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**COUNTY OF GREENE
TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2011
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Opening of Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law 1 of 2011, Sewer Use Charges

Supervisor opened the Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law 1 of 2011, A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING SEWER USE CHARGES FOR NEW BALTIMORE SEWER DISTRICT #1, at 7:30pm. In attendance: Councilwoman Finke, Councilmen Byas, Meredith and Norris, Town Clerk Brooks, and 13 members of the public who signed attendance sheet. Absent: Highway Superintendent Jordan.

Supervisor added that the process of setting the rate begins with the budget work done for the 2011 Final Budget for the Town of New Baltimore. The Sewer District has a mandatory retirement contribution increase of \$1,453, unexpected major repairs to the two pumps at Pump Station, and replacement of smaller pumps at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There is an \$800 increase for Treatment and Disposal and \$2,000 for Capital Expenditures, resulting in a total increase from 2010 to 2011 of \$4,241 for the Sewer District, a 3.5% increase or \$21.20 for a single family home. Supervisor opened the public hearing.

Jeff Russo asked about the recent article in the Daily Mail about Cairo and reporting \$30,000 in arrears in Town of New Baltimore. Supervisor answered that Sewer District #1's \$48,000 Fund Balance offsets that arrears (so the Sewer District does not have to borrow from the General Fund), the Town is made whole by the county, and it is relieved on the tax bill. Jeff Russo asked why people pay late; Supervisor said speculation that by it appearing on tax bill, a mortgage escrow pays the outstanding bill.

Hearing no more from the public, Supervisor asked Wastewater Committee Member Councilman Byas for comment, hearing none, **Councilman Norris moved and Councilman Meredith seconded** to close the public hearing. The adoption of the motion was duly put to a vote, and the vote was as follows:

VOTE: **BYAS-AYE** **FINKE-AYE** **MEREDITH-AYE**
 NORRIS-AYE **O'RORKE-AYE**

Motion Carried

The public hearing was closed at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully,

Janet A. Brooks
Town Clerk