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BID OPENING  
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Town Clerk Brooks opened the bids at 7:15 pm as advertised. Three bids were received.  
For the 1969 Wapco Motor Grader:  
\$1275.00 from Eagle Associates, and  
\$1251.52 from George Henderson of Freehold.  
For the Boom Mower, which had been previously advertised: \$752.52 from George Henderson of Freehold.

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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 Norris, Attorney for the Town Wukitsch, Highway Superintendent Jordan, Tax Collector Stuart, Town Clerk Brooks, and 13 members of the public. Absent: Councilman Byas and Kuenster. Supervisor Louis welcomed all attending.

## MINUTES

The minutes of the April 27, 2009 Town Board Work Meeting were presented for approval.

Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Norris.

**Adopted** Ayes- 3 McKeon, Louis, Norris,  
Nays- 0  
Absent-2 Byas, Kuenster

The minutes of the May 11, 2009 Regular Town Board Meeting were presented for approval.

Councilman Norris asked to note that the tentative date set for the Business Appreciation Breakfast was June 17, 2009.

Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Norris.

**Adopted** Ayes- 3 McKeon, Louis, Norris  
Nays- 0  
Absent-2 Byas, Kuenster

## CORRESPONDENCE

From Councilman Kevin Kuenster, a formal letter of resignation to the Town Clerk Brooks effective June 8, 2009.

From the New Baltimore Farmers' Market Committee, a letter announcing their opening day Saturday, June 13, 2009 with hours from 9am -1pm.

From Cornell Cooperative Extension CHOICES program, a letter of invite to a home safety program for seniors on Thursday, June 25, 2009 in their office at Faith Plaza, Ravena, from 6-7:30pm; Supervisor Louis prepared copies for distribution at the Wednesday, June 10 Community Luncheon at New Baltimore Reformed Church.

From Greene County Attorney, copies of notice to the property owner that it is the Attorney's understanding that the Maurers are cleaning up the property and are intending to pay back taxes on the property, which they have 30 days to do, or the County will continue conducting both a Phase 1 and Phase 2 environmental investigation. It is the intention of the owners to return the property to the tax roll.

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From **NYS Department of Health**, a notice of completion of Residential Water Supply, Wastewater Programs and Residential Code completed by Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer **Christian Larsen** for 3 hours of continuing education.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch advised the Town Board to accept a Resolution accepting Councilman Kuenster's resignation.

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**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF TOWN COUNCILMAN  
KUENSTER**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Town Board accepts the resignation of Kevin Kuenster from the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore effective June 8, 2009.

Supervisor Louis moved, seconded by Councilman Norris.

**Adopted** Ayes- 3 McKeon, Louis, Norris  
Nays- 0  
Absent-2 Byas, Kuenster

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Federal Stimulus Program Update**

Supervisor Louis reported that he and Councilman Byas met with Central Hudson to prepare the Town to compete for NYSERDA funding; the grant program under Federal Stimulus is not yet open for application and is still awaiting federal approval. Central Hudson may be in a position to provide an energy audit of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and to provide recommendations for the upgrade of the pumps and motors at the Plant.

**Sale of Surplus Used Highway Equipment**

Bids were opened this evening for the boom mower and the motor grader; no bids were submitted for the Caterpillar bulldozer. For the 1969 grader a high bid of \$1,275 was submitted, exceeding the minimum bid.

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**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BID FOR SALE OF  
1969 WAPCO MOTOR GRADER**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore by Resolution dated February 9, 2009, authorized the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for the sale of a **1969 Wapco Motor Grader** that is no longer required for use by the Town Highway Department, with bids to be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 8, 2009 and to be publicly opened at 7:15 p.m. on June 8, 2009, and

WHEREAS, **Eagle Associates** has submitted the highest bid of \$1,275.00 to purchase this 1969 Wapco Motor Grader from the Town of New Baltimore.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore agrees to sell this 1969 Wapco Motor Grader to Eagle Associates for the amount of \$1,275.00, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this sale is contingent on payment being made for this equipment to the Town Clerk by cash or certified funds no later than 4:00 pm on June 22, 2009.

Supervisor Louis moved, seconded by Councilman Norris.

**Adopted**    **Ayes- 3**    **McKeon, Louis, Norris**  
              **Nays- 0**  
              **Absent-1**    **Byas**

Regarding the **Boom Mower bid**, Councilman Norris asked to wait until Councilman Byas arrives.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
**Assessor's Clerk**

Assessor Gordon Bennett recommends a salary adjustment for Assessor's Clerk Julie Fisk to acknowledge talents, skills, and job performance; her salary was previously set at the bottom of the scale for probationary purposes; his letter is on file. Supervisor read.

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**RESOLUTION ADJUSTING SALARY FOR ASSESSOR'S CLERK**

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution dated December 8, 2008, appointed Julie Fisk to the position of part time Assessor's Clerk for the Town of New Baltimore Office of the Assessor, and

WHEREAS, said appointment was made on a probationary basis for six months, said probationary period to conclude on June 15, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Assessor has indicated in writing that Julie Fisk has performed an excellent job during this probationary period, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, in discussing the initial probationary appointment, made an informal determination to review the salary of the part time Assessor Clerk's position at the end of the probationary period, and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her performance, the Assessor has recommended an increase in the salary for the Assessor's Clerk position at the end of the probationary period from \$10.50 per hour to \$11.00 per hour,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution #6 adopted on January 5, 2009, is hereby amended to increase the salary for the Assessor's Clerk position from \$10.50 per hour to \$11.00 per hour, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this salary increase shall take effect on June 15, 2009.

Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Norris.

**Adopted**    **Ayes- 3**    **McKeon, Louis, Norris**  
              **Nays- 0**  
              **Absent-1**    **Byas**

**Authorization for Attendance by Town Clerk at Municipal Clerk Institute**

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Town Clerk Brooks has requested to attend the Cornell Institute based on recommendation of her Town Clerk colleagues in Columbia and Greene Counties. With exception of NYS Archives and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation this is the first out of town training.

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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE BY TOWN CLERK AT  
CORNELL MUNICIPAL CLERKS INSTITUTE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Janet Brooks, Town Clerk, to attend the Cornell Municipal Clerks Institute 2009 Annual Training Seminar to be held from July 19-23, 2009, and authorizes reasonable expenses for transportation, lodging and meals.

Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Norris. No discussion. Ellie Alfeld asked the price; answer: \$775.

**Adopted Ayes- 3 McKeon, Louis, Norris**  
**Nays- 0**  
**Absent-1 Byas**

**Highway Projects and Funding**

The Highway Committee met last week regarding prioritizing road and highway tasks for 2009 and beyond.

- 1) Maintaining dirt roads as dirt roads is expensive; stone and oil is more cost effective.
  - 2) Some Town roads like Alcove Road have been targeted for repair and resurfacing in the past and have not risen to the top of list.
  - 3) The Town needs to do its best to maintain a schedule of resurfacing to maintain roads at satisfactory levels.
  - 4) The cost for stone and oil has significantly decreased (over \$4.65 last year, now \$2.65).
  - 5) The bond issued in 2004, used to catch up on highway priorities, is paid off this year, so a new bond could be issued this year.
  - 6) The Town is still receiving storm damage money, primarily to reimburse the costs of salt, sand and fuel, and that money significantly exceeds actual costs incurred so it offers one-time funding for road repairs.
  - 7) The Town can also consider accumulated surpluses in the General Fund in 2009.
- The Committee has arrived at consensus to present the following to the Town Board:  
Current Adopted Budget for 2009 appropriates \$267,000 for road repairs. After replenishing funds used for 2008 storm damage, it is recommended that the balance of \$80,000 received be used for road repairs. The revised total becomes \$347,000. Highway Superintendent Jordan reviewed: parts of Pine Grove Road, Haas Hill Road, Dugway Lane, Dugway Extension, and Sarles Road are complete. Where \$104,000 is gone, the remainder is \$243,000.

Now the following can be considered: asphalt one mile of Alcove Road: \$85,000. Then grader patching of various Town roads for safety: (annual road repair maintenance) \$90,000, leaving \$68,000 of the \$243,000 for additional projects; Highway Superintendent Jordan felt that was not enough. Supervisor believes that it is not appropriate to bond at this time as he is not seeking reelection, uncertainty in economy, credit markets are still tight, and initial rates are not as favorable as 5 years ago; new bonding should be contemplated by the new Town Board. Supervisor acknowledges concerns of Highway Superintendent and recommends, as an alternative, \$50,000 of Accumulated General Fund Balance be transferred into the Highway Fund to use in 2009. That would bring the total to \$118,000 for remaining resurfacing problems; the Highway Superintendent feels that is reasonable to accomplish Valley View Drive, Independence Lane and the west part of Paradise Hill Road.

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Ellie Alfeld asked if this would bring Alcove Road to completion; answer- no, this will be one mile from the Albany County line south, will do another mile next year. Motor grading is done, this will allow for a binder and surface on top. Supervisor looked ahead to 2010: as the Board is not renewing the bond that had debt service of \$81,000/year, a funding opportunity is created without impacting taxes. The Highway Committee recommends allocating \$70,000 of that resulting in \$337,000 proposed in the Highway Fund without impacting taxes, \$90,000 of that for the annual maintenance component, leaving \$247,000 for resurfacing projects. Supervisor said by doing all of this, in 2011 the Town Board would be at same point as this year, could reconsider the bond issuance and future debt service, and phase out the \$70,000 (that is being allocated for 2009). Consensus recommendation is: pledge additional resources and use one-time funding sources with no future tax burden created. Budgetary actions required tonight are:

- 1- within budget amendment, recognize federal storm damage money,
- 2- authorize \$50,000 budget in transfer from General Fund, and
- 3- acknowledge \$50,000 coming into Highway Fund.

Councilman Norris felt this was a good consensus.

~Councilman Byas arrived 8:10 pm.

Supervisor Louis reviewed for Councilman Byas the consensus for road projects. Highway Superintendent Jordan said that in 2011 there will be no more oil, only latex; he wants roads done now. Only grader patching was done last year since the price was so high. Most of these proposed roads have already been ditched; there are a couple of culverts yet to do.

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**RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2009 BUDGET TO PROVIDE  
ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR HIGHWAY RESURFACING FOR 2009**

RESOLVED, that the following amendments to the 2009 budget are hereby adopted to provide additional funding for highway resurfacing for 2009:

ACCOUNT	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	CHANGE
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:</b>			
A9901.9 Transfer to Highway Fund	70,000	120,000	50,000
TOTAL CHANGE	70,000	120,000	50,000
<b>GENERAL FUND REVENUES</b>			
Appropriated Fund Balance	90,000	140,000	50,000
TOTAL CHANGE	90,000	140,000	50,000
<b>HIGHWAY FUND EXPENDITURES:</b>			
DA5110.4 General Repairs Contractual	189,000	285,000	96,000
DA5112.2 CHIPS Improvements	78,000	112,000	34,000
DA5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual	68,000	91,700	23,700
DA9950.9 Transfer to Capital Projects	10,000	15,000	5,000
TOTAL CHANGE			158,700
<b>HIGHWAY FUND REVENUES:</b>			
DA2655 Sale of Equipment	0	5,000	5,000

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DA4960 Federal Disaster Aid	0	103,700	103,700
DA5031 Transfers In	70,000	120,000	50,000
TOTAL CHANGE			158,700

Councilman Norris moved, seconded by Councilwoman McKeon. No discussion.

**Adopted** Ayes- 4 McKeon, Louis, Norris, Byas  
Nays- 0

## Unsafe Building Determination

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch read Building Inspector John Cashin's letter (in file) regarding a residence on Washington Avenue in the hamlet with history going back to 2005; the work needed has not been done and is not in progress and yet from spring of 2006 some work has been performed. Correspondence to the owner was returned. A site visit was completed. Notice will be personally served on the property owner. Town Code Chapter 34 provides that the process can begin to solicit bids for demolition and removal of debris and the cost may be applied as an unpaid lien on tax bill. Attorney Wukitsch added, when property was cited that the concern was public safety, and is not lived in for a minimum of 4-5 years. Senior Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer John Cashin cannot determine how much was done inside the structure without going inside. Nothing seems to be done in past few years. Senior Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Cashin has sent registered letter. Ellie Alfeld asked if it were in the Sewer District; answer: yes. Neighbor Russell Sykes clarified that no one has lived in the house for over a decade, feral cats live in it, the front door on Washington Avenue has been open for 2 years, a large tree on said property fell on their (Sykes) shed 2 years ago, and that he and his neighbors appreciate Town Board action on it. Councilman Byas said he (Byas) had not seen it and didn't know about it; Supervisor offered that action on the problem building was unanimous in 2005. Scaffolding has been on the building for almost 15 years. Councilwoman McKeon knows that there was interest in purchasing the property and the owner was not interested in selling. Supervisor said the demolition and debris work will go out to bid next month; if the owner has not remedied by August 2009 Regular Meeting, a contractor will be lined up to do the demolition and debris work and the cost will be applied to the tax bill for next year. Russell Sykes stated that the owner may have felt that *any effort* was enough. Without a court order no one can go in. Supervisor read.

## RESOLUTION JUNE 8, 2009

### RESOLUTION MAKING DETERMINATION REGARDING UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS BUILDING

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 February 14, 2005, the Town found that said building was an unsafe structure pursuant to the provisions of Section 34-2 of the Town Code of the Town of New Baltimore; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 7, 2006, Mr. McDevitt was directed to submit a building permit application prepared by a licensed professional engineer and a signed contract between him and a construction firm specifying the scope of work covered in the building permit application (including all aspects of work specified in a certain engineering report provided to the Town, a copy of which is annexed hereto), with said work to commence no later than April 1, 2006, with a completion date no later than August 1, 2006, and

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WHEREAS, Mr. McDevitt was directed to provide a surety bond in the amount of the contract price guaranteeing performance of the work and to file said Bond in the office of the Town Clerk no later than the close of business on March 15, 2006, and

WHEREAS, Mr. McDevitt has failed to comply with the above terms, and

WHEREAS, a site inspection of the property conducted by the Building Inspector has shown that the property and building thereon remain unsafe structures and pose a danger to the health, safety and welfare of Town residents, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the attorney for the Town is hereby directed to notify Mr. McDevitt that he must arrange for completion of all remedial work specified in the attached report, with all work to be completed no later than August 1, 2009, and that 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any costs incurred in connection with the demolition and removal of the unsafe structure located on the McDevitt property on Washington Avenue shall be charged against the property as a lien.

Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Norris.

**Adopted Ayes- 4 McKeon, Louis, Norris, Byas  
Nays- 0**

It came to Supervisor Louis' attention that a late property tax notice was sent, the owner had communicated with the Tax Collector and a correct mailing address was submitted to the Town. Supervisor consulted with Attorney for the Town Wukitsch. By resolution, the Town Board can authorize waiver of that penalty and notice fee.

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**RESOLUTION AMENDING TAX NOTICE  
AND DELETING LATE CHARGE  
AND NOTICE FEE**

WHEREAS, a taxpayer was mailed a notice dated April 21, 2009 relating to Tax Map # 5.00-2-21 from the New Baltimore Tax Collector with a penalty and notice fee due in the amount of \$91.98, and

WHEREAS, the penalty and notice fee were erroneous because the taxpayer had provided the town with a correct mailing address which was inadvertently ignored with the result that the tax bill was sent to the wrong address.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to amend the aforesaid notice sent to the taxpayer for Tax Map # 5.00-2-21 to delete the late charge and notice fee of \$91.98.

Councilman Norris moved, seconded by Councilman Byas. Tax Collector Stuart asked for a to-be-paid-by date, as the taxes must be in to Greene County by early August. Supervisor recommends 30 days from today be entered on Corrected Notice, July 9, without penalty. With that amendment the resolution was put to vote.

**Adopted Ayes- 4 McKeon, Louis, Norris, Byas  
Nays- 0**

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## Attorney General Presentation on Project Sunlight

Regional Attorney General would like to attend July Town Board Meeting to make a 15-20 minute presentation on **Project Sunlight**, providing the public with an array of government information. The Town of New Baltimore is one of two Greene County Towns who will receive a presentation in summer 2009.

## Community Advocates for Safe Emissions (CASE)

Elyse Griffin presented on behalf of the organization CASE and thanked the Town Board for the opportunity to speak. With respect to the **LaFarge cement plant** in Coeymans and its economic contribution to the community, her points included:

- 1) the costs of health maintenance
- 2) LaFarge is one of the largest mercury producers in New York State and also emits lead, ammonia, hydrochloric acid, arsenic, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxide, sulphur dioxide, and other heavy metals such as selenium and known carcinogens such as dioxides
- 3) 8% of childbearing age women have enough mercury to cause problems (reference: Center for Disease Control)
- 4) her 4yr old son is being treated for mercury toxicity and resulting health issues
- 5) large quantities of other heavy metals (reference: Environmental Protection Agency)
- 6) environmentally-linked problems are birth defects, certain forms of cancers, allergies, lower IQ, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, and autism
- 6) but no study has been completed on these environmental and public health impacts of these emissions in 47 years; New York State Wildlife Pathologist Dr. Ward Stone is testing heavy metal levels in local soil, vegetation, and small wildlife now (NOTE: several New Baltimore residents have approached CASE to have their soil included in the study)
- 7) proximity of Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central School District, 1200 of whom attend across US Route 9W from the LaFarge Plant
- 8) amount of daily emissions and the impact of those emissions
- 9) medical costs borne by local families

Elyse Griffin requested that the Town Board send letters to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner expressing concern about cumulative health effects, strong support of immediate reduction in toxic emissions, and strong support of the installation of best possible control technology in their proposed modernized facility that will protect residents from emissions that may endanger health. Elyse Griffin asked to work with Town Board to write a resolution for the Board's consideration that would address these issues. She referenced a Toxic Release Inventory, a Hazardous Air Pollutants Report. LaFarge annually landfills about 20 ton of lead. Councilman Byas asked how LaFarge compares to the 3 cement plants south of Catskill; answer: it is larger, and more information is available for LaFarge because their air permit (that expired in 2006) and modernization application are currently before NYSDEC and NYSDEC is able to request the information from LaFarge. Supervisor asked how air quality is currently regulated, NYSDEC and federal Environmental Protection Agency? Elyse Griffin answered that New York State's Title V program sets certain air standards and the federal EPA came out with an air emission proposal in May. (NYSDEC has been waiting on the EPA to come out with information.) Supervisor Louis asked if this was an issue of current violation or of revising standards; answer: revising standards. Supervisor Louis asked if LaFarge was in compliance; answer: yes.

Elyse Kunz added that LaFarge is generally in compliance but there have been years where they have been fined, she has FOILING NYSDEC. DEC gives them the permit so they are the regulating agency and enforce what EPA tells them to enforce. The EPA was



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sued to enforce the **Clean Air Act**. Those guidelines are now open to public comment, providing an opportunity for residents to speak to cement plants' emissions. No one wants to see them go out of business but they are a major source of air pollution. All the air pollution technologies that the Environmental Protection Agency is asking for currently exist on some cement plant somewhere in the United States. The EPA estimates that enforcing those rules will cost the cement industry less than a billion dollars a year, saving 600-1,600 lives annually. Taking the EPA numbers and just particulate matter (just one of 20+ toxins) could save \$42-117 million dollars in health care costs and can avoid 25-64 premature deaths each year. With other toxins taken into account, the numbers multiply. More information is available from [www.CASE.ny.org](http://www.CASE.ny.org) regarding how to respond to the EPA. The other large issue is the Renewal of Title 5 Air Permit, although expired they are not operating illegally because they have filed their renewal application. Preliminary plans for their plant rebuild can be found on the **Town of Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce website**.

Councilman Byas asked has health gotten worse at the school across the road from when the plant opened in 1960? Is there more fallout farther from the plant rather than closer? **Elyse Kunz** answered that there are some are heavier and land locally; some are more vaporous and travel farther, dioxins (a carcinogen) are heavier and are known to land locally. The school on US Route 9W was built in 1964, two years after the plant. Elyse has requested information from New York State about other schools located beside cement plants. Councilman Byas added that there isn't a school located beside the Catskill cement plant. Councilman Norris asked if there was data from the NYS Department of Health; Elyse Kunz added that they have made such a request and will share that response when it is received, continuing to say that information has been shared anecdotally about the volume of cancer cases, respiratory problems, asthma, cystic fibrosis, and a doctor at Albany Medical Center called the area **Allergy Valley**. Supervisor Louis asked about the renewal of Title 5 Air Permit; is it part of the plant modernization? Answer: yes. Supervisor asked if there were regulatory standards for a Title V Air Permit? Answer: yes. Supervisor said if LaFarge was willing to comply with the regulatory standards of the Air Permit, where does anyone else come into play? Elyse Kunz said they are asking for the state, with the modernization, to compel LaFarge to rebuild the plant in the most effective way possible to reduce emissions. Elyse Griffin said that in the meantime let's tighten the standards. Supervisor asked if their goal is to adopt those standards as currently proposed. Answer: for the Environmental Protection Agency, yes. Supervisor Louis said there was a process under the State Administrative Procedures Act: rule-setting, regulations, and enforcement; if federal government is on a path to set standards that you, as an advocate, agree with, and if your goal is in the public interest then the process is favorable. Elyse Griffin said the cement industry is very powerful. Supervisor asked if LaFarge's opinion on the proposed federal regulations is known, adding that Mr. Regan of LaFarge will be at the Town Board meeting in August. Elyse Griffin answered that it is necessary to encourage EPA to enact the current regulations, not weaken them. Planning Board Chair Lee Davis offered that what was being said was that the scope was still being defined, and being defined through the public comment period and they are requesting some support. Ellie Alfeld asked whether soil sample has been from the school? Answer: If permission is given, samples will be taken from all the schools. Anecdotal information was also given about asthma recurrence in this area and that USA Today had run a special report.

**Bid on Boom Mower**

Councilman Byas said there is a Town interested in it and looking to get a tractor for it; he voted no to accepting the bid. Supervisor asked what price they were willing to pay; Councilman Byas said \$7500-10,000 and they seemed interested. Councilman Norris asked if the head could be used on another piece of equipment, Councilman Byas said by changing a few brackets it could be used. Supervisor pulled it from the agenda.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no additional public comment.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

Supervisor 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 operating funds for the month. He anticipates Mr Regan, LaFarge Cement, will be attending the August Town Board meeting.

County Legislator Jim VanSlyke reported that the Greene County Route 61 south, old section, is in another part of the budget; County Route 54 (to be done by Peckham Industries) will be done from Jennings Road to Valley View Road. Councilman Norris asked whether he was working on the Greene County Sheriff satellite substation; Legislator VanSlyke said he had spoken to the Sheriff to see how everything was coming. Councilman Norris asked that credit be given where due. Legislator VanSlyke said that he wished he had recorded the news reporter conversation, having said that Art Byas and the Town Board deserved all the credit and that he was proud of them. Councilman Norris was looking for a correction.

Greene County Sheriff Greg Seeley unexpectedly walked in, in the area for an earlier meeting, apologized for the interruption, to personally thank the Town Board, the Highway Department, and everyone involved, he and his staff are grateful; he briefed Legislator VanSlyke through all the substation process and offered if there were anything he could do to please call him. Supervisor asked which Towns benefit from the New Baltimore Satellite Substation; answer: a little bit of Cocksackie, 98% in New Baltimore. Town of Cocksackie is mainly served by the Catskill car. Supervisor said that if he, the Sheriff, had not been so willing to partner in the process and the resources that it would not have been possible. Councilman Norris apologized to Legislator VanSlyke for being a bit hard. Greene County Legislator Jim VanSlyke thanked Sheriff Seeley and Councilman Byas. Councilman Byas thanked Supervisor Louis for getting the grant that made it possible.

Town Clerk Brooks reported 4 Certificate, of Occupancy searches- \$60., 2 park permits-\$50., 4 conservation fees-\$3.43, 12 dog licenses-\$78.55, 1 marriage license-\$17.50, photocopies \$2.75, recycle fees-\$10.00, 10 building permits-\$1780.95, and 3 vehicle restoration permits-\$62.50, for a total to Supervisor of \$2,065.68 and non-local fees disbursed of \$103.52. She is assisting the Farmers' Market Committee in their publicity for the opening on June 13.

Highway Superintendent Jordan reported for the month of Highway Report May 2009: Took 2 trucks to Ben Funk for inspection; Picked up orange bags from Town-wide Clean- up; Graded all dirt roads; Hauled, crusher run to garage; Greased all trucks; Installed 300' of 4" perforated drain pipe on Highrock Road; Patched holes with winter mix; Replaced air can on 89 International; Stone and oiled part of Haas Hill Road; Stoned and oiled Lydon Lane; Hauled in number one stone to garage; Superintendent Jordan met with Carver Construction regarding Alcove Road; Stoned and oiled part of Pine Grove Road; Stoned and oiled Dug Way Lane; Cleaned plugged culvert and ditch on Highmount Road ; Stoned and oiled Sarles Road; Stoned and oiled part of Mirror Lake Road; Mowed and trimmed around Town Highway Garage; Mowed and trimmed all cemeteries twice; Put new rope on flag pole at Cornell Park; Cut limbs hanging over roads ; Started mowing roadsides; Took tires to W & J for recycling; Replaced post on corner of District 1/Wyche Park.

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Wastewater Treatment Plant James Polverelli had no report. Bulb replacement has begun by Central Hudson; if it were all completed at once it would generate savings of \$300/year.

Town Historian Clesson Bush had no report. Supervisor noted that former Town resident Anthony Gambino appeared on the local section of the Times Union with regard to his recent e-book. Comment that he was also at the Agricultural and Antique Machinery Festival during the weekend.

Code Enforcement Officers/Building Inspectors John Cashin and Christian Larsen summarized activities for month of May: Building Inspections- 17; Building Permits Issued- 7; Building Permits Renewed- 2; Car Restoration Permit Applications Received- 2; Car Restoration Permit Issued- 2; Car Restoration Permit Renewed - 1; Certificates of Compliance Issued- 2; Certificates of Occupancy Issued- 2; Court Appearances- 1; Manufactured (Mobile) Home Permits Issued- 1; New Building Permit Applications Received- 9; Septic Permit Application - 1; Code Violation Investigations- (Cashin - 3); Zoning Violation Investigations- (Cashin- 1) (Larsen- 7 Zoning/Code Violations); Application Fees for April, 2009: \$ 1,843.45; Total Fees for Year to Date: \$11,442.35.

Newsletter Chair Councilwoman McKeon stated that the deadline for the July issue will be June 19.

Assessor Gordon Bennett had no report.

Agriculture Committee has established a set of goals regarding economic development and farmland protection.

Public Memorial Committee has not met.

Citizens' Bicentennial Committee sold nearly \$100 worth of heritage recipes and heritage baked items at the recent New Baltimore Agricultural and Antique Machinery Festival.

Planning Board Chair Lee Davis reported the Planning Board met on May 14 with the following business transacted: Public Hearings were held for:  
...The Lands of Kubica, Penu, Perniciaro, Vitollo and Page Minor Subdivision Application.

...The Special Use Permit and Site Plan Applications for Harry Medert, Jr.  
for proposed country store

In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed, the following business was transacted:

...Approved the Kubica, Penu, Perniciaro, Vitollo and Page Minor Subdivision.

...Approved the Special Use Permit and Site Plan for Harry Medert, Jr.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Meave Tooher reported no meeting in June as there were no applications to come before the Board.

Recycling Center Operator Spencer Sebert received 2 washing machines and 17 tires for a total of \$52.00. Additionally, 30 60gallon bags of plastic, 10 55 gallon drums of cans and aluminum, 62 bundles of magazines, 78 bags and bundles of newspaper, 21 bags of shredded paper, 32 boxes and bundles of cardboard, and 1.75 ton of metal. Ten tires were picked up by Highway Department, 2 by Councilman Art Byas, and then 40 tires were removed from Recycling Center by Highway Department.

Town Hall Maintenance completed by Spencer Sebert in the month of May: changed air and water filters, adjusted entry door to not drag, rehung key cabinet, cleaned air conditioner units, replaced light tube in offices, hung 3 wall pockets for mail, installed new door knob on office door, moved low cabinet from office hallway to basement, moved file cabinet from basement to assessor office, and painted vestibule to offices.

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Greene County Sheriff satellite substation work completed: finished and applied baseboard in entryway, holding room and hallway.

Animal Control Officer Joe Tanner had no report.

Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement Chair Councilman Norris reported: Greene County EMS has received 2009 Chevy Tahoe fly car; radio and emergency lights will be installed and it should be on the road by early June; ALS Town calls for April- 8; ALS Year-to-date total- 34. Also, the Town of New Baltimore and its two volunteer fire departments have started a new program "**The E-911 sign program.**" The purpose of the program is to install emergency 911 signs at homes hidden from the street to help the fire departments and EMS locate these homes quicker. A grant from New York State and grant funds from the New Baltimore Fire department will provide the new signs free of charge. The Medway- Grapeville and New Baltimore Fire Departments will gather the information and help to install them at the right locations.

Emergency Management Officer Alan VanWormer reported: Attended training seminar with **Iroquois Gas Company**; will present same seminar at Medway-Grapeville Firehouse as the Iroquois line runs through the fire district on Willowbrook Drive; met with Supervisor and Federal Emergency Management Agency on Friday, June 5 for our Exit Brief; All documents have been signed and funds will be forthcoming; Supervisor Louis has final totals for the Town; Met with Supervisor Louis, Councilman Norris and 2 fire chiefs regarding 911 house signs.

Parks Chair Councilwoman McKeon reported that **Summer Recreation Program** Director Amy Decker and Assistant Director Michelle Fortney are working on their program. For the Parks water tests – two came back unsatisfactory and additional pages are to be distributed by the Town Clerk's Office in office. Plans for the Town's Summer Recreation Program are underway. Applications for counselors have been received and job positions will be determined and announced in the upcoming week. The director and assistant director will meet to discuss a theme and activities for the four-week program. When plans are finalized around the end of the first week in July, they will be posted on the Town Website and at the Town Hall.

For Promotion/Economic Development Councilman Norris reported that the **Business Appreciation Breakfast** will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at the **Water's Edge**, formerly the Boathouse Restaurant at Shady Harbor Marina.

Grants had no report.

For Website and Technology, Councilwoman McKeon had reported earlier.

For Personnel, Supervisor Louis had no report.

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 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully,

Janet A. Brooks  
Town Clerk    10:02