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SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN BOARD
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Supervisor called meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present were: Councilwoman McKeon, Councilmen Kuenster, Norris and Byas, Highway Superintendent Jordan. Town Clerk Brooks, and 4 members of the public. Absent: Tax Collector Stuart.

Supervisor Louis stated the purpose of the meeting was to present the **Tentative 2009 Budget for the Town of New Baltimore** to the Town Board and to address any other business that would have come before the Board at the Work Meeting that would have been held on September 22, 2008.

The law prescribes that the 2009 Tentative Budget be submitted to the Town Clerk by October 1, 2008 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009. On Monday, October 13, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. the Town Board may make changes to this proposal and move to adopt a Preliminary 2008 Budget. After the Preliminary Budget is established, a Public Hearing may be set for the 4th Monday in October for the public to be heard, followed by the Town Board Regular Meeting on November 10, 2008, for final changes and adoption; the deadline for adoption is November 20, 2008.

Supervisor Louis read the attachment.
[see attachment]

Supervisor noted that New York State law now requires including a report of the impact of exempt property; this will be complete by October 6, 2008.

Councilwoman McKeon thanked Supervisor Louis for his pursuit of departmental budget information and thoroughness. Councilman Norris asked about college chargebacks; Supervisor answered that although the number will vary year to year, in 2009 Greene County will propose to assume 25% and, after 4 years, 100% of those chargebacks will be paid by Greene County. Supervisor had spoken on this issue at Greene County's public hearing on their budget and is watching to see that the commitment is followed through. Councilman Byas said that Alex Betke and Wayne Speenburgh heard that the whole thing would be scrapped. Councilman Byas asked about the just announced Greene IDA building project's impact on our sewer tax or is it all Town or Village of Coxsackie's? Supervisor answered that it was just announced on this day and that given work done, the sewer is pretty much a "wash" with the usage charged back to tenants. An assessment, if occupied in 2009, would come onto our roll in 2010, and first revenues would be received in 2011. Clearly under a million dollar assessment for New Baltimore, if it were \$700,000 it would generate about \$3,500/year in Payment In Lieu of Taxes.

TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA ON OCTOBER 13, 2008

The Town Board will review, make recommendations and/or changes to **Preliminary 2009 Budget**.

Councilman Norris stated that in March the beginning organization of the Town's **Emergency Management Plan** had begun with the two fire chiefs, Emergency Management Officer Alan Van Wormer, Supervisor Louis, Greene County Emergency Services Director John Farrell, Town Clerk Brooks and Councilman Norris. Alan Van Wormer wrote the new plan and it is easy to understand; prior documents were from the state and Town of Athens and were harder to understand. It was distributed to the Board; Councilman Norris proposes that the Board pass this at the next meeting. Also, Emergency numbers have been put together as a resource and a telephone number **756-6600** will have an emergency message.

Regarding the lease of the **Hannacroix Preserve parking lot**, Highway Superintendent said there are rocks and ruts sticking up in the lot. Councilman Byas will meet with Highway Superintendent to identify needs.

Highway Department Heavy Motor Equipment Operator applications have been received; the retirement of Ronald VanWormer will occur in October.

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There is a **Wastewater Treatment Plant** applicant for part-time back-up to the current employees.

The **Code Revisions Committee** will meet tomorrow night at 7:30 pm to review and to finalize the draft for submission to the Town Board at October Regular Meeting.

Introduced as Local Law, the Town Board will determine action.

Agriculture Committee will meet this Thursday; this past Saturday was the last **Farmers' Market**.

The **Jennings Road** surveyor mailed map to Councilman Byas; Highway Committee and Superintendent Jordan asked to see it.

Ellie Alfeld asked if the Budget is a 4% raise for all full-time employees, part-time elected 2%, and is the Justice Court paying for itself with its revenues? Supervisor answered yes, the Justice Court is "in the black". By how much, asked Ellie Alfeld? Supervisor answered there is a \$23,000 surplus.

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

Motion Carried **Ayes- 4** McKeon, Louis, Norris, Lyas, Kuenster
 Nays- 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully,

Janet A. Brooks
Town Clerk