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Supervisor O'Rorke called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending: Councilwoman Finke, Councilmen Byas, Meredith, and Norris, Highway Superintendent Jordan, Town Clerk Brooks, and 21 members of the public who signed attendance sheet. Absent:

Supervisor O'Rorke welcomed all attending and added that there were two resolutions on the agenda.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Supervisor reported attending finance school, conference of mayors, and city and county managers' conference; all three conferences' agendas stressed asset management, capital planning, shared services, and aging infrastructure. She and Deputy Supervisor Norris will meet with Town of Greenville, and Town and Village of Coxsackie regarding shared services, cooperative efforts, and aging infrastructure. She stressed importance of planning for next year's budget to include long-term planning; Deputy Supervisor Norris asked for special budget planning meeting after July 1, by then having ideas of court fine revenue, mortgage tax, building fees, and probably not to follow a board meeting.

Greene County Legislator Jim VanSlyke brought the county's annual fiscal report, 2010 Greene County directories. A resolution, naming a portion of State Route 32 the Trooper David J. Lane Memorial Highway, was passed. The legislature is updating its administrative manual regarding the use of personal and county-issued cell phones; tried to tackle Internet postings but encountered First Amendment restrictions. The legislature passed a resolution authorizing the Sheriff to buy a computer program ID tracking system, \$24,000, that issues new pistol permits on a plastic card with photo (\$5), (a person *may* have their current permit made plastic for \$15), and puts the information in a database accessible to sheriffs and troopers from patrol cars -telling them what is in a particular house. \$36,300 in mortgage tax is authorized to Town of New Baltimore. He talked to county Highway about section of CR 61; Superintendent Harvey has an engineering firm that specializes in stabilizing slides (6-7 in county now), feasible in normal economic times, but it will probably only be patched for 2010. Discussion ensued about the detour sign, flooding at Sickles Creek. Ellie Alfeld reported Greene County Clerk may begin accepting DD214s, it becomes a permanent record on file, and a certified copy can be created by the county clerk. He will install electric in the pavilion at District 2/Hallock at no cost to the Town. Regarding the Maurer property, contractor would start doing the testing inspection, more information next month. Code Enforcement Officer John Cashin added that the testing was in phase 2, approximately 2000 tires are neatly stacked waiting to be taken out, no expense to the Town; another \$20,000 for next phase.

Town Clerk Brooks reported receipts for the month of May: 1 Certificate of Occupancy search \$15.00; 3 building permits \$140.00; 1 garage permit \$56.00; 10 conservation fees \$16.48; 15 dog licenses \$108.13; 3 lots created by minor subdivisions \$90.00; 1 certified copy \$10.00; 4 photocopies \$1.00. Total to Supervisor \$485.61; to County Treasurer for dog licenses \$29.37; to Ag and Markets for spay/neuter program \$18.00; to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation \$282.52. For Records Mgmt, Diane Jordan will return to county records management for shredding at no cost to the Town. Dog licenses may change to the Town's responsibility with 2011 NYS Budget.

Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan reported for the month of April 15-May 14: Replaced steering column on 3910 Ford tractor; Removed 1 broken picnic table from District 1 park, repaired another; Regraded dirt roads and spread crusher run where needed; Had hydraulic cylinder rebuilt for champion grader; Hauled crusher run to stock pile at garage; Replaced seat on Bomag Roller; Mowed cemeteries; Replaced caster wheels on York rake; Repaired all air leaks on 85 International 10 wheeler; Repaired all air leaks on 89 International; Cut dead trees along roads; Repaired hydraulic leaks and

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replaced lift valve on Hyster roller ; Repaired bent tarp roller on 89 International; Turned on water at parks (no water at district 3) ; Put Clorox in well at District 1/Wyche and District 2/Hallock Parks; Picked up pump at Sewer District Pump Station and took to Albany ; Repaired lights on equipment trailer; Patched holes with winter mix; Cleaned ditches on Shady Lane ; Installed culverts on Shady Lane: 1-60'x12", 1-60'x15", 1-35'x18", 2- 40'x 15", 1- 40'x 36", Replaced hydraulic steering motor on Ford backhoe; Chipped limbs on New Baltimore Road and Alcove Road; Patched holes with crusher run; Picked up orange bags from cleanup days; Cleaned up tree limbs from heavy winds ; May 5- all highway employees took defensive driving course; Blacktopped areas where culvert pipes were replaced; Mowed and weeded around town garage; Repaired washout on New Baltimore Road ; Changed oil on 2002 pickup; Started mowing along roads ; Repaired roadway to Reservoir on Jennings Road for Medway-Grapeville Fire Company ; Denis and Alan looked at Reservoir for Dry Hydrant, don't think we could put one there due to solid rock; Filled in sink holes in cemeteries with dirt; Installed more Stop Ahead signs; Replaced exhaust manifold gaskets on 96 International; Put mulch under playground equipment at District 1/Wyche and District 2/Hallock Parks; Got 3 trucks inspected at Ben Funk; Got equipment trailer inspected. Thank-you's to the Department for helping pull the pump at the Wastewater Plant and spreading mulch at the Town parks.

Consideration of Highway bond

In 2009 the Board elected not to go out for another bond. There are a significant number of miles of roads with significant weather impact, more costly with more delay, businesses who are considering moving to the area want good roads, and oil and stone product was \$3.50 now \$3.39. Latex-based products will become requirements. Poor road maintenance is leading liability losses, aging fleet schedule- bond for repairs must be used for repairs, other monies can be used toward fleet, 2007's 5110.4 and CHIPS funding. Also, Supervisor called Greene County Bank for amortization schedules for \$400,000 and \$500,000 of 4-5 years at 3%(street rate)(going out to bid, banks would yield a better rate); road repairs at \$32,000/mile; dirt roads have been done; budget was impacted by FEMA money; Highway Committee proposes to back down to \$247 and would not have tax implications in the budget (use money paid for the bond in the past to pay on the bond in the future). Councilman Norris said good plan, took a firsthand look with Highway Superintendent, roads are not getting better. Also, an equipment list is attached: Ford 550 and 350 need to be replaced this year, quote is for replacement of 350 at \$22,000, and the 550 model would be significantly more. The backhoe and 10wheeler coming for replacement. Bob Knighton said the 2004 bond was spent, during that period it was paid off; Councilman Norris said the money is needed up front, as oil is lowest it has been in years. Bond cannot be used to pay for equipment; other money within the Department can be used for equipment; cannot transfer money out of the Highway Department once it is transferred in. The 10wheeler hauls blacktop- can bring back 15-16 ton vs 5-6 ton with single axle vehicle. Peckham's will truck it for cheaper (\$58.50) than we can get it (\$70+). Councilman Norris pointed out four payment plans in the committee's proposal. Bonds have legal and publication costs attached; one large bond means the costs are incurred once. Ellie Alfeld felt the important thing was keeping the tax rate steady for the residents of the Town.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator Jim Polverelli reported: processed 849,110 gallons in April, sealed fail light on for pump #1 at Pump Station; cleaned drying bed #2; removed and cleaned RAS pump; removed pump #1 at Pump Station for repair; Greene County Septic Cleaners Inc cleaned the pit; cleaned flow meter pit and uv channel; pumped sludge to bed #2; checked sewer problem for John Sheets, 28 Hudson Ridge Road; ultraviolet system online for season; Highway Department took hydromatic pump from pump station to Emmons Pump and Control in Albany for repair. Thanks to the Village of Coxsackie for the loan of a sewer jet. There are two pumps, installed in 2004, the problem caused by sand and grit in pit, trying to determine the source of sand and grit, made necessary repairs of \$2000. The concern is for the other pump that was put

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in at same time. NY Rural Water Association will investigate manholes first, agreed to test for free. Jim will work some extra time after July 4. It may be coming from some illegal sump pumps. Jim said it has to be done or more problems will continue. Supervisor and the chief operator and Councilman Byas met with Delaware Engineering and a woman who writes proposals; the Sewer District is 25 years old, time to start making a wish list, engineering firm might help, NY Rural Water will help with RFP at no charge in order to find an engineering firm to help with long-range plans because to get a grant, must have a plan, and to have a plan, must have an engineer. The stimulus money is gone; budget workshop is good to start dialogue and small problems are easier to resolve, just like the highways and roads. Jim Polverelli attended a workshop on asset management. Supervisor stated letter and map, request from Hildebrandt family to extend, about 400', a sewer line, MH81, to their new subdivision, which the maps do show and is inside the Sewer District. Highway Superintendent Jordan will pop the manhole and try to estimate, there is nothing in local law as to whose responsibility it is to extend. The District and the Town must be careful setting precedent; Supervisor will contact Attorney David Wukitsch. NYSDEC must be contacted in order to proceed. The location is off Baldwin Terrace, and across SR144.

Historian Clesson Bush reported: continuing to follow up on some items from last month's report. The Greene County Historical Society will be holding their 2011 Homes Tour in New Baltimore to honor the bicentennial; this event is usually held on the Saturday of Ag Fest but there is interest to move it to another weekend. Historian Bush stated, as planning for this event has begun, he wants the Board's opinion on scheduling.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer John Cashin summarized activities for the month of April: Building Inspections: 17; Building Permits Issued: 2; Certificates of Compliance Issued: 3; Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 4; Compliance Orders Issued: 4; Junk Vehicle Complaints: 1; New Building Permit Applications Received: 4; Code Violation Investigations: 3; Zoning Violation Investigations: 1; Application Fees for April, 2010 \$ 156.00; Total Fees for Year to Date \$2,386.96. Also, a representative from PESH, public entities division of OSHA, tested for lead and asbestos, sampling 3 spots, will respond with results, is concerned about the pull-down stairs to the attic and suggested permanent stairs if it would continue to be used for storage. John Cashin stated that Dist 3/Silver Lake Park water results will come back on Wednesday. Also, Code Enforcement Officer said that soft-wall blue pools that can hold over 24 inches of water, regardless of barrier, are required to have building permit and pool alarm. 3,800 drowning deaths in the USA, over 10/day, and drowning is the second leading cause for children under 14.

Assessor Gordon Bennett reported the 2010 Tentative Roll has been printed and is available for viewing. Grievance Day is Tuesday, May 25. The BoAR will be available from 12:00noon-3:00 pm and 7:00-9:00 pm. Ronald Hofaker has joined the BoAR. On May 6, Ellie Alfeld and Ron Hofaker attended the required training session in Catskill. Around the office, there have been problems with our computer failing and the arrival of a new unit is close. Ellie Alfeld asked about data collecting, Supervisor and Councilman Meredith confirmed that the data collection is done for this tax roll, a suggestion was made that the Code Enforcement Officer collect data for the Assessor. If final inspection for Certificate of Occupancy includes taking photos, it would save money, provide accurate records, and 2 employees would not be sent to same address. Also, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School is holding a special Board meeting to discuss the defeated school budget.

Agriculture Committee – Councilman Byas had no report. Alma Flegel attended May 6 meeting at Maggi Zacek's beautiful farm on the Hudson and discussed old-time farming and problems and refreshments; committee is on hiatus until September.

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For **Antique Agricultural and Machinery Festival/AgFest**, Rob VanEtten reported the insurance offers peace of mind, Spiderweb Farm, a silent auction. This Sunday, 9am, is set-up at the field. Twelve picnic tables will be delivered to the site by the Highway Department (one rental at District 2 Park), electricity has been turned on by Town Clerk, rentals of District 1/Wyche Park are frozen as the tables were taken from there.

Planning Board Chair Lee Davis reports for the Planning Board met on May 13, 2010, with the following business transacted:

- ...Public Hearing was held on the Minor Subdivision Application of Paul & Patricia Schiller for a three-lot subdivision on Route 9W.
- ...Public Hearing was held on the Minor Subdivision Application of Matthew & Donna Taormina for a two-lot subdivision on East Honey Hollow Road.

In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed:

- ...The Schiller Minor Subdivision was approved.
- ...The Taormina Minor Subdivision was approved.
- ...Received status report from Building Inspector John Cashin regarding J. B. Car Services Special Use Permit. Things are going very well.
- ...Came to agreement with the attorney for Holiday Inn Express and Gloede Sign Company representative with regard to the height of the Holiday Inn Express sign to be located on the Thruway side of motel.
- ...Received Minor Subdivision Application from Robert and Diane Scott for a two-lot subdivision of their property located on Route 81. Required Public Hearing scheduled for 7:30 pm, June 10.
- ...Received Minor Subdivision Application from James & Karen Nolan for a three-lot subdivision of their property located on Acquetuck Road. Required Public Hearing scheduled for 7:45 p.m., June 10.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Meave Tooher reported the Zoning Board of Appeals met on May 5, 2010, and heard the application of the New Baltimore Reformed Church for an Area Variance to allow for the placement of a ready-built storage shed on their property adjacent to the parsonage located at the corner of Route 144 and Church Street. Required Public Hearing has been scheduled for 7:30 pm, June 2.

Buildings and Grounds/Maintenance/Recycling Spencer Sebert reported changing the water filter, flushing out hot water heater, and changing filter for the vault. As Recycling Center Operator Spencer Sebert reported receipt of 1 water heater \$7.50; 24 60gallon bags of plastic, 8 55 gallon drums of cans; 44 bundles of magazines; 56 bags of newspapers; 8 bags of shredded paper; 25 boxes & bundles of cardboard, for total revenue of \$7.50.

The Town Clerk reported Greene County's Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on Saturday, June 26; promoted via the local churches; the Annual Town Roadside Cleanup was completed in May, with Highway department pickups at roadside on May 3 and 10. Only 45 bags were signed out at Town Hall, compared to 110 in 2009 and 99 in 2008. Thanks to all families who participated in this year's event. Thanks to Highway Department for picking up and Town Clerk for handling publicity and bag sign-up. Also, WNYT Earth Day Electronic and Room Air Conditioner Collection event, held at Taft Furniture on April 24, yielded twice the number of units as last year. Three individuals participated and a total of 18 units were recycled.

Animal Control Officer Joe Tanner had no report. Town Clerk asked if anyone knew the owner of a black lab with red collar. Answer: Cunningham's, across CR51. Councilman Norris said Joe Tanner is aware.

Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement Councilman Norris gave the May 18th Greene County EMS Report-a new EMS fly car was delivered and will be in service after the radio and emergency lights are installed. The unit is a 2010 Chevy Tahoe and replaces a 2004 Chevy that will be sold.

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On May 27th a study will be done on the County's 911 radio system, to see how the system is working and what is needed to update the equipment.

The town had 12 ALS calls in the month of March for a total of 26 year to date.

The Emergency Management Committee met on May 4th for the purpose of reviewing past and present procedures of the town's Emergency Management Plan and to make any adjustments or changes; Evaluated this past winter's snow storms and power outages, reviewed the ice rescue procedures on the Medway reservoir; Updated the notification listings and the E911 sign program. Councilman Norris spoke to Medway-Grapeville Chief Fava about Cocksackie Reservoir thin ice. Will borrow posthole digger to put up two poles and chain so access can be made off Jennings Road.

Cocksackie Reservoir

Supervisor read letters from Village of Cocksackie Mayor Mark Evans (on file) and Greene County Sheriff Greg Seeley (on file), who respectfully disagree on who will provide police services for the Cocksackie Reservoir, located between CR54 and Jennings Road and CR51 in the Town of New Baltimore.

Discussion ensued; no Board member moved to bring forward the resolution to authorize the Supervisor of the Town of New Baltimore to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement whereby the Village shall furnish police services on the reservoir owned by the Village. Councilman Byas reported having spoken to Board member Diane Ringwald this week, she is not in agreement with it, and the matter has not been brought up yet before their board. Councilman Byas spoke to the Assistant District Attorney to see if there have been any serious matters about it as the Town of New Baltimore is liable for them (Village of Cocksackie police) coming into our Town. Supervisor said having the Village police there presents no more liability to the Town of New Baltimore. Councilman Byas said that there are residents of the Town of New Baltimore in Scheller Park who would like to hook up to Village of Cocksackie water, and Mayor Evans is not inclined to without this agreement. The Assistant District Attorney will look into it. Councilman Byas does not feel the Town of New Baltimore needs it. Supervisor asked for a motion. None given.

Promotion/Economic Development/Grants Councilman Norris attended Empire Merchants open house along with many others from the Town; they are looking forward to working here in Town of Cocksackie and New Baltimore. Grant information is being sought.

Business Appreciation Breakfast-Councilman Norris reported that the fifth annual event is Wednesday, June 23, 8:30-10am at Water's Edge in New Baltimore; invitations are being mailed to all previously identified businesses and past Board members. With a grant from The Bank of Greene County, there is no charge to attendees. Town Clerk thanked Arlene McKeon for teaching mailmerge by phone.

For Parks, Councilman Byas reported. Town Clerk Brooks said the counselor applications were available, asked if any publicity was being done to see out applicants. The prior director worked in the Cocksackie-Athens School district.

RESOLUTION
MAY 24, 2010

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ASSISTANT SUMMER PARKS PROGRAM
DIRECTOR

RESOLVED, that **Antonia Campbell** is hereby appointed as the Summer Parks Program Assistant Director, at an annual salary of \$1200, payable in four installments of \$300 per week during the Summer Parks Program.

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Councilman Byas moved, seconded by Councilman Meredith. No discussion. The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Adopted

Newsletter/Web Site/Technology Councilwoman Finke reported a mid-June deadline for the Newsletter.

Senior Citizens' Committee Ellie Alfeld has not scheduled a meeting, has 8-9 members interested, no news on the bus, thinking of ideas for the group. Ellie also offered if anyone knew a veteran who needed help, to call her.

Personnel Supervisor reminded employees who are not time-keeping must have their hours in by end of June.

For Court, the Justices' grant covering meetingroom renovations was discussed; PESCH responded that the renovation is fine unless the room is used by children under the age of 6 for many hours of the day.

Farmers Market doing research for them on media used opening day, Saturday, June 12, 9am-12noon. Thanks were given to Nicole Anatriello, Access Safety, for donating changes to signs, Eagle Tool Associates for posthole diggers; there will be some Farmers' Market vendors at AgFest. There are 6 A-frame signs for the Farmers' Market.

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

Motion Carried Ayes- 5 Byas, Finke, Meredith, Norris, O'Rorke
 Nays- 0
 Absent-

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully,

Janet A. Brooks
Town Clerk