Supervisor O'Rorke called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending: Councilmen Byas, Meredith, and Norris, Highway Superintendent Jordan, Deputy Town Clerk Loux and 27 members of the public who signed the attendance sheet. Absent: Councilwoman Finke, Town Clerk Brooks (attending New York State Town Clerks' Association conference).

Supervisor O'Rorke welcomed all attending.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

The Town of New Baltimore extended an invitation to Greenville and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School Districts; RCS had a conflict (school meeting tonight) for this meeting.

From Coxsackie-Athens School District, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gregory presented an outline of the district budget for 2010-11. Large increases presented to Board of Education were salaries and fringe benefits, decreases were found in equipment, travel and conferences, materials, supplies, and staff reductions. Dr Gregory stated that the budget to budget increase is (-.04%), principally from staff reductions. Accessing the unappropriated Fund Balance and employees retirement reserve fund to offset taxes, resulted in 2.99% increase, which the Board of Education adopted. The State aid is still not known.

Greene County IDA's Alexander Sandy Mathes added just under \$2 million in new school, town and county taxes generated by the IDA's business parks and projects since 2004. The new Greene Business Alliance is creating a local development corporation to receive funding for infrastructure. Greene Innovation Group is figuring out how to develop alternative energy (whether wind, solar or bio). Greene Environmental is addressing the wetlands with wetlands banking and stormwater ideas. Greene IDA sees a pickup in the economy and is starting 2 new business parks (Athens and Route 28 corridor in Cairo). In Town of New Baltimore, 15 acres in Kalkberg Commerce Park is being marketed aggressively as retail/commercial. Regarding the Destination Retail Site near Exit 21B of NYS Thruway, Cabela's has financial issues and the IDA has had encouraging conversations with end-users. The site is well-received as a regional site for a larger population, and the IDA's board has approved a new marketing initiative.

Mr. Mathes highlighted:

- ...Their website for information about how the IDA does business,
- ...The value of open space, habitat preservation, and environmental mitigation to developers,
- ...The value of rail access (6 areas are identified in the CSX corridor and New Baltimore is sure to benefit).

IDA has met with Package Pavement. With NYS Thruway, the IDA will talk about the Schiller property, which has some environmental issues and must be multi-modal, in and out by rail or Thruway.

Supervisor asked what can Town do? Mr. Mathes suggested defining goal, spend some resources to get sites ready. Town of New Baltimore's Planning Board is clear, focused, and useful for economic development, where developers want certainty. New Baltimore is in a good place, with Coxsackie, with their zoning. Infrastructure is problem on US Route 9W; Best Western and Holiday Inn don't have restaurants because they don't have the infrastructure to support it; they are low sewer/water users; community should look at getting water to the anticipated location of flyover bridge. Supervisor feels that long-term planning with Village and Town of Coxsackie is good first step; Mr. Mathes suggests Athens, Coxsackie, New Baltimore and Greenville work together as a unit.

Councilman Norris said that 2-year college programs will supply those companies coming for Luther Forest. Cless Bush commented on the growth of many different musical efforts in the County; the Greene Arts Foundation already exists.

Arlene McKeon commended IDA on effort toward employing the kids and asked about the extra rail. Mr. Mathes thought not in our lifetime although CSX is busy; he is looking for grants with NYSERDA to drive down energy costs for Luther Forest supply chain. Central Hudson has committed to an additional circuit to be added in one construction season; solar and semi-conductor businesses are high-power users.

Regarding the roundabout, the transportation must improve and with the engineer they have recounted and the traffic is heavy; traffic jams are not wanted but bureaucracy is slow. Ellie Alfeld added that years ago there was one train a day, now nearly one each half hour. On the roundabout for 81 and 9W, only the gas pumps at Stewarts Shop are impacted; could be 5 roundabouts in 2011, farthest north would be the exit of the Thruway; money in the bank for that task, to keep traffic off the back and side roads. Supervisor commented on Greene County Land Trust, Comptroller's office came out with affirmation of that priority. With IDA having control with the business parks, getting 50-year buildings, not 25 year buildings, the businesses are more invested and want protection for their investments as good corporate citizens.

#### Greene County Youth Bureau's Executive Director Terry McGee Ward offers:

- Junior golf program in partnership with the Department of the Aging,
- Quick Start tennis is available free to the recreation programs with game supplied,
   Family Fun night at a school is an alternative,
- USDA rally community tennis party partnered with 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in Catskill
- Hope for regional tennis program,
- Playground inspections (brand new in 2010),
- · Recreation Director training program for any municipality with a need,
- Technical assistance for grant writing,
- "Alive at 25" driver education program for 16-24 year olds, \$50/youth
- Voluntary Youth Advocacy Program for youths 12 and up

Website is <a href="www.greenegov.com">www.greenegov.com</a>, last on list. If state aid is accepted, you must have monitoring; with new Recreation Director, visit Department of Health website. If summer recreation program is held in a school, a background check is required; check with Department of Social Services, may be \$90 for background/fingerprint check. Greene County resident/Greene County school enrollee, if not a resident, just have to pay more. If a Greene County resident and attend an out-of-county school or home-schooling trying to reach particularly this year.

#### MONTHLY REPORTS

#### Antique Machinery and Agricultural Festival - AgFest

As Additional Insured the Ag Fest Committee thought they were being provided with coverage; Supervisor met with Committee and looked at options. The Ag Fest could remain autonomous and get own insurance at own cost (as the Farmers' Market). If it were to become a Town function, responsibility rests with Town Board, like Summer Recreation and Ag Committee. It was the consensus of the Ag Fest Committee that they become a Town function; job duties are well-covered. Shelly Van Etten asked for resolution to be passed with this regard. Supervisor spoke with Van Etten's insurance broker to create the necessary written agreement. The tractor pull is the first focus for added insurance; follow-up will occur at the Regular Board Meeting.

# RESOLUTION APRIL 26, 2010

# RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE ANTIQUE MACHINERY AND AGRICULTURAL FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, farming and agriculture have long been an integral part of the life and economy in the Town of New Baltimore, and the Town has previously determined the importance of preserving and promoting agriculture in the Town of New Baltimore, and

WHEREAS, the Town's Comprehensive Plan encourages working with the agriculture community to create enjoyment, education and active involvement through agri-tourism, and

WHEREAS, the Antique Machinery and Agricultural Festival (known as the Ag Fest) has long been an annual event in the Town of New Baltimore promoting agriculture through history, farming demonstrations and sale of locally grown produce which increase the awareness and the importance of agriculture in the Town of New Baltimore.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby establishes the Town of New Baltimore Ag Fest Committee to undertake the planning of the annual Antique Machinery and Agricultural Festival.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that town resident Rob Van Etten is hereby appointed as the Chair of said Town of New Baltimore Ag Fest Committee, and the initial Committee shall include the following town residents:

Kathy Rundberg, Virginia Palmer, Alma Flegel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Committee shall make periodic reports to the Town Board and to the town's citizens, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Councilman Art Byas is hereby designated to serve as the Town Board Liaison to the Town of New Baltimore Ag Fest.

Councilman Norris moved and Supervisor O'Rorke seconded. Councilman Norris added that this could be changed at a later date. The vote was as follows:

ROLL CALL VOTE: BYAS-AYE FINKE-ABSENT MEREDITH-AYE O'RORKE-AYE

Adopted

Supervisor had no report.

County Legislator Jim VanSlyke was not present.

Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan reported for March 15-April 14: Changed oil and filter and serviced 3910 Ford tractor; Mounted angle cylinder on York rake; Patched holes with winter mix; Patched dirt roads with crusher run; Cleaned up limbs and branches along roadsides; Cleaned up lawn damage from snow plows; Picked up mattress and bike dumped on Paradise Hill Road; Cut some dead trees along roads; Cleaned up lawn at Town Hall; Removed rebuilt steering column from 3910 Ford tractor and sent back, had severe oil leak; Graded dirt roads and York raked; Patched washouts on School Hill Road; Removed beaver dam from culvert pipe on School Hill Road; Hauled crusher run from Callanan to stock pile at garage; Picked up dead deer on Gedney Hill Road; Replaced control cable and skid shoes on boom mower; Installed stop signs on roads where needed; Replaced wiper switch on F550; Repaired washout on West Deans Mill Road; Cut trees and brush at sewer plant; Replaced front tires on 89 International; Swept

intersections and roadsides with rented sweeper; Installed 12"x40 feet culvert on Staco Road; Replaced steering pump on 3910 Ford tractor; Dug trench and buried conduit at District 2/Cecil C Hallock Park for electric; and Cleaned ditches on Dugway Lane and School Hill Road.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator Jim Polverelli reported for March 2010: processed 1,269,219 gallons in March; Mar 1-5 high flow; Mar 9 NYSDEC inspection; Mar 17 generators serviced, cleaned flow meter pit; Mar 22 RAS pump tripped, reset okay; Mar 23 Delaware Engineering evaluated plant; Mar 24 Francisco checked electrical system on plant generator, cleaned grit chamber; Mar 24-5 high flow; Mar 31 replaced relay on generator. Supervisor said the pump has been pulled at the Wastewater Treatment Plant; one is doing the work of two. Village of Coxsackie loaned a sewer jet.

Town Clerk Brooks reported receipts for the month of March: 1 Certificate of Occupancy search \$15.00; 6 building permits \$397.50; 2 conservation fees \$4.80; 28 dog licenses \$195.65; 1 beer permit \$20.00; 1 excavation fee culvert under driveway \$35.00; 1 park permit \$25.00; 3 minor subdivisions \$90.00; 6 certified copies \$240.00; 26 photocopies \$41.25. Total to Supervisor \$1,064.20; to County Treasurer for dog licenses \$49.35; to Ag and Markets for spay/neuter program \$21.00; to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation \$82.20. Also, the Records Project was complete on March 18

Historian Clesson Bush reported for April, 2010: Have started to help the curator at the Ravena-Coeymans Historical Society on a planned exhibit on life in the area before the arrival of European settlers. New Baltimore was in the territory of the Mohican Indians who greeted Henry Hudson upon his arrival. Numerous ancient Indian sites that date well before the Mohicans' existence have been discovered in Greene and surrounding counties; Was asked by the Greene County Historian how to go about researching old schools, in particular one in Athens. I have done quite a bit of research on New Baltimore's school. In the middle of the 1800s, we had 17 one-room schoolhouses in Town; Have been consulting for some time with Wendy Harris from New York City who has been studying the ice harvesting industry that was once prominent on the Hudson. New Baltimore had at least 9 giant icehouses along its riverbanks at one time.

Attended the Algonquin Peoples' Seminar in Albany on April 17. The Mohicans that populated our area were among the group of tribes that spoke the Algonquin language; Wrote a newsletter article on lost buildings and since have had an invitation to photograph an old, well-preserved barn; Consulted further about Town Hall renovations; Volunteered for a project to monitor the arrival of herring that spawn in the Hannacroix Creek. While doing so, had an opportunity to photograph bridge abutments that used to carry the Albany-Greene Turnpike. They are located just west of the SR144 Hannacroix bridge

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement John Cashin summarized activities for the month of April, 2010: Building Inspections: 8; Building Permits Issued: 3; Building Permits Renewed: 1; Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 1; Junk Vehicle Complaints: 2; Sign Permit Issued: 1; Code Violation Investigations: 3; Zoning Violation Investigations: 1; Application Fees for March, 2010: \$ 362.50; Total Fees for Year to Date: \$2,230.96. Dr Marvin Gertzberg's dental office is complete. New Environmental Protection Agency law affects homes built before 1978 that may contain lead; call for information.

Assessment Gordon Bennett reports for March 2010: the data for the Tentative Tax Roll will be submitted in the next few days. The following dates are to be published: May 4 and 11, 9am-1pm for review of the Tentative Roll and informal meetings. Grievance Day is May 25, 2010; the Board of Assessment Review will be available from 12noon-3pm and 7-9 pm. We are still in need of a new BAR Member; the required training session for newly appointed members is Thursday, May 6, 2010 in Catskill. In the office, Spring

cleaning and organizing has begun. This year the property files are being updated, as time allows, by the removal of the Grievance Applications/Decisions that are 6 years or older, per the Town's retention schedule. Councilman Meredith and Supervisor will sit with Assessor Bennett to determine where the Town is with data collection.

# RESOLUTION APRIL 26, 2010

#### RESOLUTION TO APPOINT BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW MEMBER

RESOLVED, that Ron Hofaker is hereby appointed to the Board of Assessment Review to fill an un-expired five-year term ending September 30, 2011.

Supervisor O'Rorke moved and Councilman Byas seconded. Councilman Meredith spoke to Mr. Hofaker and he can attend the training and the required dates. The vote was as follows:

ROLL CALL VOTE: BYAS-AYE

FINKE-ABSENT

**MEREDITH-AYE** 

NORRIS-AYE

O'RORKE-AYE

Adopted

Agriculture Committee Councilman Byas had no report. Councilman Norris reported that the committee had held a popular Speaker Series; estate planning and family farm planning by Ted Hilscher was the last on April 18, which Councilman Norris attended. Supervisor expressed appreciation to the Committee for organizing the Series.

Planning Board Chair Lee Davis reports for the month of April, 2010: The Planning Board met on April 8, 2010, with the following business transacted: Public Hearing was held on the Minor Subdivision Application of Robert & Diane Scott for a two-lot subdivision on Route 81. In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed: The Scott Minor Subdivision was approved: Received Minor Subdivision Application from Paul & Patricia Schiller for a three-lot subdivision of their property located on Route 9W, Required Public Hearing scheduled for 7:30 p.m., May 13; Received status report from Building Inspector John Cashin regarding J.B. Car Services Special Use Permit; Continued discussion with Holiday Inn Express representative, Attorney Michael Biscone, and Gloede Sign Company representative, Barbara Fitzgerald, regarding the Holiday Inn Express sign to be placed on Thruway side of motel; Discussed landscaping plan for Dr. Gertzberg's new dental office on Route 9W; A Town resident discussed with the Board his proposed plans for a lot line adjustment between two parcels he owns at Matthews Point; Discussed with Matthew & Donna Taormina proposed two-lot minor subdivision of their property located on East Honey Hollow Road, Required Public Hearing has been scheduled for 7:45 p.m., May 13.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Meave Tooher reported for the month of April 2010: Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet on April 7, 2010, since there were no applications to come before the Board.

Building and Grounds/Recycling Spencer Sebert reported changing filter at Town Hall, put Clorox in the well, and flushed the hot water heater. Supervisor added meeting with town resident/volunteer Mark Peckham (who happens to work for NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation), Building Inspector John Cashin, to take a look at where best to use town resources, makes sense to preserve and maximum functionality and energy efficiency and report back to Town Board.

Animal Control Joe Tanner reported traveling 452 miles in last 3 months; for complaints 14 cat, 29 dog, 4 cow, and 2 raccoon. Rabies clinic had around 60 this year, last year around 135, but rabies shots are good for 3 years. The dog complaints were running strays (a lot has to do with the good weather), reminding people to keep dogs under

control, barking and shelter issues. Three cases happened at Thruway rest area where dogs get out of vehicles and run. Some cows got out through fencing. The 2 goats up the road from Town Hall are gone. Two cases of raccoons in attic; I trapped and relocated. Cat complaints were strays to find homes for, a stray cat bit someone in town so had to shelter at my house for 14 days to be sure about rabies; turned out good, people did not have to go though the shots. It was approved through Dept of Health; they thanked me for sheltering the cat for the 14-day period. A chip reader for micro chips in the animals would be good, perhaps \$400 to \$500; Councilman Norris also researching.

### RESOLUTION APRIL 26, 2010

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH MOHAWK & HUDSON RIVER HUMANE SOCIETY

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to execute an agreement with the Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society for the period January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010 for shelter services, at a base rate of \$ 60 per day.

Councilman Norris moved and Councilman Byas seconded. The contract is the same as last year. Councilman Byas said other years the Town paid \$800-900 initiation fee, now only a per day fee. Question from the public as to why the Columbia-Greene Humane Society was not used. Councilman Norris recently adopted from Columbia Greene and they are willing to take animals on a no-kill basis; he will forward that information to Animal Control Officer Tanner. The vote was as follows:

ROLL CALL VOTE: BYAS-AYE FINKE-ABSENT MEREDITH-AYE O'RORKE-AYE

Adopted

Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement Councilwoman Finke attended March meeting of Greene County EMS, monthly meeting detailed explanation of Sidney Swan of TD Insurance with descriptions of coverage of the renewal policy. Availability of online training that is now being offered through The Learning and Training Medical System. It is sometimes difficult to attend; the online training courses are available 24/7. The information about the 15 courses listed are 30 minutes to one hour in duration. You can pause and pick up the course later on if interrupted. The County has hired a new Deputy EMS director, Catskill, to help with vacations. Mark Evans will meet with Bill Lawrence on annual report presentations to the Greene County Legislature. This is the last year of the contract with the County before starting to renegotiate the 5-year contract. Election of current officers was held and after no new nominations, all current Board members retained their positions.

Councilman Norris attended April Greene County EMS meeting: the new electric patient care reporting (EPCR) is operational in Greene County EMS Trucks. The paramedics are trained and the laptop computers are in the vehicles. The county 911 center is integrating the two systems (E-PCR and the 911 call center) so information can be transmitted directly to paramedic's laptop. The County will start "Radio Study" on May 27 to test the system and identify improvements/updates. EMS service will celebrate 10 years of dedicated service to Greene County residents in 2010; plans to celebrate were discussed. The town had 7 ALS calls in the month of March for a total of 14 YTD.

Councilman Norris said a meeting of the Town's Emergency Management Committee will review past and present procedures of the Emergency Management Plan, evaluate the winter's snowstorms, power outages and impact on the town's Plan, introduce new members of Town Board: familiarize them with the Plan and duties they have, update the

notification listings. Update on E911 sign program - 363 signs have been made and delivered for total cost of \$3,411, leaving a balance of \$4,089 in the fund.

<u>Parks/Agfest</u> Councilman Byas read a Park Use Report from Kirk Trombley. Supervisor mentioned vandalism that has been reported to Sheriff. The resolution to appoint the Summer Parks Director was postponed to the May Regular Meeting; one candidate has been out of town. Supervisor thanked Arlene McKeon for putting together job descriptions for the positions available, asked the Committee if the rental application has been reviewed, and recommended a start and end date for the parks. Councilman Byas said the Sheriff wants to get in and out and needs to research the gates. May 1 and October 1 were suggested by Supervisor for start and end of park use season.

<u>Promotion and Economic Development / Grants</u> Councilman Norris met a grant writer at Greene EMS meeting. Councilman Norris said the size of the grant and amount of work influence the price charged to the town.

#### **Business Breakfast**

Councilman Norris said the traditional June Business Appreciation Breakfast would be held on Wednesday, June 23, at the Water's Edge; this year Bank of Greene County is sponsoring those attending; Greene County IDA, National Bank of Coxsackie, Lisa Nagle, and Central Hudson have expressed an interest in doing something in the near future.

<u>Newsletter/Web Site and Technology</u> Councilman Meredith reported there are many issues with our computer system's hardware and software and is a work in progress.

<u>Personnel</u> – Supervisor and Councilman Meredith will be sitting with the reporting requirement for the New York State and Local Retirement System during the next two weeks. Retirement reporting letter needs to be sent to the new PB and ZBA members.

Insurance - Committee had no report.

Town Courts - Had no report.

<u>Bicentennial Committee</u> needs a new Chairman; the prior Chair will help although she has a new full-time job. The actual anniversary is March 2011; there is approximately \$500 in the treasury. Without a Chair and a Committee no further events are planned.

For <u>Farmer's Market</u> - Councilman Norris reports Liz LoGuidice is the new President, season begins June 12 at District 2/Cecil C. Hallock Park from 9-12 noon.

For <u>Seniors</u> - Ellie Alfeld reports attending the May Food and Fun Luncheon, and reported for Supervisor that Coxsackie Town Supervisor Betke has received a \$400,000 grant to improve the Knights of Columbus Hall into a Senior Center and invites local seniors to become involved. (For information, contact Ellie Alfeld or Supervisor; Ellie has 10 people now.) Regarding the proposed senior bus from New Baltimore to Catskill, Ellie has had one call.

Supervisor recommends a resolution at May meeting to establish a Senior Citizens' Committee that would have authority to reach out to Coxsackie group. Coxsackie Town Supervisor Betke is seeking as much involvement as possible to make an excellent senior center.

Supervisor stated that a Town resident has achieved his Eagle Scout on Sunday; taking a poll of the Town Board and with close notice, between meetings, Supervisor and Councilman Byas were able to attend ceremony.

# RESOLUTION APRIL 26, 2010

# CONGRATULATING JOHN HILSCHER UPON THE OCCASION OF RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

WHEREAS, John Hilscher, a resident of the Town of New Baltimore, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; the Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony being held on April 25, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America and its members are dedicated to the development of character and leadership in our youth, and

WHEREAS, the highest achievement of leadership in Scouting, earned by less than four percent of all Boy Scouts, is the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, and

WHEREAS, John Hilscher has been involved in Scouting for many years, has lived up to Scouting's ideals and has attained all of the necessary achievements, including the completion of repairing, improving and expanding the Stanton Hill Cemetery in the Town of New Baltimore, and

WHEREAS, this project included seeding a new plot of land and providing a water supply for the seed, removing overgrown brush which allowed for additional grave sites in the cemetery, erecting a new stone sign to welcome visitors to the cemetery, and

WHEREAS, this outstanding young man's perseverance in rising through the ranks to Eagle Scout is a strong indication of his ability to master difficult tasks and will enable him to emerge a leader who will be ready to meet the challenges facing us all in the future, and

WHEREAS, this outstanding achievement brings great pride to his family and our community, and warrants special recognition.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore does hereby acknowledge this meritorious honor and extends its congratulations to John Hilscher on the occasion of his achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Councilman Byas moved and Supervisor O'Rorke seconded. The vote was as follows:

ROLL CALL VOTE: BYAS-AYE FINKE-ABSENT MEREDITH-AYE O'RORKE-AYE

Adopted

A resident complained to the NYS Thruway Authority regarding the trash on Kings Road; resident received response committing to work with concessions at the Travel Plaza.

Paradise Hill Road resident Walt Way expressed concerns about the condition of his road: dust as a health concern, use of re-grind, water backing up alongside, and too high a speed limit. Supervisor said she and Councilman Norris will meet with Highway Superintendent; Councilman Norris and Superintendent Jordan reviewed this road one week ago.

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no more from the Town Board or from the public, it was moved by Councilman Norris and seconded by Supervisor O'Rorke to adjourn the meeting. The vote was as follows:

ROLL CALL VOTE: BYAS-AYE

NORRIS-AYE

FINKE-ABSENT O'RORKE-AYE

MEREDITH-AYE

Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.

Respectfully submitted

Janet A. Brooks

Town Clerk