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Deputy Supervisor Chris Norris called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending: Councilwoman Finke, Councilmen Byas and Meredith, Highway Superintendent Jordan, Town Clerk Brooks, and 15 members of the public who signed the attendance sheet. Absent: Supervisor O'Rorke, who was on vacation.

Deputy Supervisor Norris welcomed all attending, stating it was his honor to be chairing the meeting in Supervisor's absence, and informed one individual that the public comment period occurs at the beginning of the Regular Meeting.

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Supervisor reported, going forward, that the committee chairs would now be responsible to reach out to their committees for reports, an act that Supervisor's Confidential Secretary has performed for the first 6 months of the year. Deputy Supervisor Norris asked for interest in a budget workshop- Councilwoman Finke reported sending Supervisor her request for July 26 at 6:30pm; Councilman Byas would like it held on a meeting night, before or after, but was sure he was away on the July 26. Deputy Supervisor Norris asked for 6:00pm on July 12 for Budget Workshop; all agreed. Town Clerk Brooks reminded the Board of the need to sign vouchers on that night. Deputy Supervisor Norris heard the suggestion of a budget workshop in the community, open forum.

For Agriculture Committee, Councilman Byas had no report.

Greene County Legislator Jim VanSlyke was not present.

Town Clerk Brooks asked to report a very successful turnout of New Baltimore residents at June 26 Greene County Household Hazardous Waste Collection event at the Athens Highway Garage, according to Bob VanValkenburg, Greene County Deputy Highway Superintendent.

Reporting her receipts for the month of May: Certificate of Occupancy searches 4- \$60; building permits 8- \$1,097.33; conservation fees 7- \$9.43; dog licenses 11- \$69.58; lots created by minor subdivisions 6- \$180.00; certified copy 1- \$10.00; park permits 8- \$200.00; beer permit 1- \$20.00. Total to Supervisor \$1,663.84; to County Treasurer for dog licenses \$12.92; to NYS Department of Health for marriages \$22.50; to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for conservation fees \$161.57.

Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan reported for the month of May 15-June 22: Replaced King pins in 1985 International 10 wheeler; Installed 36"x40' culvert pipe on Alcove Road; Installed 5 culvert pipes on East Honey Hollow Road; Picked up forks from Nortrax for loader; Cleaned beaver dams from culvert pipe on West Deans Mill Road; Mowed and weedeated cemeteries; Patched dirt roads with crusher run; Washed and greased trucks; Hand patched roads with blacktop; Took backhoe to sewer plant and lifted part onto flatbed; Took backhoe to sewer plant and set part back into place; Blacktopped crossings where we installed culvert pipes; Moved picnic tables for AgFest and returned after; Installed NO PARKING on Old State Road; Installed NO UNAUTHORIZED MOTOR VEHICLES signs at Town parks; Took garbage to Cossackie transfer from AgFest; Installed 12" x 40' culvert on Alcove Road; June 10 and 11 paved Alcove Road; Fixed driveways on Alcove Road after paving; Mowed and weedeated around town garage and old barn; Mowed road sides; Brought 4 orange cones to Town Hall for Farmers' Market; Moved 2 picnic tables from District 3/Silver Lake to District 1/Wyche Park for a rental. NOTE: We really don't have the extra time to continue this practice, if someone needs more tables than are at the park then they will have to bring their own.

Deputy Supervisor Norris asked whether there was a known policy about moving tables. Councilman Byas said until this year, between town parks and AgFest, has been up in the

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air. Deputy Supervisor Norris thought the main issue was the time needed to accomplish the task, if they knew with more notice. Clerk Brooks felt that the check-off for "party of over 50" on park permit application originated from this problem. Highway Superintendent Jordan asked for 1 week's notice, no "same day" service, and to have added to the park permit application- "need 7 day notice to add tables". Deputy Supervisor Norris asked where permits come from - Clerk Brooks answered mostly from the website. District 3 has an upcoming church event- is still possible to get additional tables for it.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator Jim Polverelli reported processing 736,095 gallons in May; cleaned grit chamber; pumped 2489 gallons sludge to bed #1; removed auger for repair; New York Rural Water Association in to inspect manholes for infiltration and inflow; and inspected 9 on Mill Street. Councilman Byas asked that he didn't report about the pump coming back after repair. Clerk Brooks reminded that this is a May report.

Historian Clesson Bush reported for June 28: had an exhibit at the Ag Fest on the history of farming in New Baltimore, talked to a number of people on historic topics, and submitted an article for the next edition of the newsletter. He did some research for a local resident; there may have been a school on their Medway site in the 1850's. He has been asked about Bicentennial Committee- Cless personally thanked Joyce Schoenig and her husband for their special efforts, particularly their great work on the barn dance held at Ted Hilscher's. Greene County Historical Society's annual homes tour will be in New Baltimore in 2011, they agreed to a different weekend from AgFest, and Cless asked suggestions be made to him at 756-9268.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer John Cashin summarized activities for the month of activities for May, 2010, is as follows: Building Inspections: 19; Building Permits Issued: 4; Building Permits Renewed: 3; Certificates of Compliance Issued: 1; Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 3; Court Appearances: 1; Junk Vehicle Complaints: 1; New Building Permit Applications Received: 3; Pool Permit Applications Received: 2; Pool Permits Issued: 2; Sign Permit Applications: 1; Sign Permit Issued: 1; Code Violation Investigations: 2; Zoning Violation Investigations: 2; Application Fees for May \$1,097.33; Total Fees for Year to Date \$3,484.29.

Assessor Gordon Bennett reported: Grievance Day was held on Tuesday, May 25; the BAR heard and/or reviewed 22 claims. Final Roll 2010: a CD of our property data records has been submitted to nexxlinks for publishing of the final roll. Around the office: our new computer has arrived and is working well. Deputy Supervisor Norris added the Assessment Committee is proposing that, moving forward, the code enforcement officer/building inspector collect data at the building permit's final inspection, and could include photo. Deputy Supervisor Norris asked for meeting with Councilman Byas and Building Inspector Cashin in July to see how the sole building/code enforcement officer role is working. Councilman Byas asked how long there had been just one; Deputy Supervisor Norris said 6 months, since January 1, 2010.

Agriculture Committee -Alma Flegel reported that Ag Comm and AgFest Committee are off for the summer for obvious reasons.[laughter] and would pick up in September. The response to Antique Agricultural and Machinery Festival/AgFest was excellent, Alma conveyed thanks the Town for doing all the things that the Town does to assist; there was no rain on Saturday.

Planning Board Chair Lee Davis reports for the Month of June 28, 2010: The Planning Board met on June 10, 2010, and conducted the following business: ...Public Hearing was held on the Minor Subdivision Application of Robert & Diane Scott for a two-lot subdivision on Route 81....Public Hearing was held on the Minor Subdivision Application of James & Karen Nolan for a three-lot subdivision on Acquetuck Road.

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In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed: ...The Scott subdivision was approved. ...The Nolan subdivision was approved....Received a status report from Building Inspector Cashin regarding J. B. Car Services Special Use Permit. Board then moved to extend the Special Use Permit through the end of the year...Received Minor Subdivision Application for a two-lot subdivision of property owned by the Estate of Homer Palmer, Ronald and Nancy Palmer located on Featherbed Lane. Required Public Hearing was scheduled for 7:30 p.m., July 8, 2010.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Meave Tooher reported for the month of June: the Zoning Board of Appeals met on June 2, 2010, with the following business transacted; public hearing was held on the New Baltimore Reformed Church Area Variance application to allow placement of a ready built storage shed on their property adjacent to the parsonage located at the corner of State Route 144 and Church Street. In the Regular monthly Meeting that followed the Area Variance was approved for the Reformed Church, the Board prepared report to the Town Board on the effect of the new zoning regulations had on the work of the Board. Following the conclusion of the meeting the Board received the required Violence in the Workplace training.

Buildings and Grounds/Maintenance Spencer Sebert reported receiving 2 appliances, 5 tires, 6 vehicle batteries, 24 60gallon bags of plastic, 8 55gallon drums of cans and aluminum, 53 bundles of magazines and phone books, 60 bags and bundles of newspaper, 9 bags of shredded paper, 38 boxes and bundles of cardboard, and 9 tires from the Highway Department, for a total revenue of \$25.00.

Deputy Supervisor Norris asked a question brought to his attention; if Spencer were sick who would replace him? Highway Superintendent Jordan said a member of the Highway crew, but no back up is available if it were on Saturday. Deputy Supervisor Norris, Councilwoman Finke, and Councilman Byas commented on his reliability and devotion to job.

Councilman Byas asked to discuss the two quotes he received toward a renovation bringing the room to where it was when the last class graduated in 1961: Greg Backus- \$17,887; Scott Purdy- \$9,500; he thought Justice Cosenza's original price was \$7,500 but he never had the paperwork. Deputy Supervisor Norris said this information was new to him tonight and asked for copies for himself and the Board. Councilman Byas said this was a lump sum bid but that the contractor was willing to itemize the bid, measuring the walls, 6 foot high in corners and 4 foot high on sides, including piece under chalkboard. Councilman Byas feels comfortable with Purdy's price but he is willing to come up and go over it. Windows will stay but receive new sashes/ropes, extend jams 1-1.5 inches due to thicker walls, new windowsills (see handwritten quote). Councilman Byas added that if the electric was to be brought up to Code, they'd have to talk to Code Enforcement Officer Cashin. Both contractors said they could work within the timeline; Councilman Byas wants to see the original grant for the wording and the dates. September 1, said Councilman Byas, is what we are saying. Deputy Supervisor Norris asked to table as this was new to him; Councilman Byas said he'd just gotten it today at 4pm. Councilman Byas wanted to approach the grant, saving on the parking lot, wants to roll \$3,500 into this, and to put in an extension on that also. Clesson Bush contributed that since there was no resolution yet, that a motion to table was unnecessary. Ellie Alfeld asked if there was insulation mentioned; Councilman Byas said zero, rather to get everything sealed up on the inside and do it on the outside, Scott Purdy and Gregg Backus. Bernie Jones asked if wainscoting means boards or paneling, Councilman Byas said ¾" x 6" boards. Frank McCarty asked would they run into problem blowing insulation in from outside, with the sash weights; Councilman Byas said if the box hasn't been removed it won't be a problem, and insulation will be part of another plan because doing it from outside would require aluminum siding be pulled off, if there was extra money in the grant left over. Lisa Benway asked for Justice Cosenza's contractor name- Blue Grey Construction- and that total was \$7300. Ellie suggested itemized list from all three so everyone can compare.

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Animal Control Officer Joe Tanner reported traveling 402 miles for the last 2 months, 16 dogs complaints, 10 cat complaints, and 2 farm animal complaints; six complaints in a 24- hour period on a couple dogs. [Clerk Brooks asked for the report to be read as Joe Tanner had done a good job of delivering the law regarding the dogs; it was beneficial for people to know.] The dogs were just up the road barking and roaming, so went to the owner and delivered the Town law on dogs and underlined the barking dog section and the dogs to be under control so there was no telling me in the future she did not know. How did it work? Well, it slowed to one complaint when their dog got loose. I have a couple of cat complaints that we have to start thinking about if the board still wants me to pick cats up because I have no place else that will take them for free and that means it can get costly if I have to bring them to the shelter. When I get a call about cats, figure around 6 to 18 cats I have to pick up, big problem, they are wild; even as kittens nobody wants them for a house pet; farms, yes, but I have worn my welcome out on most. I say this so you have one more thing to think about. I have my traps loaned out now and a waiting list; on that note nothing else has changed. Thank you.

Councilman Byas said there was an association in Hudson that took them for free years ago. Ellie Alfeld said they are very full. Deputy Supervisor Norris called Columbia-Greene Humane Society. Clerk Brooks said Whiskers, Albany, is concerned for the time of year in finding homes for adult cats. Arlene McKeon commented: get a lot of people involved. Councilman Byas said maybe Joe needed a separate shelter for them, but he'd only just heard about it, reading this.

Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement Councilman Norris reported the Town of Coxsackie's Ambulance Chief Leon Rice will be resigning effective July 31; the Town is looking for a replacement and has posted the information on their web site:

The Town of Coxsackie is accepting applications for the position of Chief of Emergency Medical Services. Position is full-time, competitive civil service. Interested candidates should send resume to the Town of Coxsackie, PO Box 135, Coxsackie, NY 12051. Application period ends at the close of business on Tuesday, July 6. Job description may be requested from the Town Clerk's Office, or download here.

Deputy Supervisor Norris read his comments, I would just like to say that Chief Rice was very instrumental in helping me startup and implement the E911 sign program. Through his efforts we were able to come up with a design plan that was effective and inexpensive. He also was part of the reorganization of the Coxsackie Ambulance service from a volunteer organization to a professional one. I know that I miss working with Leon and wish him the very best.

Emergency Management Officer Alan VanWormer announces that the Town of New Baltimore is in compliance, he has completed his NIMCAST, and he must complete 4 more training exercises, IS701-4. Officer VanWormer is asking for Town time, taking rainy days, to complete his requirements; Highway Superintendent Jordan has no issue, classes are online but must go home to do as the Highway Garage has no internet. Deputy Supervisor Norris thought 2-3 hours to do each section, has no issue, nor did Councilman Meredith, Byas or Councilwoman Finke. Councilwoman Finke felt if a resolution were needed it could be accomplished at the Regular Meeting in July.

For Parks, Councilman Byas reported Kirk Trombley is going on vacation; inspections are needed on July 2, 9 and 10, and he said he would inspect on the 11th as that is his family party. Councilman Byas will find fill-ins. Councilman Meredith asked Councilman Byas for a couple of new tables each year; Councilman Byas said 2-3 are gotten from Boy Scouts every year. Deputy Supervisor Norris suggested getting 2 tables for each park, for a total of 8, so moving would not be necessary. Councilman Byas will find out how many hours Boy Scouts need to make them, and cannot guarantee 6 new tables, but he will get a couple done.

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- Assistant Summer Parks Program Director.

**RESOLUTION
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**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ASSISTANT SUMMER PARKS PROGRAM
DIRECTOR**

RESOLVED, that Leah Leonard is hereby appointed as the Summer Parks Program Assistant Director, at an annual salary of \$1,650, payable in four installments of \$275 per week during the Summer Parks Program.

Councilman Byas moved, seconded by Councilman Meredith. Deputy Supervisor Norris asked if she was interviewed; Councilman Byas said three were interviewed, Riley, Lisa Maurer, and Cassie Fortney, and they will go together to meet with Greene County Youth Bureau Director Theresa McGee Ward on June 30. 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-ABSENT	

Adopted

Promotion/Economic Development/Grants /Business Breakfast-Councilman Norris hosted 47 at Business Appreciation Breakfast on Wednesday, June 23, 8:30-10am at Water's Edge in New Baltimore; invitations were mailed to all previously identified businesses and past Board members. With a grant from The Bank of Greene County, there was no charge to attendees. Central Hudson, IDA, various business owners, County Clerk, Greene County Sheriff all spoke. Three persons asked about the start-up of the Economic Development Committee. Towns of Greenville and Coxsackie use the same grantwriter, estimated price for such is \$5000 to be paid up front. One project that could be addressed in a grant is the 25year old Wastewater Treatment Plant. Central Hudson spokesperson said up to 4 air conditioners could be brought to Kingston Sears for \$50 rebate each; they will pick up old freezers. Member of the public was unsuccessful, will watch for the Newsletter article for helpful information.

Newsletter/Web Site/Technology Councilwoman Finke has a couple of articles, she and Councilman Meredith are heading for vacation, target date will be asap when they return. Greene County Sheriff's dog graduated and there will be an article. Also, Bicentennial, history, seniors will be articles. Councilman Meredith reported on website, ITS suggested a training class, will check with the clerk, learn how to deal with the website, suggested making the changes at the training. Deputy Supervisor Norris asked where training will take place; unsure, but Councilwoman Finke said Councilman Meredith, herself and clerk.

Regarding the Greene County Clerk and veterans' ID cards, Ted Flegel said in about 5 minutes it is done, and discounts are available from many vendors. Ellie Alfeld suggested leaving a master copy here at Town Hall. A certified copy of the DD214 can be thereafter issued.

Personnel- Councilman Meredith said the July Board meeting will include a resolution on retirement reporting; full-time elected 6 hour day, full-time appointed 7 hour day. The revised Ethics Policy has been properly filed and the employees will be split for training, also ready for distribution at Town Board in July, then must be formatted for Town Code Book, employees must update that section of their Code Books.

Insurance -- no report.

Town Courts- no report.

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Bicentennial Committee- was covered under Town Historian report.

Farmers Market liason Councilman Norris reported for June: the first day of the New Baltimore Farmers' Market was June 12 with 4 vendors and the market table up and running. That first day the market saw 60 customers come and buy items such as honey, handmade soaps, jams and some vegetables. As was the case last year it rained on market day, but we found out immediately that the move to District 2/Cecil C Hallock Park was the right one. There were no puddles of water and no MUD! The feedback on the new location has been very positive.

The second week the market had 5 vendors and 100 customers that come out on a very nice sunny day and enjoyed freshly-made food from Pegasus Restaurant.

This past Saturday the market had 6 vendors adding Otter Creek Farms selling organically grow vegetables and saw 89 customers.

Next week the Market will be adding Raven Roost Farm selling wool, eggs and herbs and the New Baltimore Reformed Church selling fresh baked goods and there will be a band. Please come out and support your Farmers' Market; a band will be playing next week and the website has been updated.

Town Clerk Brooks asked about the timing of rentals to follow the Farmers' Market on Saturdays; Councilman Norris said 1:30 pm would be fine.

Seniors had no report.

Regarding Public Memorial Committee, Councilman Byas, Clesson Bush, Clerk Brooks are on the committee.

With no more from the Town Board or the public, Councilman Finke moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Meredith

Motion Carried Ayes- 4 Byas, Finke, Meredith, Norris,
 Nays- 0
 Absent 1- O'Rorke

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully,

Janet A. Brooks
Town Clerk