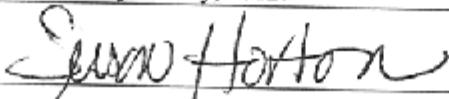


**TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT
TOWN OF POESTENKILL, NEW YORK
April 2012**

TO THE SUPERVISOR:

Pursuant to Section 27, Subd. 1, of the Town Law, I hereby make the following statement of all fees and moneys received by me in connection with my office during the payment of which is otherwise provided for by law:

Conservation Fees to the Town:	\$ 12.91
Marriage License No. 1 through No. 2 @ \$ 7.50 each	\$
Marriage Certificate @ \$10.00 each	\$
Marriage Transcript @ \$10.00 each	\$
A1255 Total Town Clerk Fees	\$ 12.91
A2530 Games of Chance Town's Share Peddlers Fee	\$ 50.00
A1289 Registrar	\$
Junkyard License	\$ 100.00
A2544 Local Fee for 2 dogs	\$ 22.00
A2115 Planning Board Fees/ZBA fees	\$ 111.28
A2555 Building Permits	\$ 683.75
A2655 Minor Sales -Certified copy	\$ 15.00
A2268 Impoundment fees from Creekside Kennel Water Meter Fee Water Benefit Charge	\$ 150.00 361.79
Water Permit Fee	\$ 80.00
Water billing	\$ 9,774.91
REVENUE TO SUPERVISOR	\$ 11,361.64
Amount paid to State Comptroller for Games Chance License	
Amount paid to DEC for Conservation Licenses	\$ 221.09
Amount paid to AG. And Markets for fee for unsprayed/unneutered Dog program	8.00
Amount paid to State Health Dept. for Marriage Licenses	\$
TOTAL DISBURSED	\$ 229.09
May 3, 2012 Dominic Jacangelo, Supervisor	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED BY CLERK	\$ 11,590.73
State of New York, County of Rensselaer, Town of Poestenkill, Susan Horton, being duly sworn says that she is the Clerk of the Town of Poestenkill the foregoing is a full and true statement of all Fees and Moneys received by her during April being only such Fees the application and payment of which are otherwise provided by law subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 th day of May, 2012.	
	



OFFICE OF THE
ASSESSOR

Town of Poestenkill

38 Davis Drive | P.O. Box 210
Poestenkill, NY 12140
518.283.5100 (Phone)
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TO: POESTENKILL TOWN BOARD

FROM: JEFFRY A. JACKSON, ASSESSOR
ASSESSOR'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2012

Continuing from March's exemption information being added to the RPS system, during April this office collects the data, (new construction such as a house, pool, garage, etc.) and any other parcels that are to be reviewed for valuation and records it on the property record cards and then the RPS system for valuation. Ultimately this produces the change notices that are sent out by May 1st, when the tentative roll is filed. Hours are then set for the Assessor to sit with the roll prior to Grievance Day which is May 24th this year.

Deeds continue to be processed and all exemption applications once processed and recorded are filed. Notices of any changes in exemption status are also mailed at the time of the change notices going out. The State Office of Tax and Finance (Real Property Service) has issued a tentative equalization rate of 25.40% which is up from last year's 24.10%.

Constituent relations are still considered good during the report period.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Jackson
Assessor
Town of Poestenkill

cc: Town Board
Susan Horton, Town Clerk



TOWN OF POESTENKILL

38 Davis Drive, P.O. 210
Poestenkill, NY 12140

Office of the
Building Inspector/
Code Enforcement Officer/Water Manager

May 6, 2012

TO: DOMINIC JACANGELO - SUPERVISOR

FROM: ROBERT L. BRUNET, P.E. - BUILDING INSPECTOR/
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/WATER MANAGER

RE: HYDRANT FLUSHING

For your information, today, Sunday, May 06, 2012 I flushed ten hydrants, concentrating on those not done recently, and also on "Dead Ends". Those completed are:

1. Snyders Corner (End)
2. Furry Road (End)
3. Blue Heron Rd. (End)
4. Dennis Rd. (End)
5. Hinkle Rd. & Route 351
6. Town Hall
7. School St. & Snyders Corner Rd.
8. Fiddlers Rd. (End of Cathlie Drive.)
9. Weatherwax Rd. & Snyders Corner Rd.
10. Walsh St. (End)

All were operable; however the Weatherwax location was hard to open and will require follow up to determine the cause. I will see that the records reflect these flushings.

Poestenkill Dog Control
April 2012

- 6th Stray dog found Took to kennel
- 11th Lost dog
- 13th Dog found
- 21st Chickens of neighbor on property

COMPUTEL CONSULTANTS

P.O. Box 35 • Earlville, New York 13332 • (800) 724-9859 • Fax (315) 691-4311

April 20, 2012

Mr. Dominic Jacangelo
Town of Poestenkill
P.O. Box 210
Poestenkill, New York 12140

Dear Supervisor Jacangelo,

I'm writing to tell you about the solution to a problem that is affecting municipal governments all over New York State - **the underpayment of cable television franchise fees**. This problem is particularly widespread among municipalities that are served by Time Warner Cable. For over twenty years, Computel Consultants has been a leader in the field of utility billing analysis. In addition to this cable franchise fee situation, we've worked with hundreds of New York State municipalities to identify, correct, and secure refunds for errors on telephone, electric, gas, and street lighting accounts.

Based upon our extensive experience performing cable franchise fee audits and our review of public files on the Public Service Commission website, we believe there is a high probability that this problem is impacting the Town of Poestenkill. If so, it could mean tens of thousands of dollars in lost revenue. These errors have a six year statute of limitations, so failure to identify and recover this money in a timely fashion will put it out of legal reach forever.

Since cable franchise agreements are usually only renewed once every ten to fifteen years, most municipalities aren't very familiar with the terms of their agreement and how franchise fees are calculated. That is exactly how the cable companies would like to keep it. The solution is to have an independent review done by the leader in this field in New York State - Computel Consultants.

- This problem is so prevalent we work on a risk-free contingency basis -- **there are no up front costs and if we don't secure a refund for you there is no charge for our service**. If we do secure a refund for you, we are paid a one-time 50% fee. In most cases, correcting this problem will also result in increased franchise fee revenues in the future - all of which are yours to keep in their entirety.
- We keep it simple and Time Warner provides us with most of the information we need for our review -- there is no time commitment needed from you or your staff.
- As part of our service, we provide information and advice regarding the cable franchise renewal process.

For more information, we encourage you to visit our website - www.computel-consultants.com - where you can review what we do and see a list of the organizations we've worked with. Feel free to contact me with questions, or just return the enclosed postcard or sign-up on-line at the **Contact Us** page of our website.

Sincerely,



Michael T. Caton
Partner

Kathleen M. Jimino
County Executive



Ned Pattison Government Center
1500 Seventh Avenue
Troy, New York 12180
Phone: (518) 270-2900
Fax: (518) 270-2961

COUNTY OF RENSSELAER

April 16, 2012

Mr. Dominic Jacangelo
Supervisor
Town of Poestenkill
P.O. Box 210
Poestenkill, NY 12140

RE: LEAD AGENCY REQUEST
PROJECT: Rensselaer County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan
LOCATION: Rensselaer County, New York

Dear Supervisor ^{Dominic} Jacangelo:

Rensselaer County has accepted the Rensselaer County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for review and will be performing a coordinated SEQR review. Your agency has been determined to be an involved or interested agency.

A copy of a Short Form EAF is enclosed. The Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan can be found on the County's website at www.Rensco.com. This project is identified as an unlisted action.

Rensselaer County has proposed to take Lead Agency status for this project.

If we do not receive a written objection from those agencies identified as involved agencies by May 1, 2012 we will assume that the involved agencies agree with our assumption of Lead Agency for the SEQR review of this particular action.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Jimino
County Executive

Enclosures

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Environmental Permits, Region 4**

1130 North Westcott Road, Schenectady, New York 12306-2014

Phone: (518) 357-2069 • FAX: (518) 357-2460

Website: www.dec.ny.gov



Joe Martens
Commissioner

April 16, 2012

Dominick Jacangelo, Supervisor
Town of Poestenkill
38 Davis Drive
PO Box 210
Poestenkill, NY 12140

RE: **Notice of Complete Application**
DEC #4-3838-00076/00001
Mined Land Permit Modification
Troy Sand and Gravel - Lochvue Estates
Poestenkill (T), Rensselaer County

Dear Supervisor Jacangelo:

Consistent with Article 23, Title 27, of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) (Mined Land Reclamation), effective September 1, 1991, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is hereby notifying you of the above-referenced mining proposal.

The Department has determined that the referenced Mined Land Reclamation Permit Application submitted by Troy Sand and Gravel is complete. Please refer to the enclosed **Notice of Complete Application**.

The proposal is to add 1.6 acres to an existing 8.35 acres, for a new life of mine area of 9.95 acres. The mine is being operated for the purposes of constructing a residential subdivision.

Enclosed for your review are copies of the mining and reclamation plans, narrative, Environmental Assessment Form and other supporting documentation. Should you desire, the Town may wish to review this information and comment on the referenced application, including proposed permit conditions. The Town's recommendations must be accompanied by supporting documentation justifying any determinations and is limited to the following areas:

- a) setbacks;
- b) barriers to restrict access;
- c) dust;
- d) hours of operation; and
- e) whether mining is prohibited at this location.

Comments must be submitted to my attention within 30 days of the date of this letter. We will either incorporate your comments into the permit as conditions or notify you, in writing, with supporting documentation, why the conditions will not be incorporated. If no response is received from you within 30 days, it will be assumed that you have no comments on this permit application.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this application.

Sincerely,



Nancy M. Baker
Environmental Analyst 2
Region 4

Enclosure

cc: H2H Associates, 179 River Street, Troy, NY 12180
Jude Clemente, Troy Sand and Gravel, Inc., PO Box 171, Watervliet, NY 12189
file

Rensselaer Plateau Alliance

Conservation Through Community

April 18, 2012

Dominic Jacangelo
Supervisor, Town of Poestenkill
38 Davis Drive, PO Box 210
Poestenkill, NY 12140

Dear Dominic,

We would like to invite you and members of your board to join us at the Sand Lake town hall on May 31st from 6:30-9pm, where we are holding a meeting of municipal officials of the Rensselaer Plateau Region about the Regional Conservation Plan. As part of the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance's effort to ensure the conservation plan is as practical and useful as possible, we are meeting with various stakeholders to help shape its content and structure.

At the meeting we will present what we have learned so far about the ecology, community values, and economy of the region, which will be followed by discussion. One issue we might discuss -- How can the Regional Conservation Plan assist in planning for development that is essential to the economic and cultural vitality of the region while retaining the rural and open space characteristics that are also essential to the economic and cultural vitality of the region? We are very interested in hearing your ideas on what should be included in the Conservation Plan from the municipal perspective. At this point, we envision the plan as a decision-making tool for municipalities, landowners, and other stakeholders, providing some examples and questions that decision-makers might consider. The plan will provide real data and information and will outline some tools that could be used to help conserve economically and ecologically important areas.

For this meeting, please consider sending two representatives from each municipal board or committee, including the Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Natural Resource or Conservation Advisory Committees that exist in some towns. Pizza, desserts and coffee/tea will be provided.

If you know you are available, please *rsvp* (*Rachel @ 279-9708 or rriemann17@hotmail.com*) so we have a good idea of how much food to provide. :-). And of course, please feel free to call or email me or Jim Bonesteel (*jim@rensselaerplateau.org, 794-9160*) if you have any questions. Please note: the stakeholder meetings are in addition to the Public Workshop on April 30, to which everyone is also invited and encouraged to attend.

Sincerely,



Rachel Riemann Akera

Rensselaer Plateau Alliance

www.rensselaerplateau.org

2012 SALARY & BENEFITS SURVEY

Looks better THAN IT feels



For the second year in a row, raises are up and pay cuts are down. But salaries and benefits are nowhere near 2008 levels — and may never be.

Last year we predicted an end to the free-fall of public works jobs and paychecks, but warned that the climb back up won't begin for at least a couple of years.

We hate to say we told you so, but ...

The private sector is just starting the arduous climb back to profitability in the slow-recovering economy. In January, the U.S. Department of Labor reported:

- 8.3% unemployment, the lowest national rate in nearly three years
- 7,000 more architectural and engineering services jobs
- Construction employment rose by 52,000, mainly among non-residential specialty trade contractors, in December and January.
- Nonfarm employment increased an average of 152,000 jobs/month in 2011.

Meanwhile, the public sector lost 276,000 jobs in 2011, with declines at both the local and state levels.

Government budgets tend to lag economic conditions by 18 months to at least two years. That means you're facing now the financial challenges the private sector faced in early 2010, when business and industry were crawling out from under the biggest economic dive since the Great Depression. State and local budgets will continue to struggle for at least another year, say industry experts — and that's being optimistic.

WEB EXTRA

To find out how your salary compares, look for the "Web extra" icon on www.pwmag.com.

You're (slightly) more optimistic
When we deployed our seventh annual compensation survey in January and February, we hoped that — despite reports that public construction spending and local tax revenues are down — things are looking up and vacant positions are being filled. We were encouraged when more readers (almost 1,700) completed our questionnaire since the Great Recession began impacting the industry in 2008.

In a way, we were right.

This year's respondents are a tad more optimistic than in recent years. Perhaps that's because 42% got a raise in the last 12 months (compared to 33% of last year's participants) and the percentage that anticipates a raise (more than one-third) is slightly higher than in the past two years. In addition, the number of public works professionals who expect a pay cut dropped another percentage point (see chart on page 33).

But in many ways, we were too hopeful.

The improvements are so small that factoring in a standard $\pm 3\%$ margin of error may cancel any upward momentum. And perhaps this is an anomaly, but 8% of last year's respondents only expected a pay cut while 14% of this year's actually experienced one.

And as many of you who took the time to comment reminded us, salary increases won't weigh down your wallet when they're offset by higher out-of-pocket costs for that other key piece of the compensation picture: benefits.

Benefits aren't being cut (outright)
Like last year, most respondents — 71%, the highest percentage in three years — told us that their benefits aren't being cut. But many indicated these perks cost more than ever, a recurring theme.

"Dental and vision is offered at our expense; it is more costly than the benefits that it covers," says a Midwestern county employee. "And our health insurance went from zero deductible to \$2,000 on the family plan."

About six out of every 10 respondents report that health insurance premiums have gone up in the past 12 months. Only 13% don't pay any

(continued)

MEDIAN SALARIES BY:

TITLE

Administrative (support personnel)	\$40,001 – \$45,000
Assistant/deputy director	\$80,001 – \$85,000
Department head	\$85,001 – \$90,000
Developer/planner	\$60,001 – \$65,000
Director of public works	\$85,001 – \$90,000
Director, other	\$95,001 – \$100,000
Engineer	\$80,001 – \$85,000
Foreman	\$55,001 – \$60,000
Inspector	\$55,001 – \$60,000
Manager/supervisor	\$70,001 – \$75,000
Operator	\$45,001 – \$50,000
Specialist	\$55,001 – \$60,000
Superintendent	\$65,001 – \$70,000
Technician	\$50,001 – \$55,000

DEPARTMENT OR PRACTICE AREA

Administration (all areas)	\$80,001 – \$85,000
Building maintenance	\$65,001 – \$70,000
Engineering	\$80,001 – \$85,000
Environment/pollution control/conservation	\$65,001 – \$70,000
Fleet services	\$70,001 – \$75,000
GIS/surveying/mapping	\$70,001 – \$75,000
Highways, streets, roads, bridges, etc.	\$70,001 – \$75,000
Infrastructure maintenance	\$70,001 – \$75,000
Planning/zoning/inspection/permitting	\$70,001 – \$75,000
Public works (general management or director)	\$75,001 – \$80,000
Solid waste collection & disposal	\$65,001 – \$70,000
Traffic control & lighting	\$80,001 – \$85,000
Transportation	\$85,001 – \$90,000
Urban forestry/parks/public grounds	\$65,001 – \$70,000
Water/wastewater/stormwater	\$70,001 – \$75,000

For a region-by-region snapshot of median salaries by population served and by title or department/area of work, look for the "Web extra" icon on our home page at www.pwmag.com. Source: Public Works

Benefits available to newcomers

According to our most recent Salary & Benefits survey, someone who's beginning their career this year at a city, county, special district, township, or state can expect:

- Paid holidays (96% of respondents are offered this option by employers)
- Paid vacation days (96%)
- Health insurance/benefits (94%)
- Sick leave (90%)

Most also receive:

- Dental insurance (80%)
- Life insurance (76%)
- Pension plan (76%)

But while more than half are offered ... :

- 401(k), 403(b), 457(k), or other savings plan (64%)
- Paid training — CEUs/PDHs, other (60%)
- Flexible spending accounts (59%)
- Vision insurance (59%)
- Disability leave (57%)
- Accidental death & dismemberment (AD&D) insurance (56%)
- Paid professional registration/association memberships (56%)
- Cell or other phone allowance (54%)

... Less than half will be offered:

- Tuition reimbursement (42%)
- Compensation time (33%)
- Retiree health insurance (33%)
- Company car or car allowance (31%)
- Overtime pay (23%)
- Fitness room onsite or support toward private fitness club (21%)
- Training/certification incentives (21%)
- Flexible scheduling/work hours or telecommuting (20%)
- Monetary bonuses (7%)

Percentages are rounded up to whole numbers.
Source: Public Works

The bright side: public-sector benefits still better

Even though they've taken a hit, public benefits packages still provide more than those offered to private-industry workers, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

	Public sector	Private sector
Retirement and medical benefits available	99%	73% and 85%
Share of medical premiums paid by employer, single coverage	68%	80%
Share of medical premiums paid by employer, family coverage	71%	69%
Paid sick leave	88%	63%
Survivor and health benefits, unmarried domestic partners	Opposite sex: 48% and 28% Same sex: 50% and 33%	Opposite sex: 7% and 25% Same sex: 7% and 29%
Per-employee investment in compensation	\$40.76/hour worked	\$28.24/hour worked

premium at all, and 2% are paying premiums for the first time this year.

Given taxpayer resentment toward government in general and losses in private-sector retirement plans, public pensions are a particularly ripe target for perceived savings as cities, counties, and states try to balance their budgets.

Quite a few of you are being required to fund up to half your pension. In 2008, when cities, counties, and states had yet to feel the full force of the economic meltdown through drastically lower property, sales, and development-related revenues, 85% of respondents had access to a pension. Today, 76% do.

Other benefits that have been nicked and dimed:

- **401(k), 403(b), 457(k), or other savings plan.** Available to 64% of respondents compared to 71% in 2008

Median salaries by type of department	Canada	EPA Region 1 (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT)	EPA Region 2 (NJ, NY, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)	EPA Region 3 (DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, WV)	EPA Region 4 (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN)
Consolidated department (more than one city/township)	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$130,001 - \$135,000	\$75,001 - \$90,000
County	n/a	\$70,001 - \$75,000	\$75,001 - \$80,000	\$85,001 - \$90,000	\$70,001 - \$75,000
Municipal (city, township)	\$90,001 - \$96,000	\$85,001 - \$90,000	\$75,001 - \$80,000	\$60,001 - \$65,000	\$85,001 - \$70,000
Special district	n/a	n/a	\$105,001 - \$110,000	\$80,001 - \$85,000	\$115,001 - \$120,000
State	n/a	\$75,001 - \$80,000	\$80,001 - \$85,000	\$70,001 - \$75,000	\$70,001 - \$75,000

Highest salary ranges for each department type are printed in red type.

Benefits: then and now

Some benefits, like paid holidays and health insurance, haven't changed much in five years, but others have dwindled. Here are the most significant changes based on percentage of respondents who report having access to the benefit. Source: Public Works

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Life insurance	82%	80%	79%	80%	76%
Pension plan	85%	80%	78%	80%	76%
401(k), 403(b), 457(k), or other savings plan	71%	75%	72%	67%	64%
Disability leave	67%	61%	61%	59%	57%
Paid professional registration/association memberships	62%	62%	56%	63%	56%
Tuition reimbursement	53%	57%	52%	46%	42%
Compensation time	n/a	44%	43%	39%	33%
Flexible scheduling/work hours or telecommuting	44%	28%	25%	24%	20%
Monetary bonuses	12%	11%	9%	8%	7%

- **Disability leave.** 57%, down from 67%
- **Tuition reimbursement.** 42%, down from 53%
- **Flexible scheduling/work hours or telecommuting.** 20%, down from 44%
- **Monetary bonuses.** 7%, down from 12%

But overall, you'll stay put

Almost half — 44% — of this year's respondents reported salary freezes last year and 57% expect their salaries to remain flat over the coming year. But despite complaints about the effect of things like unpaid furloughs on overall compensation, nearly half say their benefits are better than those of most U.S. workers and that they enjoy their jobs.

Furthermore, a third say they'll stay in their jobs *because* of the benefits. Finally, a little more than a third are just thankful to have a job in this economy.


These are good sentiments to hold onto as we climb out of the trough. PW

Raise expectations up for second year

Do you expect your pay to increase, decrease, or stay the same within the next 12 months?

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Decrease	1%	5%	14%	8%	7%
Stay the same	14%	38%	56%	59%	57%
Increase	85%	57%	30%	33%	36%

Good news: The amount of survey respondents expecting pay cuts or freezes tapered off last year, and fell at least another percentage point this year. **Even better news:** the number of respondents who expect their salary to increase rose last year and then again this year. (Percentages are rounded up to the nearest whole number.) Source: Public Works

 We thank the 1,693 readers who completed our annual compensation survey and congratulate the 10 who were (randomly) selected to receive \$25 gift cards.

EPA Region 5 (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI)	EPA Region 6 (AR, LA, NM, OK, TX)	EPA Region 7 (IA, KS, MO, NE)	EPA Region 8 (CO, MT, ND, SD, WY)	EPA Region 9 (AZ, CA, HI, NV)	EPA Region 10 (AK, ID, OR, WA)
\$60,001 – \$65,000	\$75,001 – \$80,000	\$80,001 – \$85,000	\$60,001 – \$65,000	\$110,001 – \$115,000	n/a
\$70,001 – \$75,000	\$65,001 – \$70,000	\$75,001 – \$80,000	\$70,001 – \$75,000	\$90,001 – \$95,000	\$95,001 – \$100,000
\$70,001 – \$75,000	\$60,001 – \$65,000	\$65,001 – \$70,000	\$75,001 – \$80,000	\$85,001 – \$100,000	\$80,001 – \$85,000
\$75,001 – \$80,000	\$85,001 – \$90,000	\$85,001 – \$90,000	\$85,001 – \$90,000	\$95,001 – \$100,000	\$90,001 – \$95,000
\$70,001 – \$75,000	\$60,001 – \$65,000	\$75,001 – \$80,000	\$50,001 – \$55,000	\$80,001 – \$95,000	\$85,001 – \$90,000

State of New York
 State Office of Real Property Tax Services
 WA Harriman State Campus
 Albany, New York 12227

Notice of Tentative State Equalization Rate
 for the 2012 Assessment Roll

Mr. Dominic Jacangelo, Supervisor
 Town of Poestenkill
 P.O. Box 210
 Poestenkill, NY 12140 0210

County of Rensselaer
 Town of Poestenkill

Tentative Equalization Rate: * 25.40 *

HEARING DATE:
 6/4/12 10:00 AM

HEARING PLACE: Office of Real Property Tax
 Services
 WA Harriman State Campus
 Albany, New York

On 5/8/2012 the State Office of Real Property Tax Services established a tentative 2012 State equalization rate of 25.40 for your municipality. This equalization rate was computed using data from your municipality's tentative assessment roll. If final assessment roll data produces a significantly different rate, we will recompute the equalization rate and notify you.

This tentative rate is the same as the "local stated level of assessment (LOA)" declared by the assessor and displayed on your tax bills. The tentative equalization rate indicates the level at which a municipality is assessing property in relation to its full market value, as measured by the Office of Real Property Tax Services. This tentative equalization rate supports your stated LOA. However, this does not say anything about the uniformity of assessments in your municipality. Since your municipality has not completed a recent reassessment, we recommend that you examine your assessment roll for inequities and consider reassessing.

A copy of the data reports showing the computation of the tentative State equalization rate is being sent to your assessor. If class equalization rates have been established for your assessing unit, they are provided on the attached list.

The full value standard of the tentative 2012 State equalization rate is the total full value as of July 1, 2011. The percentage change in the estimate of full value between the 2011 State equalization rate and the 2012 State equalization rate due to the change in full value standard for your municipality is -5.1%. The percentage change for the other municipalities in your county is shown on the enclosed report.

A written complaint and all evidence which you wish to submit in support of that complaint must be mailed or hand delivered to Darlene A. Maloney, Assistant to the State Board, at the Albany office of the State Board at the above address at least five days before the hearing date set forth above. The complaint must be made on the enclosed complaint form and signed by the chief executive officer or legal representative. Please refer to Subpart 186-15 of the rules and the State Equalization Rate and Complaint Process booklet when preparing supporting documentation if you file a complaint. The complaint booklet is available on the Taxation and Finance website at http://www.tax.ny.gov/research/property/assess/rate_doc.htm or you may contact your ORPTS regional office or Brian Moon or Kim Lee in Equalization Support Services in Albany at (518) 474-5666.

THE COMPLAINT FORM AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION DEADLINE IS: 5/30/2012

The hearing itself is not an adjudicatory proceeding. You will, however, have the opportunity to explain the written materials previously submitted, and/or to offer oral statements in support of your complaint. As the duly authorized representative of the State Board, the hearing officer will communicate your comments, in summary form, to the Board. Staff will review the written documentation you submitted in support of your complaint, to determine whether to recommend to the Board that changes be made in the calculation of the State equalization rate.

The State Board will meet on July 24, 2012 in Albany. We will notify you of the recommendation and the exact time and location of the Board meeting.

cc: Mr. Jeffrey A. Jackson, Appointed Assessor
 Town of Poestenkill
 P.O. Box 210
 Poestenkill, NY 12140

Municipal Code	Municipal Name	(A) 2011 State Equalization Rate	(B) 2012 State Equalization Rate and Status	(C) Percentage Change in Estimate of Full Value
381400	City of Rensselaer	29.80	29.38 Tentative	1.43%
381700	City of Troy	13.80	14.00 Tentative	-1.43%
382000	Town of Berlin	24.50	26.00 Tentative	-5.77%
382200	Town of Brunswick	25.30	25.81 Tentative	-1.98%
382400	Town of East Greenbush	100.00	100.00 Tentative	0.00%
382600	Town of Grafton	7.90	8.20 Tentative	-3.66%
382800	Town of Hoosick	27.20	26.30 Tentative	3.42%
382801	Village of Hoosick Falls	13.90	No Rate Yet	
383000	Town of Nassau	68.00	70.00 Tentative	-2.86%
383001	Village of Nassau	50.94	No Rate Yet	
383200	Town of North Greenbush	26.50	26.50 Tentative	0.00%
383400	Town of Petersburg	54.50	56.90 Tentative	-4.22%
383600	Town of Pittstown	61.00	64.00 Tentative	-4.69%
383601	Village of Valley Falls	54.16	No Rate Yet	
383800	Town of Poestenkill	24.10	25.40 Tentative	-5.12%
384000	Town of Sand Lake	100.00	100.00 Tentative	0.00%
384200	Town of Schaghticoke	23.00	24.00 Tentative	-4.17%
384400	Town of Schodack	100.00	107.15 Tentative	-6.67%
384600	Town of Stephentown	29.00	29.90 Tentative	-3.01%

Column C is the percentage change in the estimate of full value between the 2011 State equalization rate and the 2012 State equalization rate due to the change in full value standard.

This percentage change is important because county and school taxes are apportioned according to a municipality's share of the full value of the county or the school. A municipality will be apportioned a larger share of the tax levy if its full value increases by a larger percentage than others, or if its full value decreases less than the decrease for other municipalities in the county or school.

The information shown in columns B and C is subject to change as the other tentative rates are established in the county and as rates are finalized after the completion of rate complaint processing. You will be sent a complete report when we have established 2012 State equalization rates for all municipalities in your county.



TOWN OF POESTENKILL

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Office of the
Building Inspector/
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May 14, 2012

TO: DOMINIC JACANGELO - SUPERVISOR

FROM: ROBERT L. BRUNET, P.E. - BUILDING INSPECTOR/ *RLB*
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/WATER MANAGER

RE: WORK ACTIVITIES FOR April 2012

New construction as well as repair permits have increased, as is seasonally expected. This month was demanding involving the finalization and approval of numerous annual and other periodic reports required by Rennselaer County Health Department, NYSDOH, and other County or NYS organizations.

These reports
included:

- 1) **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP-Water)** (annual)
- 2) **Vulnerability Assessment For Poestenkill Water** (annual)
- 3) **Water Supply Emergency Response Plan for Poestenkill Water** (annual)
- 4) **Annual Drinking Water Quality Report For 2011-Town of Poestenkill** (annual)
- 5) **Poestenkill Water District Emergency Operations Plan** (annual)
- 6) We are in the final stages of completing the **MS4 Annual Report** (annual)
- 7) Additionally, we have also officially begun fulfilling our responsibilities regarding the **Dig Safety New York (811) Program** (daily)
- 8) **DOH 360 Reports** (monthly)

In this month's report the standard results are reviewed and a detailed summary of our status of connections to the Poestenkill municipal water supply are presented. A brief overview of our water hookup status is as follows: (5/14/2012)

- 1) Permits issued to hookup - 314
- 2) Final testing, water flushing, meter installation and plumbing connection inspections (fully hooked-up residences/businesses/schools to water)-288
- 3) Certificates of Compliance issued - 263
- 4) Physical site inspections for hookup - 526

It is significant to note the attached May 11th memorandum to Mr. Dominic Jacangelo regarding Trihalomethanes (THM). We have discussed this at prior meetings. However, due to the RCDOH and NYSDOH standards associated with the running annual average quarterly test results, we are now required to notify our customers of the THM status.

The overview of our standard items reveals that new building work is increasing, inspections for MS4 issues, and for construction and property maintenance issues are continuing with corrective actions being taken where warranted. Office visits and telephone calls remain high due to resident, contractor, and government agency queries.

The following specific work was accomplished by the Building Inspector / Code Enforcement / Water Manager Office during the month of April 2012.

- I Work Permits: 14
- III Certificate of Occupancy Issued: 2
- IV Certificate of Compliance Issued (excluding water): 2
- V Assisted:
 - a) Phone Calls – over 300
 - b) Office Meetings - over 40
- VI Site Inspections: 60
- VII Complaints Received: 7
- VIII Fees collected for the month of April: \$ 550
- IX MS4 Construction / SWPPP Inspections: 9
- X April hours worked - (excluding lunch, evening meetings, computer work done at home):

WEEK	4/1 - 4/7	51.0 hours
WEEK	4/8 - 4/14	53.5 hours
WEEK	4/15 - 4/21	57.0 hours
WEEK	4/22 - 4/28	53.0 hours
WEEK	4/29 - 4/30	12.5 hours
TOTAL	4/1 - 4/30	227 hours



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May 11, 2012

TO: DOMINIC JACANGELO - SUPERVISOR

FROM: ROBERT L. BRUNET, P.E. – BUILDING INSPECTOR/ *RLB*
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/WATER MANAGER

RE: THM (TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES) TEST RESULTS

As you know, we have been concerned over the THM results for 2011. The following information is the basis upon which the NYSDOH required letter to our water customers will be sent June 1, 2012 (copy attached). The Rensselaer County Health Department has already approved the wording of this document. I should mention that it is almost identical to the letter which North Greenbush sent out to their water customers on February 2, 2012. As you know, we have no direct control of the factors which generate THMs and we do not in any way "treat" them. We are largely dependent upon the Troy and Brunswick towns in their treatment for THMs. We have attended and actively participated in numerous meetings on this subject, attended by RCDOH, NYSDOH, and other towns, and are hopeful that the actions being taken by Troy and Brunswick will resolve the problem. It is clear, however, that the THM maximum allowable level (based on a running annual average of quarterly tests) will also be exceeded for the next ninety day period, thereby requiring a second letter at that time. I took the most recent water sample to the lab for analysis this week and will keep you informed of our status.

POESTENKILL WATER DISTRICT
THM TEST RESULTS – TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES

The maximum allowable level (based on a running annual average of quarterly tests) of Total Trihalomethanes is 80 parts per billion., in accordance with the present Rensselaer County Health Department and NYSDOH requirements. In Poestenkill the testing commenced in the second quarter of 2011 and tests have continued every quarter since. The average of our previous four quarters is 85.1, thereby exceeding the 80 maximum threshold. If the running annual average exceeds 80 parts per billion the Town is required to provide notification to all customers of this violation. The following table details our results to date:

	1 ST QUARTER	2 ND QUARTER	3 RD QUARTER	4 TH QUARTER
2011		72.6	112	82.0
2012	73.9			



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June 1, 2012

Dear Poestenkill Water District Residents:

The Town of Poestenkill has been notified by the Rensselaer County Health Department that sampling in the water district indicates that we have exceeded the annual average limit specified in the EPA Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule. The maximum level (based on a running annual average) of Total Trihalomethanes is 80 parts per billion. Trihalomethanes are a byproduct of the chlorine used to disinfect our drinking water supply. Your water is safe to drink. However, our samplings show that we have exceeded the acceptable range as set forth by the EPA guidelines, therefore notification to our customers is required. There are indications that the excessive summer and fall rains, including Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee as well as un-seasonably high temperatures during that time period increased the amount of organics in our water source. This required the use of additional chlorine. The City of Troy adds chlorine at their water treatment facility. In addition, the Town of Poestenkill adds chlorine at the chlorine station on Spring Avenue Extension. There is no action needed by homeowners. The Town of Poestenkill will continue working with the City of Troy Water Department and the Rensselaer County Health Department to reduce Trihalomethanes while maintaining chlorine levels that will ensure that your drinking water is safe.

Trihalomethanes are a group of chemicals that include chloroform, bromoform, bromodichloromethane, and dibromochloromethane. Trihalomethanes are formed in drinking water during treatment by chlorine, which reacts with certain acids that are in naturally occurring organic material (e.g. decomposing vegetation such as tree leaves, algae or other aquatic plants) in surface water sources such as rivers and lakes. The amount of trihalomethanes in drinking water can change from day to day, depending on the temperature, the amount of organic material in the water, the amount of chlorine added, and a variety of other factors. Drinking water is disinfected by public water suppliers to kill bacteria and viruses that could cause serious illnesses. Chlorine is the most commonly used disinfectant in New York State. For this reason, disinfection of drinking water by chlorination is beneficial to public health. Some studies suggest that people who drink chlorinated water (which contains trihalomethanes) or water containing elevated levels of trihalomethanes for long periods of time may have an increased risk for certain health effects. For example, some studies of people who drank chlorinated drinking water for 20 to 30 years show that long term exposure to disinfection by products (including trihalomethanes) is associated with an increased risk for certain types of cancer. A few studies of women who drank water containing trihalomethanes during pregnancy show an association between exposure to elevated levels of trihalomethanes



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Zoning Board of Appeals

MEMORANDUM

To: Poestenkill Town Board

From: Judy Grattan *JG*

Re: Zoning Board of Appeals Refund Request

Date: May 9, 2012

At the May 9, 2012 meeting, the Zoning Board of Appeals determined that Mr. Joseph Finelli's request for an area variance was not needed as the deeds on his parcel show that it was a lot of record. Since the deed information was available to the Zoning Board of Appeals office at the time Mr. Finelli completed his area variance request, he should have been advised of this at that time. Please refund Mr. Finelli's \$40 application fee for the area variance.

Joseph Finelli
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May 8, 2012

The Honorable Dominic Jacangelo, Supervisor The Honorable Philip Herrington, Supervisor
Town of Poestenkill Town of Brunswick
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Poestenkill, New York 12140 Troy, New York 12180

RE: 2012 Pavement Improvements
Route 351, Route 355 - Poestenkill/Brunswick Line
Route 355, County Route 130 - Route 351
Town of Poestenkill

Gentlemen:

We are writing to advise you that NYSDOT Region One plans to resurface the above-referenced sections of Routes 351 and 355 this year as part of Governor Andrew Cuomo's NY Works Program. We are preparing to deliver this project in a fairly short period of time; once the contract for the work has been awarded and we have worked out scheduling details with the selected contractor, we anticipate being able to provide a more precise time frame for when construction will take place.

We are currently working with our Traffic Safety and Mobility Group to ensure that there will be no operational conflicts between these projects and other projects to be constructed during 2012 under our ongoing capital program. At present, we expect that Routes 351 and 355 will be open to traffic while the construction work takes place, with traffic either restricted to alternating one-way flows controlled by flagpersons or proceeding past the work area over reduced-width travel lanes. All homes and businesses in the area will continue to be accessible during construction.

We hope that providing notice of this work now will allow sufficient time before construction for resolution of any logistical issues or concerns you may have related to the project. Should this letter raise any questions or comments, please email me at gwood@dot.state.ny.us. My complete contact information is listed below.