. A meeting will be set up with the Preserve, Water District Committee, and Town Board to discuss this issue.

#### AMERICAN TOWER

The Town Board spoke about the tower. American Tower was contacted last year to do an inspection; we have not heard from them. The Town Board spoke about the Unsafe Building Law that the town has.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody that we proceed and authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to proceed with an unsafe building violation against American Tower; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Lansing.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

#### HIGHWAY INVENTORY

We have a highway inventory and we need to schedule a meeting with Superintendent Chase to discuss some kind of 5 or 10 year replacement plan so that there is a process by which equipment is replaced in an affordable fashion.

#### CODE OF ETHICS

Councilwoman Dermody went over the Code of Ethics document. The Board discussed at length the changes in the Code, what the Board of Ethics can do, violations, penalties and what the Town Board duties are.

The Code is available for the public to view at the Town Hall. They can submit written comments to the Town Board by the work meeting in August.

#### HELPING SENIORS

The Town Board discussed how to help our seniors out this winter with the increase in expenses going up, fuel oil, gas, etc. How can we help them out and/or get some more money from HEAP, donations, public service. Starting now perhaps we can find some answers to these questions.

#### AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Audience comments brought up for discussion were the Equalization Rate, an explanation of the funding given to the Supervisor from the Town Clerk's department, town hall beautification, and the cap on school taxes.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck, Town Clerk

NOTE: Full Town Board Minutes can be found on the Town website ([www.rensselaerville.com](http://www.rensselaerville.com)) or at the Town Hall.

**THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2008  
IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.**



# Months and seasons search



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*Put the months under the correct seasons.*

Winter	Spring	Fall	Summer



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The three Town of Rensselaerville fire departments: Medusa, Rensselaerville and Tri-Village, will hold their **annual food and supplies drive for the Hilltown Community Resource Center**. This event will run from Saturday **9/15/2007 through 10/13/2007**.

Hilltowns Community Resource Center (Catholic Charities) currently assists about 300 families in the area. With the cost of heating fuel and other items on the rise, now is the time to lend a helping hand to those facing hardships this winter.

Items needed are:

- Non-perishable food items (Please no expired dates)
- Laundry Supplies (detergent, softener, etc.)
- Personal hygiene items (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, etc.)

Drop off Locations are as follows:

- Hilltown Café, # 26 Rt. 353, Rensselaerville
- Medusa Post Office Building, Medusa
- Preston Hollow Baptist Church, Rt. 145, Preston Hollow
- Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Rd., Medusa

***Finding Common Ground...***

# **Concert for the Land**

**to benefit the efforts of *Rensselaerville Farmland Protection***

**Sunday, September 21st, 2008**

**5:30 pm**

**At Historic Conkling Hall**



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Second Thursday 7:00 pm

Working Meeting  
Tuesday 7:00 pm  
before regular meeting

Town Justice Court  
Mondays 7:00 pm

Planning Board  
First and third Thursdays 7:30 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals  
First Tuesday 7:00 pm

Building Inspector/Zoning Officer  
Thursday 8:00-10:00am, 7-9 pm

Town Clerk's Hours  
Monday-Wednesday 9:00am-3:30pm  
Thursday 1:30pm-7:30pm  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Supervisor's Hours  
Wednesdays 10am - 12 pm  
Home office 7 days 7:30am - 10:30pm

Assessors' Hours  
Thursday 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Assessors' Clerk Hours  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday morning

Dog Control Officer  
Cheryl Baitsholts  
518-797-5201

Town Refuse Station Hours  
Wednesday and Saturday  
7:00am-3:45pm

Water/Sewer District Meeting  
First Thursday 7:00 pm

Town Supervisor  
Jost Nickelsberg

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Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

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Victoria Kraker

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Joseph Catalano

Deputy Town Attorney  
Jon Kosich

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Rebecca Platel, Secretary

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Albany, NY 12247  
518-455-2800

Assem. John McEneny,  
102nd Dist. LOB,  
Albany, NY 12248  
518-455-4100

County Legislature, 39th Dist.  
Alexander (Sandy) Gordon  
144 Beebe Road, Berne, NY 12023  
518-872-2602

Albany County Highway Dept.  
518-239-6715, 518-239-6710

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Social Number - 797-3218

Tri-Village Fire Company, 911  
Social number - 239-6780

Medusa Fire Company, 911  
Back up emergency number,  
943-9010  
Social number - 239-6166

Rensselaerville Vol. Ambulance, 911  
For Information - 518-797-5233

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518-765-2351

State Police  
Rensselaerville and Hilltowns, 911  
518-477-9333

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