

**COUNTY OF GREENE
TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE
TOWN BOARD WORK MEETING
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Supervisor Louis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending: Councilwoman McKeon, Councilmen Kuenster, Norris, and Byas, Highway Superintendent Jordan, Town Clerk Brooks, and 1 member of the public. Absent: Tax Collector Stuart.

Supervisor Louis wanted to cover items for the August agenda.

AGENDA FOR AUGUST 11 MEETING

Supervisor hopes to have the Town of Coxsackie **Ambulance agreement** ready for the Board to ratify.

Regarding the unsuccessful sale of the Highway Department's **boom mower attachment**, Supervisor will prepare a resolution to put it back out to bid, in order to move ahead. Attorney Wukitsch will research whether e-bay can be used.

Councilman Norris reported that the Emergency Response Committee had recommended a **phone number be established that residents can call in an extreme situation**. It would always have a recorded message. State Telephone requires something on letterhead, authorizing that emergency telephone; it would exist at the main office of State Telephone (not at Town Hall), a pin number would be required to change the message remotely, someone could dial in and place a new message (for example, 1) shelters are set up at the two firehouses, 2) listen to certain television and radio stations).

Councilwoman McKeon asked if there are enough phone lines; if another number is added, there would be an additional cost per month. Councilwoman McKeon stated that she had received complaints that the phones are too busy, and it is difficult to get through to speak to Town Clerk. Supervisor answered if a line is added, and the Clerk is using the first line, who will answer the second line? Supervisor offered that a second line might be well used by a menu, as the Court Clerk does. Town Clerk Brooks added that the Assessor's Clerk's line is usually available after 1 pm as she works part-time; also, she is emailing phone messages to staff, and inquired about the benefit of announcing road closures.

A **questionnaire for senior/medically dependent** Town residents will be included in the fall Newsletter; Town Clerk Brooks will work on this.

There will be public observation only for **zoning and subdivision revisions committee** meetings.

Councilman Byas said something needs to be done about the removal of **gas tank**. Town Clerk Brooks stated that the Farmers' Market will still be going on when the **Town-wide Yard sale** occurs on September 20, 2008, can use District 1/Wyche Park? Town Board members asked that individual be reminded to bring own tables and coverings as the pavilion will be occupied by the Farmers' Market.

Town Clerk Brooks also noted that **Jennifer Kuder**, who cleans the Town Hall, will be absent for next 3 weeks as she is being married; cleaning for the next 3 weeks was suggested at \$15/week contractual to Brad Jourdin, who has asked for the job. Councilman Byas moved to adopt that suggestion, seconded by Councilman Norris.

Motion Carried **Ayes-5 McKeon, Kuenster, Louis, Norris, Byas**
 Nays-0

With no more from the Board or the public, Councilwoman McKeon moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Norris.

Motion Carried **Ayes-5 McKeon, Kuenster, Louis, Norris, Byas**
 Nays-0

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully,

Janet A. Brooks
Town Clerk