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TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD 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 were: Councilwoman McKeon, Councilmen Kuenster, Norris, and Byas, Highway Superintendent Jordan, Attorney for the Town Wukitsch, Tax Collector Stuart, Town Clerk Brooks, and 5 members of the public.

Supervisor Louis welcomed all attending.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the **April 13, 2009 Bid Opening for Mowing of Town Parks** were presented for approval.

Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Norris.

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

The minutes of the **April 13, 2009 Regular Town Board Meeting** were presented for approval.

Councilwoman McKeon asked to reflect the corrected copy of the Website Policy. With that change Supervisor moved, seconded by Councilman Kuenster.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

From former Town resident **Anthony J. Gambino**, a letter introducing his new e-book and a sample copy for New Baltimore's history files, dedicated to his mother and father, Emma Lou Baldwin, and all the fisherman and shipbuilders of New Baltimore. Mr. Gambino attended the meeting and donated a copy of the e-book to the Town of New Baltimore.

From **Greene County Sheriff Greg Seeley**, a letter acknowledging a speeding issue on Scheller Park Road including a pledge to conduct regular speed patrols.

The Town was copied on a letter announcing the granting of a June 1, 2009-June 1, 2014 **SPDES** permit to **William Brandt** for a lot on which a **restaurant** is proposed.

From **US Army Corps of Engineers**, two Hudson River lights, number 93 and 180, are being replaced by US Coast Guard.

From **Greene County Youth Bureau**, a letter announcing that a meeting was to be held April 22 to discuss funding for 2009 of youth grants; Supervisor believes there may notice of a reduction in this year's youth grant.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Federal Stimulus Program- Update on Grant Opportunities**

Supervisor reviewed that his intention regarding the NYSEFC Green Innovation Grant program, was to come with a resolution to move forward with this grant in order to replace some or all of energy source at the **Wastewater Treatment Plant** with solar panels, but some cost financials received were sobering and expensive. A western New York contractor came with proposal of installation cost of \$220,000 (to annually produce 29,000 kilowatt hours and about \$4,000 savings, or a 40-50 year payback period). Delaware Engineering is consulting free of charge; upgrading motors and pumps doesn't seem to rise to level of innovation that would make a successfully-ranked project.

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Supervisor is still waiting for NYSEDA's guidelines. Supervisor asked Councilman Byas if Central Hudson would come up and have an energy audit; Councilman Byas said Central Hudson has a solar team, Town of New Baltimore is on their list, Central Hudson's Joe Hetzler will perform a free audit, but it may take awhile. It is estimated that the biggest savings would be in the Plant's motors. Ellie Alfeld asked, in the event a grant was received, who would pay the Town's portion of the costs; answer: if the grant was for the Wastewater Treatment Plant the cost would belong to the members of the Sewer District- by demonstrating electrical cost savings over time or achieving electrical savings by replacing moving parts, capital costs, that have a limited life and by cost-sharing with another level of government.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Replacement Roof at Highway Garage**

Following up on Work Meeting discussion, Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan brought 3 quotes, from Duane Winn-\$16,635, Wolfe Builders-\$11,480, and Patrick Delehanty-\$9,950, for the **roof replacement of the Highway Garage**. Highway Superintendent Jordan asked the Board to go with Patrick Delehanty. Councilman Byas asked to come back to this.

**Highway Surplus Equipment**

The Highway has two **surplus** items to put up for bid, a grader and a Caterpillar bulldozer. Supervisor read.

**RESOLUTION  
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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
FOR SALE OF USED EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED  
BY TOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the sale of the following surplus equipment no longer needed by the Town Highway Department:

1969 Wapco Motor Grader, minimum bid \$1,200  
1967 Caterpillar D4 Bulldozer, Model D4D, minimum bid \$5,000

Said bids are to be submitted no later than 4 pm on Monday, June 8, 2009 at the Town Clerk's Office, New Baltimore Town Hall, 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, NY 12087, and opened at 7:15 pm on Monday, June 8, 2009.

Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Norris. Same advertisement plan is to be used as the last Highway Surplus Equipment offered for bid.

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

Supervisor reminded Town Board of the **Memorial Day Parade in New Baltimore**. Supervisor must know this week who is marching. Route will be from Baldwin Terrace and back to the Gill Road Firehouse.

Supervisor Louis spoke about the **Town Code Book**. In the past, **General Code Publishers** has published the Town's Code updates. Many municipalities are going back to 8.5 by 11 format; with an Internet site available, General Code gives an estimate of \$10,500. Supervisor said that much of what was done in 2008 was already in electronic

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format, and felt it was something he could work on with Attorney Wukitsch. Supervisor showed the Board a prototype in looseleaf binder format. Attorney Wukitsch commented that the editorial aspect and table of contents have been removed and there is no proprietary information; prepped to go online, it is comprised of searchable pdfs. Obviously there will be printing costs; Supervisor has been in contact with a state-contract printer, there is money left from last year's legislative initiative that was used to fund the work of Elan Planning and Design, and this is the end product of that work. Approximately 30 copies will be made for the Town staff. It will not cost the taxpayers. However, it is expected that the Town's web master will request further reimbursement in light of considering the additional workload of adding it to the website. Councilwoman McKeon asked how the document would be broken up on the website; will it be in chapters? She also asked to have a small number of CD's made. Supervisor will burn copies for Town Clerk Brooks and Attorney for the Town Wukitsch with edit-able Word documents. Councilman Byas asked if other Towns are going to 8.5 x 11; answer: yes.

Regarding the **LaFarge** Project in Coeymans, Supervisor received request from **Community Advocates for Safe Emissions's Elyse Griffin** to speak to the Town Board and has put this presentation under New Business for the June Regular meeting. There are members of this group who are New Baltimore residents.

Returning to the topic of **Highway Garage roof replacement**, Councilman Byas asked about insulating the roof with styrofoam; Highway Superintendent Jordan answered that the way the eaves and rafters are constructed a lot of air would be lost and by doing the attic the ducts would be done. Councilman Byas asked the roofing metal **gauge** and the price expiration note of April 1, 2009; Superintendent Jordan said this was discussed and the price will hold until July 1, 2009 and not expire on April 1. Highway Superintendent answered "26 gauge".

Without a Town Board Work Meeting on May 25, Supervisor Louis believed this to be **Councilman Kevin Kuenster's** last Town Board meeting. He acknowledged Councilman Kuenster's service to the community, the pleasure of working with him, his commitment to local agriculture making a real difference in the Town in this generation and the next generation, and the foundation of the Agriculture Committee, Right to Farm Law in a diverse Town, and wished he and his family the very best. Councilman Kuenster expressed his appreciation to Town Clerk Brooks for what he has learned from her, her hard work in a difficult-to-define job, all the different tasks she juggles, and her communication skills. He thanked his wife **Kate Staples** for all her hard work on the Newsletter and for serving as president of the **Farmers' Market board**. Councilwoman McKeon addressed her neighbor, at the table and on the map, who has made brave contributions to a new community, contributed new ideas, and she commended his work particularly on the Newsletter (and its deadlines) and added her personal appreciation to him.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

Supervisor Louis reported that the vouchers, appearing on the abstracts prepared for this meeting by the Town Clerk, were being approved by the Town Board. Supervisor met with a representative of the **US Census**. Until June 2009 their primary activity is cataloguing houses and streets for the address database. Beginning in February 2010 it will be important to get everyone counted for the benefit of consideration for funding sources; the Newsletter will be used to reach out.

County Legislator Jim VanSlyke reported that Highway Committee had met tonight, the

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work has gone out to bid and the **Bridge over Hannacroix Creek**, New Baltimore Road, will begin construction after July 4, 2009 and continue for 4-6 months. Ellie asked when the last time the Bridge was done. Jim said 15 years ago the 2 beams underneath were done, and it was resurfaced; the old beams were starting to crumble. Replacement will be a pre-cast 60-foot Spancrete which, after footings, will be set in with cranes. US Congressman Scott Murphy's office called requesting all the Greene County projects, one project was awarded; they will rebuild the road going into Athens with all new money and there are other projects in the county that qualify. Supervisor talked with NYSDOT when the program first came out; Supervisor and Councilwoman McKeon asked for Alcove Road to be done. Councilwoman McKeon asked for CR 61 in the vicinity of Sickles Creek. The Greene County sales tax revenues are down about 4%; land taxes are about \$3 million in the red. On May 20, the County will [unable to hear] the Maurer property [unable to hear].

Town Clerk Brooks reported for the month of April: 1 site plan review \$100, 1 sign permit-\$10, 1 commercial special use \$200, 4 building permits-\$7,382, 1 deck/porch-\$75, 4 conservation-\$4.76, 8 dog licenses-\$29.15, 2 marriage licenses-\$35, 1 vehicle restoration-\$25, 1 park permit-\$25, 13 certified copies-\$130, 78 photocopies-\$19.50, recycle fees-\$26, for a total to Supervisor of \$8,101.41 and non-local revenue of \$188.09. Also, there was \$38.00 in WNYT Earth Day Electronics Recycling Event revenue.

Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan reported for the month of April 2009: Cleaned up brush and tree debris from ice storm; Swept winter sand from roads; Replaced batteries in 85 International 10 wheeler; Serviced Ford tractor; Patched holes with winter mix and crusher run; Took tires from Recycling Center to W&J; Cleaned up lawns where plows dug up; Replaced battery in Ford tractor; Serviced Champion grader; Replaced air can on 96 International; Hauled crusher run from Callanan to garage; Cleaned up debris from parks; Graded and yolk raked all dirt roads; Filled in ruts at District 1/Wyche Park; Cut dead tree in cemetery on Route 51; Serviced Samsung excavator; Rewired lights on equipment trailer, and wired plugs on all trucks to match trailer; Put plows and sanders away; Mixed up left over sand and salt and put in shed; and Washed and greased all trucks.

Wastewater Treatment Plant James Polverelli reported for March: processed 789,000 gallons, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation inspection, cleaned flow meter pit, pumped 6,026 gallons of sludge to beds, replaced suspended solids probe and calibrated. For April 2009: processed 685,206 gallons, ordered sand for drying beds, ordered parts for clarifier, UV system is on line, groomed drying bed #1, and performed preventative maintenance on ditch rotors.

Town Historian Clesson Bush reported for the month of April: provided information on the history of our stretch of the Hudson River to an author who is writing a guidebook on kayaking and canoeing and provided him with some background sources for the islands across from and north of us as to their importance in the history of the Mohican Indians; attended part of the recent annual meeting at Albany of the Association of Public Historians of New York State; represented Region 4 in a meeting of the Association to discuss development of a strategic plan for that organization; have been asked to act temporarily as an assistant to our regional coordinator; have suggested to the Town's webmaster that some photos on the website might be updated to include some shots related to New Baltimore history.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector John Cashin and Christian Larsen report their Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer activities for April as follows:

Building Inspections: 17

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Building Permits Issued: 1  
Building Permits Renewed: 3  
Car Restoration Permit Applications Received: 1  
Car Restoration Permit Issued: 1  
Certificates of Compliance Issued: 3  
Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 1  
Court Appearances: 2  
Junk Vehicle Complaints: 2  
New Building Permit Applications Received: 3  
Sign Permit Applications: 1  
Sign Permit Issued: 1  
Stop Work Orders Issued: 1  
Code Violation Investigations: (Cashin - 2)  
Zoning Violation Investigations: (Cashin; 1) (Larsen: 6 Zoning/Code Violations)

Application Fees for April, 2009: \$7,482.00  
Total Fees for Year to Date: \$9,598.90

**Highway Superintendent Jordan returned to meeting with the gauge for the metal roof. Supervisor read.**

**RESOLUTION  
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**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR REPLACEMENT  
OF ROOF AT TOWN HIGHWAY GARAGE**

WHEREAS, the Town Superintendent of Highways has determined that the roof at the Town Highway Garage is in need of replacement, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board concurs with this determination that the roof at the Town Highway Garage should be replaced, and

WHEREAS, the projected cost for the work to replace the roof at the Town Highway Garage requires that three estimates be obtained from contractors proposing to replace the roof at the Town Highway Garage, and

WHEREAS, the Town Superintendent of Highways has solicited and received three estimates for this work, and

WHEREAS, the lowest estimate to replace the roof at the Town Highway Garage was received from Delehanty Construction for the amount of \$9,950.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby accept the proposal by **Delehanty Construction** to replace the roof at the Town Highway Garage for the amount of **\$9,950.00**.

Councilman Kuenster moved, seconded by Councilman Norris.

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

The following resolution allows for this expenditure to be paid out of the Capital Reserve Fund. Supervisor read.

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**RESOLUTION  
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS  
FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR BUILDINGS FOR  
REPLACEMENT OF ROOF AT TOWN HIGHWAY GARAGE**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore has previously established a Capital Reserve Fund for buildings in accordance with the provisions of section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board hereby finds that it is necessary to replace the roof at the Town Highway Garage, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received proposals from a qualified contractor to replace said roof, in accordance with the Procurement Policy of the Town of New Baltimore, and has selected the contractor submitting the lowest cost proposal to replace said roof.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore does hereby authorize the expenditure of \$9,950 from the Capital Reserve Fund for Buildings for payment of expenses related to the replacement of the roof at the Town Highway Garage, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Kuenster.

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

Newsletter Chair Councilman Kuenster stated the next issue would be late June, at which point Councilman Kuenster would be leaving.

Assessor Gordon Bennett reported: the Tentative Roll has been completed; one hundred-thirteen *change of assessment* notices were sent out; sat with the Tentative Roll on Friday evening, May 8<sup>th</sup>; available on May 12<sup>th</sup> as the last published day before Grievance Day; hearings will be held at the Town Hall on May 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-3:00 pm and 7:00-9:00 pm; a sign up sheet will be provided at 12:00noon on that day. All complainants will need to sign in and have their paperwork all completed in order to have their hearing before the Board of Assessment Review. Contact the office, or visit the Town's website and click on the Assessor's link.

Agriculture Committee Chair Councilman Kuenster reported: met last Thursday, one more meeting on the first Thursday of June before recessing for the summer. The Dairy talk was successful, well-covered by media, videotaped and recorded. Agriculture Committee might approach neighbouring Towns' Agriculture Committees to gather a regional approach to innovate and join forces.

Public Memorial Committee has no report.

BiCentennial Committee will meet this Saturday from 10-12noon and all are welcome.

Planning Board Chair Lee Davis reported April 2009: the Planning Board has not met since its last report to the Town Board.

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Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Meave Tooher reported for April 2009: the Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet on May 6, 2009, since there were no applications to come before the Board.

Recycling Center Operator Spencer Sebert received 5 tires \$10; also 36 60-gallon bags of plastic, 12 55 gallon drum of cans and aluminum, 59 bundles of magazines, 134 bags of newspaper, 24 bags of shredded paper, 35 bundles of cardboard. Also, Highway Department removed 25 tires from Recycling and 4 tires from Highway Department. For Town Hall Maintenance: mounted bell at base of handicapped ramp for special election, mounted hallway bulletin board, repaired sheetrock holes in wall in vestibule, picked up stinking wet garbage at Cornell Park left by fishermen, completed Sheriff office project, made and installed shelf, stained and polyurethaned doors, doorjams and baseboards. Regarding WNYT Earth Day Electronics Recycling Event at Taft Furniture on April 25, 2009, Town Clerk Brooks thanked Supervisor Louis, who had reached out to the coordinator in time for the Town of New Baltimore to become actively involved. Press releases were sent to all local papers, Town Clerk was open the Thursday night prior from 5-8pm, and 6 families bought coupons and participated, yielding 4 computer monitors, 2 televisions, 2 air conditioners, and 4 VCRs.

Animal Control Officer Joe Tanner had no report.

For Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement, Councilman Norris reported: Saturday, May 9, the Open House at Town Hall Greene County Sheriff Satellite Substation was held. The ceremony was attended by 50 local residents and dignitaries. It will be manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, the direct phone number is 756-3300. The one-lane closing on SR 144 has been sent by press release to all local papers. Town Clerk Brooks asked for same for the New Baltimore Bridge over the Hannacroix Creek closing. Emergency Management Report April 2009: We have received 2 project worksheets for our emergency protective measures totaling around \$80,000 dollars they have been signed and returned And funds should be coming. Project worksheets should be coming for debris removal in the near future. EMO Alan Van Wormer will be attending two training seminars : Iroquois gas regarding pipeline emergencies and Central Hudson regarding electrical related emergencies, power outages etc. Bridge carrying State Route 144 over the NYS Thruway will be reduced to one lane beginning May 11 and lasting for 2 weeks. Traffic will be controlled by portable traffic lights.

For Parks, Councilwoman McKeon reported that applications are due by May 15 for Summer Parks Program Counselor positions. Gazebo repairs will start this weekend. AgFest will be held June 5 and 6. Wyche/District 1 Park has a broken table, Superintendent Jordan asked if the Town wished to replace it; Councilman Byas asked to take one from Silver Lake. Councilwoman McKeon suggested that it be an older table that be moved to Wyche/District 1. Town Highway Department will bring a couple of loads of crusher run (17 ton) to create a walkway from parking lot, along the roadway, to the District 1 pavilion and the funding for that (@\$350) will be determined by the June 8 Regular Meeting. Councilwoman McKeon said that there were funds available for the parks, and mulch to go in, but not the entire amount from Parks Funds.

For Promotion/Economic Development Councilman Norris reported the Water's Edge, formerly the Boathouse, will be the site of the Business Appreciation Breakfast Wednesday, June 17. Town Clerk Brooks has a mailing list, but she pointed out that the list has not been worked on in years and a press release might bring out more business people who may not be on the mailing list. The Town pays 50% and the business representatives pay 50% of the cost of the breakfast.

Grants had reported earlier.

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For Website and Technology, Councilwoman McKeon had reported earlier.

For Personnel, Supervisor Louis had no report.

For Town-wide Roadside Clean-up, Town Clerk Brooks reported 111 bags were signed out by 17 families in 2008. In 2009, she signed out 99 bags by 18 families and this does not include the sign-outs done by Spencer Sebert at the Recycling Center.

Re Community Luncheon and Softball Game, Phyllis Boehlke thought it was a great idea but she has health concerns. Ellie Alfeld will speak to Pastor Susan of the New Baltimore Reformed Church.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully,

Janet A. Brooks  
Town Clerk