

11-1-1978

Stewart		AYES	NOES
MICHAEL FUSCO		✓	
JOHN MOONEY		✓	
JOSEPH GRIMALDI		✓	
ANDREW PYTELL		✓	
FRED NARDACCI			
MICHAEL FALKOWSKI		✓	
LESTER JEFFRIES		✓	
JAMES GROARK		✓	
PATRICIA JACKSON		✓	
TOTAL			

CITY OF RENSSELAER  
IN  
COMMON COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY EVENING  
REGULAR MEETING

The Council convened at 8:05 o'clock P.M. and was called to order by Pres. Stewart

The roll being called the following answered to their names:

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|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Alderman Fusco ✓ | Pres. Stewart ✓ | Alderman Nardacci |
| Mooney ✓         |                 | Falkowski ✓       |
| Grimaldi ✓       |                 | Jeffries ✓        |
| Pytell ✓         |                 | Groark ✓          |
|                  |                 | Jackson ✓         |

Alderman *Mooney* moved that the minutes be adopted as printed subject to correction.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR  
HEADS OF THE DEPARTMENTS, AND CITY OFFICIALS

The Clerk reports that the Mayor had approved of all resolutions passed at the last meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT  
PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

Alderman *Mooney* moved that all bills be referred to the Auditing Committee. All bills be allowed and ordered paid.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND ACCOUNTS  
RESOLUTIONS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Alderman *Grimaldi* moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman *Falkowski*

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

Alderman *Mooney* moved that all bills ~~and payrolls~~ be referred to the Auditing Committee. The City Clerk reports that the City Bills, Water Department Bills, ~~Water Maintenance Payroll~~ and ~~Highway Payroll~~ amounted to:

City Bills \$ *12,099.78*

Water Department Bills \$ *444.54*

~~Water Maintenance Payroll~~ \$

~~Highway Payroll~~ \$

Alderman *Mooney* moved seconded by Alderman *Grimaldi* that all bills ~~and payrolls~~ be allowed and ordered paid.

*Stewart*

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# Gerald O'Neil Post 1683

THE AMERICAN LEGION

836 BROADWAY  
RENSELAER, NEW YORK 12144

November 1, 1978

SUBJECT: ARMISTICE DAY MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES  
VETERANS OF THE CITY OF RENSELAER, NEW YORK

TO : Honorable Mayor Joseph Mink  
President of the Common Council Irwin Stewart  
Members of the Board of Aldermen, City of Rensselaer, N.Y.  
Members of the Board of Public Safety, City of Rensselaer

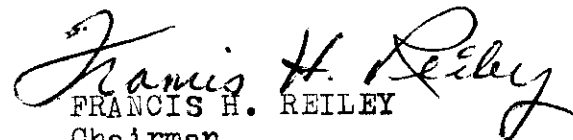
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please accept this letter as an Honored Invitation to each of you, and the residents of the City of Rensselaer, New York, to participate in the Observance of Armistice Day in the City of Rensselaer.

On Sunday, November 5, 1978, the Memorial Services to Honor the Veterans of All wars will be held at St. Joseph' Church in Rensselaer. Services will be conducted at the 11:15 A.M. Mass at St Joseph's Church.

All who are participating are asked to assemble at the Ft. Crailo Post # 471, The American Legion, on Sunday morning, November 5, 1978 at 10:15 A.M. At approximately 10:45 A.M. thr group will march accompanied by the Yankee Doodle Band, marching Partition Street, to 3rd Street to the Church and then return to Ft Carilo Post after the church services are concluded. In the past years, numbers of marchers have been dwindling, Let's have a good showing this year, and pay the proper respects to the Veterans of Rensselaer both the deceased as well as the living Veterans of today.

Sincerely,

  
FRANCIS H. REILEY  
Chairman

City of Rensselaer Veterans Activities.

H. Baudin

**PLANNING UPDATE/ Rensselaer Planning and Development Agency  
1 November 1978**

- INTRODUCTION** ..... This is the start of something new ... In order to provide a quick update on RPDA activities and to encourage participation in the "planning process", a monthly **PLANNING UPDATE** will be distributed to the Common Council, Planning Commission, and other key City officials.
  
- RECREATION PROJECTS** ..... **RIVERFRONT PARK** project remains on schedule for February 1979 contract letting ... advance detail plans available since 27 October at RPDA office for review ... preliminary cost estimate \$246,774. .... **LAKEVIEW AVENUE PARK** rehabilitation plans will be available at RPDA not later than 1 February 1979 for early Spring implementation ..... application for 50% federal participation in proposed City swimming facility will be submitted by 1 April 1979.
  
- LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE** ..... finalization of this package is major RPDA thrust for November ... based upon consensus achieved at joint Common Council/Planning Commission workshop on 23 October, **PUBLIC INFO MEETING** tentatively scheduled for Monday, 27 November ... further announcement by Mayor/RPDA forthcoming ..... additionally note that **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT** and **NEW YORK STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION CODE** should now be in full effect ... special legislation has been prepared by RPDA on SEQCR implementation ... Energy Conservation Construction Code mandatory supplement to NYS Building Code, as previously adopted.
  
- FUTURE HUD PROGRAMS** ..... RPDA met in Buffalo on 6 October with HUD AREA OFFICE Community Planning and Development Director to discuss **SMALL CITIES**, **312 REHABILITATION**, and **URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANT** programs ... similar meeting held in WASHINGTON HUD MAIN OFFICE on 19 October ... Washington meeting with Assistant Secretary Robert Embry ... general prognosis encouraging ... UDAG eligibility preapplication to be filed by 30 November ... next round of SCP preapplications due in late January/early February 1979 ... HUD will be looking for SCP Activity Program similar to that submitted in 1978 preapplication, but with additional emphasis on two key factors: the City's **CODE ENFORCEMENT** effort and the relationship of capital projects to the City's overall **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM**.
  
- TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS** .... DOT's schedule for 11 January 1978 letting of bridges on Route 9&20 over Penn Central and Route 9J remains firm ..... 1979 property acquisition and 1980 construction of **COLUMBIA STREET ARTERIAL** also unchanged ..... **CDTC STUDY** is

progressing ... basic inventory nearly completed ... detailed traffic counts to be taken City-wide by both human and mechanical counters during period 6 through 12 November ..... COMMON COUNCIL RESOLUTION of 4 October 1978 caused CDTC/DOT to take notice ... various personnel, including REGIONAL DIRECTOR, have been in City for guided tours as a result ... set-aside of \$ for improved truck access/Route 9J reconstruction being requested during process of TIP update ... action on same expected February 1979.

- LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENTS ..... 1978 STREET PAVING PROGRAM authorized by Common Council on 16 August substantially complete ... portions of Riverside Avenue, First Street and Fifth Street and all of Farley Drive, Hazel Terrace, William Terrace, Wallace Terrace and Woodland Avenue completed ... portion of Central Avenue temporarily deferred due to private demolition/construction ... \$58,225. expended for completed work ... \$7,605. BELOW RPDA ESTIMATE of \$65,830.
- NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ..... scheduled to terminate under terms of HUD Community Development Block Grant on 5 January 1979 ... approximately \$50,000. remains unobligated for assistance to eligible housing rehabilitation projects in target area ... RPDA has conferred with HUD-BUFFALO and requested 6-month EXTENSION ... decision on same expected by 6 November ... 54 applicants assisted to date.
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ..... expect brief working paper on this subject by end of 1978 ..... PORT DOCK progressing well ... DOT has project in design at this time ... project should be bid in late March 1979 with construction complete before the end of 1980 ..... Albany Area Chamber of Commerce Port Subcommittee creating SPECIAL TASK FORCE to establish overall development guidelines and coordinate the promotion/marketing of Port lands on Rensselaer side of Hudson River ... RPDA Director chosen to head such TASK FORCE.
- SENIOR CITIZENS HOUSING .....: it was a long, hard fight/ many contributed/ but HATS OFF must be extended to DON LEAHY ... press conference held here on 9 October to announce HUD COMMITMENT OF SECTION 8 RENTAL SUBSIDY to make possible construction by RENSSELAER HOUSING AUTHORITY of 106-units of elderly/handicapped housing on the Burke property to the west of the old Van Rensselaer High School ... much work remains to be done, including design, arrangements for permanent financing, commitment by City for necessary public improvements, etc. ... hopefully, groundbreaking by June 1979 with occupancy by end of 1980 ..... RPDA is exploring the financing of public improvements through either SCP or UDAG programs, as administered by HUD.
- PLANNING/ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS ..... RPDA is currently exploring three mini-grant possibilities ... 80% \$ from the NYS COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM for detailed Port/industrial area planning ... 50% \$ from NYS DEC for activation of the City's Conservation Commission and initiation of conservation/recreation/environmental

management planning ... \$ from NYS INTERDEPARTMENTAL TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD for the services of a Traffic Safety Technician and the provision of necessary hardware, such as street signs.

- EMERGENT FEDERAL PROGRAMS TO WATCH ..... Significant new URBAN PARKS PROGRAM is on the President's desk ... would provide an opportunity to get \$ needed for City-wide neighborhood parks/playgrounds improvements ..... FEDERAL HIGHWAY ACT includes one billion \$ annually for a SPECIAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT FUND ... several bridges in Rensselaer would be potentially eligible, including those off the State system, such as High Street and Herrick Street ... LABOR-INTENSIVE PUBLIC WORKS bill has failed in Congress.
  
- EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES ..... Special activities during October included Director's participation on panels at the NEW YORK PLANNING FEDERATION CONFERENCE at Kutsher's on 16/17 October and appearance as guest speaker at 26 October meeting of SOUTHERN RENSSELAER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ... lecture series at RPI during first two weeks of November scheduled and meeting of Rensselaer WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CLUB on 20 November.
  
- MEETINGS DURING NOVEMBER ..... Tuesday, 14 November, at 7:30 pm PLANNING COMMISSION ... Monday, 27 November, at 7:30 pm PLANNING COMMISSION/Common Council Public Informational Meeting (tentative) ... special SEQOR COMMITTEE workshop to be arranged before the 27th.



# CITY OF RENSSELAER

OFFICE OF  
THE CORPORATION COUNSEL  
RENSSELAER, N. Y.

**RICHARD F. REILLY**  
CORPORATION COUNSEL

February 12, 1979

Mr. Harry Beaudin, Jr.  
City Clerk, City of Rensselaer  
505 Broadway  
Rensselaer, N. Y. 12144

Dear Harry:

The enclosed resolution goes back to  
November 1. Would you please place in the minute envelope  
for that meeting.

Very truly yours,

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Corporation Counsel

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enc.

Resolution to Maintain Highway Lighting

RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution of the Council of the City of Rensselaer agreeing to maintain, repair and energize a highway lighting system on or along State Highway/Arterial/Interstate within the geographical jurisdiction of the MUNICIPALITY, such highway identified as Routes 9 & 20, Columbia Street Arterial, PIN's 1040.53 and 1040.59, County of Rensselaer.

WHEREAS, the State of New York Department of Transportation proposes to reconstruct a State Highway/Arterial/Interstate identified as Routes 9 & 20 Columbia Street Arterial, PIN's 1040.53 & 1040.59, County of Rensselaer within the geographical jurisdiction of the City of Rensselaer, and

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer approves of such project and desires to have a highway lighting system on such highway within its geographical jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has agreed to provide as a part of the project the following items in connection with a street lighting system:

1. Underground duct system, including conduits, pull boxes, hand holes and drainage pockets.
2. Ducts, pull boxes and anchor bolts on structures.
3. Foundation for light standards.
4. Light standards and bracket arms.

provided that the City of Rensselaer agrees to install luminaires, wiring, switches and ballasts and all other components necessary to complete the lighting system, maintain, repair and energize such highway lighting system.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council, duly convened, does hereby

RESOLVE, the City of Rensselaer approves of the above subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the City of Rensselaer shall maintain, repair and energize such highway lighting system, and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Rensselaer to enter into and execute an Agreement with the State of New York by and through the Commissioner of Transportation to commit the City of Rensselaer to maintain, at its own expense, the lighting system on the above identified project, such agreement to provide that the maintenance shall include the repair and replacement of equipment and the furnishing of electric current for the lighting system, and it is hereby further

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the clerk of this (Board or Council) is hereby directed to transmit five (5) certified copies of the foregoing resolution to the State Department of Transportation.

Approved: as to form and sufficiency this 14th day of

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RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE "ONE CONTRACTOR" REVALUATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer has heretofore elected to participate in a cooperative revaluation plan with other towns of Rensselaer County in order to comply with the requirements of Real Property Tax Law Section 306; and

WHEREAS, the City has executed an agreement with the County of Rensselaer for the employment of professional managment services, and pursuant to such agreement the County has contracted with Robert J. Finnegan and Associates, Inc. to act as the Project Monitor; and

WHEREAS, the Project Monitor and the Project Administrator, in consultation with the Steering Committee, have recommended that the participating municipalities select and contract with a sole revaluation contractor to provide revaluation services for all participating municipalities in order to secure the greatest economies and project control; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Rensselaer endorses the "one contractor" revaluation concept and plan and adopts and submits this resolution as a statement of intent to contract for real property revaluation services with the contractor selected by the majority of participating municipalities on the advise of the Project Monitor and Project Administrator based upon written proposals; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Rensselaer shall not be contractually bound for revaluation services until the subsequent adoption of a specific resolution of this body authorizing the execution of a binding contract.

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Approved as to form and sufficiency  
this 1st day of November, 1978.

*Robert J. Finnegan*  
CORPORATION COUNSEL

*2nd by Pytell*

BY ALDERMAN Mooney

Resolved that the treasurer be and he hereby is authorized and directed to transfer \$200.00 from the Contingent Fund to Code A 1450-1 for the purpose of increasing compensation paid to custodians of election machines and

Be It Further Resolved that the compensation paid to the custodians be increased from \$300.00 to \$400.00.

*2nd by Pytell*

Approved as to form and sufficiency this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1978.

*Robert J. Neely*  
CORPORATION COUNSEL

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R E S O L U T I O N

By Alderman Groark

RESOLVED, that Helen Smith be and he here-  
by is authorized under the direction and supervision of the Department of  
Public Works to lower so much of the curb at 1738 Fifth Street  
as may be necessary for driveway purposes.

This is a permit only revocable at the will of the Common Council.

Dated: November 1, 1978

Approved as to form and sufficiency  
Richard Walsh  
Corporation Counsel

*2nd Pytell*

*Stewart*

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