Supervisor Louis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending were: Councilmen Norris and Byas, Highway Superintendent Jordan, Tax Collector Stuart, Town Clerk Brooks, and 12 members of the public. Absent: Councilwoman McKeon, Attorney for the Town Wukitsch.

Supervisor Louis welcomed all attending and noted that Councilwoman McKeon's brother had passed away unexpectedly; she is not present.

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 8, 2009 Regular Town Board Meeting were presented for approval.

Supervisor Louis moved, seconded by Councilman Norris.

Adopted

Ayes- 3 Louis, Norris, Byas

Navs- 0

Absent-1 McKeon

The minutes of the June 22, 2009 Town Board Work Meeting were presented for approval.

Supervisor Louis moved, seconded by Councilman Norris.

Adopted

Ayes- 3 Louis, Norris, Byas

Nays- 0

Absent-1 McKeon

CORRESPONDENCE

From New Baltimore Fire District came the 2008 Financial Report for that District's fiscal year ending December 31, 2009; the Fire District is solvent.

From LaFarge North America's Environmental Manager John Reagan, an invitation for a tour and briefing regarding their plans for a cleaner and more efficient enterprise. On January 26, 2009, experts from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and NYS Department of Health gave a presentation on mercury to the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School Board; a dvd was included along with an offer for LaFarge to make presentation at an upcoming Town Board meeting. Supervisor would like to schedule for August Regular meeting.

From New Baltimore Reformed Church a letter indicating a desire to host a July 25 community block party, following the success of their 125th anniversary block party, in the parking lot on west side of Church Street and church grounds. They request access to Church Street and River Road from State Route 144 southbound from 3-8pm be closed to provide safe crossings. There will be music and entertainment and a simple picnic, wrote Reverend Susan Kerr. Highway Superintendent Jordan has granted approval and was asked to make sure Emergency Management Officer Alan VanWormer advises Medway-Grapeville Fire Department of their plans as well.

OLD BUSINESS

An unsafe building memo from Building Inspector John Cashin was read by Supervisor. Based on action taken last month, Supervisor had recommended being in a position to solicit bids and set August as a compliance date. Building Inspector John Cashin will report back at the August Regular Meeting. Councilman Byas asked how much more work was needed to bring building to code. Building Inspector Cashin said electrical service and a kitchen, to clean up the outside first for neighbors, then tackle projects one at a time inside. The owner

has glass onsite to replace windows and has been shown places to address to keep out feral cats, rats, and children. Supervisor said that keeping the house safe would be the choice of the Board; the Town needs to be responsible to take action, not meeting for another 4 weeks. Building Inspector Cashin felt that the amount of work needed to secure the property and make it safe could all happen within several weeks, stressing property maintenance issues. Councilman Byas didn't want to face a situation of the owner completing 4 out of 5 items on a checklist; Supervisor added that by taking action as a Board, the owner knows his obligations and the impacts of those obligations.

Highway Superintendent Jordan has offered help. The Town has the right to refuse any and all bids on the demolition and removal work.

RESOLUTION JULY 13, 2009

RESOLUTION PUTTING OUT DEMOLITION WORK AND REMOVAL OF UNSAFE STRUCTURE TO COMPETITIVE BID

WHEREAS, complaints have been filed with the Town of New Baltimore regarding a building owned by William McDevitt located on Washington Avenue in the Town of New Baltimore, and

WHEREAS, by resolution dated June 8, 2009, this Town Board directed the attorney for the Town to notify Mr. McDevitt, a second time, that he must arrange for completion of all remedial work on his Washington Avenue property in accordance with an engineer's report with all work to be completed by August 1, 2009, and that the failure to do so shall permit the Town or its agents/contractors to enter upon said property and to demolish and remove the unsafe structure in accordance with the remedies and provisions set forth under Chapter 34 of the New Baltimore Town Code, and

WHEREAS, Mr. McDevitt was personally served with the aforesaid notice on June 12, 2009,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to place the following notice in the Official Town newspaper:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Town of New Baltimore hereby solicits proposals to perform the demolition and removal of an unsafe building located in the Town on Washington Avenue and located at the parcel bearing Tax Map No. 7.16-2-12, All proposers must maintain workers' compensation coverage and general liability coverage and provide proof of said coverage with their proposal. The Town intends to select the responsible bidder offering the lowest cost proposal. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All proposals shall be submitted in writing with a detailed breakdown of work to be performed that shall include demolition of the unsafe building and removal of all debris. The proposals will be opened at 7:15 on August 10, 2009. Additional information may be obtained from the Town Building Inspector, John Cashin at 756-6671.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a similar notice may be posted on the internet to encourage the maximum number of bidders for this work.

Councilman Norris moved, seconded by Councilman Byas.

Adopted

Ayes- 3 Louis, Norris, Byas

Nays- 0

Absent-1 McKeon



NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION JULY 13, 2009

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUMMER PARKS PROGRAM STAFF

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individuals are hereby appointed to the Summer Parks Program for a period of four weeks, commencing July 20, 2009 through August 14, 2009:

Name	<u>Position</u>	Weekly Salary
Michelle Fortney Desirea Chamberlin Joshua Decker Stephanie Ellis Bernadette Foley Kelsey Lenney Darren McNally Evan Melick Alexandra Randio Kendall Rebusmen Elizabeth Schiller	Asst. Director Counselor	\$312.50 \$130.00 \$130.00 \$130.00 \$130.00 \$130.00 \$130.00 \$130.00 \$130.00 \$130.00

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals are hereby appointed to the Summer Parks Program as Alternate Counselors, to fill in as may be required in the absence of any Counselor, at a rate of pay of \$26 per day:

Zeb Girvin Emma Kash

Councilman Norris moved, seconded by Councilman Byas.

Adopted

Ayes- 3 Louis, Norris, Byas

Nays- 0

Absent-1 McKeon

PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORTS

On December 8, 2008 the Town Board adopted a resolution requiring reports from the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals on the impact of the recently enacted zoning and subdivision regulations. Those Board chairs are present tonight.

Planning Board Chair Lee Davis read.

June 29, 2009 Town Board Town of New Baltimore 3809 County Route 51 Hannacroix, New York 12087

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Town Board December 8, 2008, resolution, we submit report as follows:



It was moved by Davis and seconded by Turner to send the following report to the Town Board: Please be advised that for the period January 1 through June 30, 2009, the Planning Board has had no applications invoking the amendments made to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations as enacted by the Town Board in November of 2008.

AYES:

Davis, Kuder, Turner, Murray, Goldson

NAYS:

· None

ABSENT:

Hoglund, Caputo

ABSTAINED: None

Sincerely, Lee A. Davis, Chair Planning Board

Chair Lee Davis commented that over the last month there have been a couple of inquiries; a property owner of 60 acres in the Town's District 2 is perhaps interested in subdividing. Chair Davis and Alta Turner did a preliminary walkthrough on the property, and although he may not be interested in a major subdivision, he was intrigued by the alternative proposals to the conservation subdivision that allow for a certain number of lots with minimum acreage (up to 7 5-acre lots) and was appreciative of that flexibility.

Chair Lee Davis added a 9W business owner wishing to expand where there was prior site plan approval arrived after adjournment of the Planning Board meeting; his business would require site plan approval. His initial development required 2step approval process (at that time the Special Use Permit was by the Zoning Board of Appeals); under the zoning adopted in November 2008 it would not require Special Use Permit and would only require site plan approval, so his benefit was streamlined as an approved use. Neither or both may come before the Planning Board. Councilman Byas asked when next report was due; answer: end of year.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Meave Tooher read.

July 2, 2009

Town Board Town of New Baltimore 3809 County Route 51 Hannacroix, New York 12087

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Town Board December 8, 2008, resolution, we submit report as

It was moved by Covey and seconded by Rago that since no matters have come before the Zoning Board which have been impacted by any of the Zoning changes, the Board has nothing to report to the Town Board at this time.

AYES:

Tooher, Wilson, Rago, Covey

NAYS:

None

ABSTAINED: None ABSENT:

Corrado

Sincerely,

Meave Tooher, Chair Zoning Board of Appeals

Pat Linger of Madison Avenue West, New Baltimore, represented citizens who have expressed an interest in publicly honoring Town residents injured in the Iraq war; he met previously with Town Supervisor Louis with this interest and spoke.

RESOLUTION JULY 13, 2009

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING SETH STEPHEN FOR BRAVERY AND EXEMPLARY MILITARY SERVICE

WHEREAS, Seth Stephen, a resident of the Town of New Baltimore, has served in the United States Army since his enlistment in 2003, and

WHEREAS, during his military career, Seth Stephen was trained at Fort Benning, Georgia, then assigned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky and then served during three combat tours in Iraq, and

WHEREAS, Seth Stephen has received numerous commendation medals and achievement medals from the Army, and has received promotions to his current rank as Specialist, and

WHEREAS, during his third combat tour of duty, Seth was assigned to the HHC 1st of the 502 Company, and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2008, Seth was wounded in action by an attack on the up-armored humvee he was assigned while patrolling in Kadamiyah, Iraq, sustaining critical injuries which resulted in his being awarded the Purple Heart and

WHEREAS, this record of bravery and service to our country is worthy of recognition and thanks by his friends and neighbors in the Town of New Baltimore.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore does hereby pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the bravery of Specialist Seth Stephen and offer the sincere thanks of the residents of the Town of New Baltimore for his exemplary service to our country and to extend our collective wishes for his full recovery from the injuries sustained by him and future success in his career endeavors, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be suitably framed and presented to Specialist Seth Stephen.

The event will be held at 1pm on Sunday, July 26, 2009 on the lawn of Town Hall to present, tentatively, to these two young men in person, a second ceremony would be scheduled if only one of them was available.

Councilman Norris moved, seconded by Councilman Byas. Supervisor Louis thanked Pat Linger for bringing this forward to the Town Board.

Adopted Ayes- 3 Louis, Norris, Byas

Nays- 0

Absent-1 McKeon

RESOLUTION JULY 13, 2009

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING JAMES T. RUNDBERG FOR BRAVERY AND EXEMPLARY MILITARY SERVICE

WHEREAS, James T. Rundberg, a resident of the Town of New Baltimore, has served in the United States Army since his enlistment on November 5, 1993, and

WHEREAS, during his military career, James T. Rundberg has risen through the ranks of the Army, having started as a Private, and subsequently promoted to the ranks of Private First Class, Specialist, Sergeant, Staff Sergeant, Drill Sergeant, and Sergeant First Class, and

WHEREAS, in the course of his military service, James T. Rundberg has received numerous commendations and medals, including the Bronze Star for exceptional meritorious service as brigade personal security detachment and Scout Platoon Sergeant during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and

WHEREAS, James T. Rundberg's 15 plus years of service to his country has included four overseas tours, including two combat tours in Iraq, and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2009, James was wounded in action by a roadside bomb while on a special mission in Iraq, and in spite of his injuries, was able to maintain his command and secure the safety of his fellow soldiers, and was awarded the Purple Heart, and

WHEREAS, this record of bravery and service to our country is worthy of recognition and thanks by his friends and neighbors in the Town of New Baltimore.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore does hereby pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the bravery of Sergeant First Class James T. Rundberg and offer the sincere thanks of the residents of the Town of New Baltimore for his exemplary service to our country and to extend our collective wishes for his full recovery from the injuries sustained by him, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be suitably framed and presented to Sergeant First Class James T. Rundberg.

Councilman Norris moved, seconded by Councilman Byas.

Adopted Ayes- 3 Louis, Norris, Byas

Nays- 0

Absent-1 McKeon

PROJECT SUNLIGHT

The New York State Attorney General's Office Senior Computer Frauds Representative Mark Hoops spoke about the website, ProjectSunlight2.0, a non-political, transparent, accountable, one-stop-shop for information. Previously it was necessary to FOIL each agency from which information was sought; Blair Horner, New York Public Interest Research Group, was hired to get project off the ground and draw disparate databases of information from many sources into one place (including the listings of those who have state contracts or lobbyists) and into a common language for the website to be searchable.

Begun in 2007, ProjectSunlight can provide many things including: member items available by county and assemblyman's name, video resources tutorials link, 2007 charity information (by November it will include 2008), and NYSDOT's



Recovery Money, bridge rebuilding, and who got it. Individuals present may call Mr. Hoops for phone assistance.

ASSESSOR REQUEST

RESOLUTION JULY 13, 2009

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SALE OF OFFICE SUPPLIES

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the sale of the following surplus office supplies no longer needed by the Assessor's Office:

Pendaflex Legal Size Hanging Folders, total quantity of 1,700 folders in "like new" condition; includes plastic tabs.

Minimum lot size of 100 földers Minimum bid of \$0.45 per folder

Highest bidders (subject to minimum bid of \$0.45 per folder) will receive first preference towards available supply of folders.

Said bids are to be submitted no later than 4 pm on Monday, August 10, 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, August 10, 2009.

Councilman Norris moved, seconded by Supervisor Louis.

Adopted

Ayes- 3 Louis, Norris, Byas

Nays- 0

Absent-1 McKeon

DISTRICT 1/JOSEPH A WYCHE PARK

Councilman Norris asked to address this problem and has volunteers.

RESOLUTION JULY 13, 2009

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF GRAVEL FOR WYCHE PARK

RESOLVED, that the Town Superintendent of Highways is hereby authorized to purchase gravel to be delivered to Wyche Park for use in improving access to the pavilion, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000; said purchase to be paid in equal amounts from the following General Fund accounts:

A6989.4

Economic Development

A7140.2

Parks Equipment

Councilman Norris moved, seconded by Councilman Byas. Councilman Norris wished to thank Councilwoman McKeon for her help and support of the resolution.

Adopted

Ayes- 3 Louis, Norris, Byas

Nays- 0

Absent-1 McKeon

At June Town Board Work Meeting Supervisor Louis discussed Workplace Violence Program: risk assessment and training. Supervisor Louis has contacted Village of Coxsackie, Village of Athens, and Town of Coxsackie and hopes to schedule a preliminary meeting with Public Sector HR Consultants to come up with a program by month's end. Supervisor thanked his colleagues on the Board for the idea to reach to other municipalities with possible resulting savings of \$300-400 on the training component.

Greene County Youth Fair Chair Richard Bear has requested a donation from the Town and has indicated that fireworks bring a crowd. Councilman Byas likes capital projects, lumber for animal pens, for longer-term improvement. Supervisor agreed on a longer-term usage of the Town's funds. Town Clerk Brooks noted that the Youth Fair is held in two weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MONTHLY REPORTS

<u>Supervisor</u> Louis reported that vouchers, appearing on the abstracts prepared for this meeting, were being approved by the Town Board; also that statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the month ending June 29, 2009 operating funds.

County Legislator Jim VanSlyke was not present.

Town Clerk Brooks reported Certificate of Occupancy searches-3; sign permits-2; building permits-9; deck/porch permit-1; conservation fees-3; dog licenses 22; marriages license-5; beer permit-3; park permits-8; certified copies-3; photocopies-5; and recycling fees for a total revenue to Supervisor of \$2,053.96 and non-local revenues disbursed of \$210.64. Also, press releases were sent to local newspapers and the RC Sportsmen's Club regarding NYS Department of Environmental Conservation hunting and fishing changes; planning has begun for the Town-Wide Yard Sale and the E911 sign program.

Highway Superintendent Jordan reported for the month of June 2009: Patched Roads with blacktop; Patched dirt roads with crusher run; Mowed grass along roads; Brought picnic tables to VanEtten's for Antique Machinery and Agricultural Festival; Put bleach in wells at all parks; Put up new stop ahead signs where needed per New York State DOT; Put road name signs back up where stolen, this is becoming a problem again; Sharpened knives on mower; Mowed and weedeated around Town Garage; Picked up TV dumped on Old Kings Road; Cleaned Ditch on Church Street; Greased Trucks; Finished repairs on Backhoe; Changed oil and filter on 2002 pickup; Delivered items to sewer plant, that were delivered to Town Garage; Repaired door and replaced door handle at Dist. #2 Park; Replaced battery in Massey Ferguson tractor; Put sign up on Alcove Road to give notice regarding paving; Put lime on dead deer on Acquetuck Road; Delivered letters to residents of Alcove Road regarding paving. (unable to hear) Superintendent Jordan answered questions about how the signs are stolen.

Supervisor Louis reported for <u>Wastewater Treatment Plant</u> James Polverelli reported the parts for all flight replacements were ordered and received, contractor Flach will complete, and generator hoses have been replaced at Cornell Park. Councilman Byas reported that Coxsackie's Louis Betke has an alarm for high water volume and he should have Central Hudson report soon. Supervisor expects NYSERDA guidelines by end of August to procure energy efficiency.

DRAFT

Town Historian Clesson Bush reported for month of June: Prepared an exhibit on local agriculture for the Ag Fest and the Farmers' Market; Submitted an article on the naming of Stanton Hill for the Town newsletter; Assisted the Ravena-Coeymans Historical Society on an exhibit about local schools, including those in New Baltimore that eventually were folded into the RCS district; Provided guidance on information about long-time local physician, Percy Waller, for the New Baltimore Reformed Church consistory; Consulted with Jonathan Donald on continuing preparations for his Greene County film; Congratulated the new Greene County Historian, David Dorpfeld, a long-time acquaintance, on his appointment and offered assistance as needed; Was drafted to serve on an education subcommittee for a new long-range plan for the Association of Public Historians of New York State; and, Conferred with the Town of Coeymans Historian, Greene County History and Genealogy Internet site webmaster, members of the Town Board, and a handful of local citizens on several issues.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspectors John Cashin and Christian Larsen summarized their activities for June 2009 as follows: Building Inspections: 21; Building Permits Issued: 8; Building Permits Renewed: 4; Certificates of Compliance Issued: 1; Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 1; Temporary Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 1; Court Appearances: 1; Junk Vehicle Complaints: 2; Manufactured (Mobile) Home Permits Issued: 1; New Building Permit Applications Received: 5; Septic Permit Application – 1; Sign Permit Applications: 2; Sign Permit Issued: 2; Stop Work Orders Issued: 1; Code Violation Investigations: 18; Zoning Violation Investigations: 6; Application Fees for June 2009: \$1,372.50 and Total Fees for Year to Date: \$12,814.85.

<u>For Newsletter</u> Chair Councilwoman McKeon, Supervisor Louis reported that the current issue was received by most on Friday or Saturday of this past week.

Assessor Gordon Bennett reported the 2009 Final Roll has been completed, totalling \$213,989,879 for 2,065 parcels at 64% of full value, which added \$3,975,882 to the 2008 total.

Agriculture Committee is still on break for the summer farming season.

Public Memorial Committee will meet.

<u>Citizens' Bicentennial Committee</u> met in June, main topic was a square dance scheduled for Ted Hilscher's barn, maximum of 120 people, a caller has been approached, with a chicken dinner, and fire department for availability of fire police for parking. Next Farmers' Market meeting will be this Saturday at District 1/Wyche Park at 10 a.m.

Planning Board Chair Lee Davis reported the Planning Board has met twice since its last report to Town Board. At the June 11, 2009, meeting: ...Held an initial discussion with a Town property owner regarding possible subdivision of his property. An On Site visit was scheduled for two Board members to walk the property with the owner. At the July 9, 2009, meeting: ...Reviewed current status and remaining paperwork necessary to bring residence at Best Western site into compliance. This will be discussed further with their representative at August Meeting...Report was given on the Onsite visit scheduled at June meeting for two Board Members to walk property with Town property owner considering subdividing his property...Individuals scheduled under new business postponed to August and/or did not appear.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Meave Tooher reported the Zoning Board of Appeals met on July 1, 2009, with the following business transacted: ...Pursuant

to December 8, 2008, Town Board resolution, the ZBA prepared and acted on report to be forwarded to Town Board regarding impact of the 2008 Zoning changes on the work of the ZBA....Discussed notification procedure to be followed for the yearly review condition of a Variance approval in October, 2008. The review is being scheduled for the October ZBA Meeting.

Recycling Center Operator Spencer Sebert received 1 washer and 4 tires for a total of \$15.50. Also, 24 60 gallon bags of plastic, 9 55 gallon drums of cans, 47 bundles of magazines; 99 bundles of newspaper, 10 bags of shredded paper, and 48 bundles of cardboard. For Town Hall Maintenance, Spencer Sebert reported having purchased and placed ant bait at Town Hall and repaired the block wall at District 2/Cecil C. Hallock Park building.

Animal Control Officer Joe Tanner did not report.

For <u>Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement</u>, Councilman Norris reported for the **Emergency 911 sign program**, letters going door to door in a few weeks and in Medway 1200 letters are being mailed. The 911 signs will be ordered in lots of 100 signs. Supervisor Louis added that several residents have contacted him following the **rain damage in the hamlet** area on July 1; if it pleased the Board, a survey of residents would be offered and brought to New York State representatives. He gave Emergency Management Officer Alan Van Wormer the letter and put it on the website. Insurance does not appear to cover, drainage that was not Town responsibility and an act of God. Councilman Norris asked about hazard mitigation.

For <u>Parks</u>, Councilwoman McKeon reported **2009** Summer Recreation Program beginning July 20 for 4 weeks, directed by Amy Decker, counselor applications were received and contact made with all applicants. Letters were sent to both hirees and to those not hired this year. Amy Decker and Michelle Fortney contacted Jim Turrell (Climb Time), Greene County Deputy Sheriff McMahon (bicycle safety), and New York State Trooper Steven Anslow (Slip N'Slide Bounce House for the last day). Dates were chosen for events and for Zoom Flume trip; the schedule of events is available at Town Hall and on website. Purchases have also been made for supplies, and Councilman Art Byas has stopped by a couple of times at the supply building to discuss putting in new shelves hand and to replace those that have gotten rusty from the damp floor. Participant applications have come in and we will be ready to transfer supplies to the building in the morning of the first day, (and some sooner?), which will be Monday, July 20th—ready for fun-filled weeks at the park.

For <u>Promotion/Economic Development</u> Councilman Norris reported about 30 business people and the Town officers attended the Business Appreciation Breakfast in June. Many commented that connections made there.

Grants had no report.

For Website and Technology, Town Clerk Brooks reported receiving 4-5 phone calls of appreciation for the Town Code, now available on the Town's website. Also, she is working with Councilwoman McKeon on using the website for the Town-Wide Yard Sale postings.

For Personnel, Supervisor Louis had no report.

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

