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**OPENING OF MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by Supervisor Susan O'Rorke and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance: Councilwoman Finke, Councilmen Byas and Norris, Town Clerk Brooks and 14 members of public who signed attendance sheet. Absent: Councilman Meredith, Highway Superintendent Jordan.

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• **Coxsackie-Athens Central School District**

Interim School District Superintendent Annemarie Barkman, in office as of January 2011, began this budget process by goal- and value-setting; the school board set a goal to come in at 3% or less tax levy increase, classroom staffing as their principal goal and having set target class sizes. Each vacancy or retirement is analyzed for possible part-time replacement or not at all. Public information exchange was followed by incentive-izing retirement. A teaching assistant brought forth an innovative lower-cost option to substitutes. Three budget workshops gave public opportunity and posted results of same. 95% of "rocks" are personnel or 78% of tax levy. Could have been more devastating, but final state aid decrease was \$261,000; \$120,000 will come from reserve funds. Payments were made from tax certiorari (sur-she-airy), and retirement fund was depleted last year, and was in deficit. The fund balance cannot anticipate every single thing; used \$75,000 to meet the '3% or less' goal. The final cuts, based on enrollments, were 4 teaching assistants, 2 teacher aids, 1 clerk/typist, 8.92 teachers, and 1 administrator. The impact of this 2.92% is a \$66.02 per year, or \$5.50 per month on a \$100,000 home. Depending on STAR, there could be a shift. Budget vote is Tuesday, May 17, for \$25,088,985; six candidates/3 incumbents are running for 3 seats. Lesley Copleston, Chief Financial Officer, prepared.

Councilwoman Finke asked how many Town of New Baltimore students attend; answer: unknown; Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School reports 135 students from Town of New Baltimore; number was determined by their out-of-county address. Councilman Norris asked for enrollment trend; answer: a decrease of 10-15 students/year. Supervisor asked for projected enrollment; Leslie Copleston answered that a prior study projected slight increase, fairly level. Of staffing cut, 16.92 FTE, 3.5 were due to attrition. Small union concessions; teacher aids gave concessions. Approximately seventy-five home-schooled of the total district enrollment in 2010-11 (1543). Arlene McKeon asked, regarding transportation, if bus runs have been cut; district has a First Student contract with four regular runs, 2 elementary and secondary; secondary students can take 2:30pm or the later K-12 bus run. Detention bus will run 1 time week. Diane Louis asked for list of administrators; superintendent, chief financial officer, curriculum, principal in each building, director of special education, assistant principal/athletic director.

Rich Guthrie, regarding shared resources, with our 3 school districts, has C-A looked at opportunity to share resources; yes, Ms. Barkman works with Greenville, Catskill, Durham and Windham-Ashland; purchasing through Questar BOCES, sharing busing with various districts for runs; many discussions, looking for openings, and other districts are in tune with management of curriculum.

Ellie Alfeld asked are children bused to private schools in Albany; answer: within 15 mile radius there is only Grapeville Christian Academy.

Rich Guthrie asked how does bus contractor purchase fuel; fuel is bought tax-free by state contract.

Arlene McKeon asked the special education rate; answer: under 10%, it can change.

Alta Turner asked district's view for services for autism; answer: change in 'autism spectrum' at high functioning end, years ago child would have been self-contained with severely impaired. Currently, 4 are sent out-of-district.

Supervisor reminded the Board that RCS is talking with HVCC; she asked RCS to work with ColGreene and asked what C-A does; answer: newer BOCES cooperatives offer college credit, C-A would prefer ColGreene where summer tuition is the same as fall and spring rates, wished they could offer more, and where could it be offered. Legislator VanSlyke feels ColGreene could be more aggressive, overcome costs, HVCC costs 1/3

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more for Greene County students due to the maintenance cost incurred. HVCC's summer tuition offer is a big issue for junior/seniors. For Advanced Regents diploma, by taking US History in summer, students have more room in schedule.

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Supervisor reported will be attending NYS Comptroller's school in two weeks. She met with local village mayors and town supervisors regarding shared services (infrastructure, wastewater treatment, potable water), will meet again in several weeks; NYS Department of State is coming out with next round of government efficiency grants; NYSDOS was interested as they have not worked on towns and villages in different counties..

Annual reviews of tax collector, town clerk and town court will be performed on Wednesday. Microfilm reader in conference room, purchased about 15 years, not used frequently, contacted Greene County Clerk who does not have one; he'd be thrilled to have, and could be used by Town of New Baltimore's staff. With little use, maintenance cost seems higher. Councilman Byas asked if there would be a charge for copies? County Clerk does not have. Councilman Byas asked that New Baltimore residents would get free copies; Supervisor reviewed that search resulting in copies are charged at \$.25/copy, not available to the public. Town Attorney approved. Kingsley Greene said he previously gave Vedder Memorial Library a microfilm reader.

From the Regular Meeting's discussion, Attorney has drawn up (privately-owned) Chestnut Lawn Cemetery Inter-municipal Agreement. The Town maintains 7 cemeteries now; NYS has enacted a law allowing towns to enter these agreements before a cemetery becomes defunct. If gravel is donated or purchased at great price, they ask Town Highway crew to deliver, 4 or 5 trips, Denis Jordan asked for during his slow time, right now, and there would be no additional cost on the budget. A five-year contract is recommended by attorney, can be amended by the Board. Councilwoman Finke is seeing this for the first time. Tabled to Board meeting. Ellie Alfeld asked what reason would be given to cancel contract; answer: no reason is needed.

County Legislator VanSlyke reported the county's misunderstanding of the Youth Fund grant was based on thinking it was paid for this year; approval is expected in May. A new local law is of interest to someone behind in taxes; previously prior year must be paid first. This law will allow you to pay current year, and prior year in 4 installments. Legislature has seen a rise in rate of back taxes. Another new law will relate to funeral-related events; public hearing third Wednesday of May. Fees will be eliminated for electronics at recycling centers. Legislature has a contract for Household Waste Collection Event. A contract is approved with Santos Associates to survey Maurer property, evictions will be shortcoming; property will not be occupied without taxes being paid. Will go before the Planning Board, try to subdivide, make the trailer on road into a lot, parcels 'cut out' that are not build-able; there are 20 acres that will be build-able and sale-able. Five or 6 acres have had trash for a long time but no petroleum contaminants. Central Hudson or Social Services may be able to help find names of the residents. Councilman Byas thought there was only one mobile home. Arlene McKeon commented with school-age children the school may assist.

Councilwoman Finke asked if Youth Grant money is for this year or last; this year, the amount needed for Zoom Flume, Bouncey Bounce and climbing wall \$1200. Councilman Byas said Margaret Fortman sent him a memo that there was no state aid coming; Legislator VanSlyke said no budget had been passed yet; all monies have been budgeted. Terri McGee Ward knew, when the budget was passed, but at that time didn't know what the criteria would be.

Rich Guthrie heard that a Water Park agreement had been penned; answer: no, not signed or in front of legislature, and still in negotiations. Ellie Alfeld asked if Maurer land would be auctioned; yes, July.

Greene County is absorbing college chargeback tab over 5 years; next year will be 40%; Supervisor has asked for an estimate of that amount in September for work on budget.

Town Clerk Brooks reported sign permit 1-\$10.00, building permits 3-\$153.40; septic tank replacement 1-\$40.00; c of o search 1-\$15.00; dog licenses 29-\$198.00; marriage licenses 2-\$35.00; beer permit 2-\$40.00; park permits 2-\$50.00; certified copies 4-

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\$90.00; photocopies 6-\$1.50, for local revenue of \$632.90, state and county revenue \$82.00. Received new OCR disk on March 18, includes: local laws (1987-2001), resolutions (1989-2004), Town Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board minutes (2010). Thanks to Marjorie Loux for her completed board minutes and to Diane Jordan for assembling the carton in a manner to reduce cost to the town. March 18 is the anniversary of the completion of the records project (2010). The annual civil service report with quarterly payroll is complete; some information dated to 1998. In Highway Superintendent Jordan's absence, annual roadside cleanup has begun, involving churches, New Baltimore Conservancy. Sales of the Marine License has been suspended by act of Governor; June 1 registry with have no fee, signup to monitor migratory species. Clerk Brooks delivered the Memorial Committee folder to Councilman Byas. Supervisor asked if it included the bank account; Clerk Brooks said yes, pinned on the top with change of signature card. Councilman Byas asked if it included county and state roads; answer: yes.

Highway Superintendent Jordan reports Highway Report March 28 to April 28: Took sander off F550; Cleaned ditch on Mill Street by Cornell Park; Patched dirt roads with crusher run; Patched holes with winter mix; Completed street sign inventory (2013 will require sign changeover), Federal regulations require larger signs; Marked dead trees to be cut along roads; Met with Central Hudson at Town Garage for a lighting audit; Cleaned up lawns where plows left dirt and debris; Cleaned beaver dam from culvert pipe on West Deans Mill Road; Replaced 2 30mph signs on Deans Mill Road; Repaired plow frame on 93 International; Cleaned up debris in parks and cemeteries; Removed floor mat in John Deere Loader cleaned beneath and reinstalled; Repaired washouts on School Hill Road; Cleaned ditches on Haas Hill Road; Cut dead trees along roads with help from county bucket truck; Serviced 85 International 10 wheeler; Serviced 96 10 wheeler; Replaced stop ahead sign on Roberts Hill Road; Hauled crusher run from Callanan for patching dirt roads.

Councilman Byas asked what will be done with CR51 and CR54; to change back to the way it was, a dangerous situation, the stop sign should be on CR51, coming from the Town Garage. Legislator VanSlyke said it was not a stop sign on CR51, since it is a through road. Councilman Byas asked who had the right (of way) there: answer: CR51 does. Legislator VanSlyke asked for the lines after the stop sign was placed. Roundabout?

Councilman Norris recommends to the Board to pave the Town Hall parking lot; all fire companies have paved lots. Supervisor said tough for workers and visitors at Town Hall, when was cost looked at last? Could the Court get a grant for that? New section was made 3 years ago. Ellie suggested more crusher run. Rich Guthrie recommends curbing around the garden in front; Supervisor said parking lot becomes very full on court nights. Supervisor hoped to discuss 284 agreement revision, Superintendent Jordan doesn't have the information he requested; at May Board meeting revision of 284 with costs. State CHIPS funds are to be used for permanent improvements, not stone and oil.

A quote was received from Central Hudson, willing to do light upgrades for free, sent contract to David Wukitsch for review, thought it was a good deal. Central Hudson pays for part and gets a grant for part; we are agreeing to provide all paperwork Central Hudson needs. Councilman Norris said NYSEERDA grant was not close. Central Hudson also predicted savings on electrical costs. Councilman Norris said NYSEERDA had recommended reaching out to Central Hudson. Rich Guthrie asked to team with Central Hudson to inventory the Lighting Districts; have technologies come far enough? Councilman Byas said 2 years ago they said they can do 10% per year in replacement of spent bulbs. Supervisor recommended review of Wastewater Treatment Plant and Town Hall; Councilman Byas said those reviews were done, may have workup sheets to show what bulbs are there. Supervisor said this summer they talked about 50% savings under a new program. Councilman Norris asked wasn't savings close to \$1000 (see estimate). Highway is at top load of electrical use.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator Jim Polverelli reports processing 1,910,295 gallons, rotor #2 tripped off, reset ok; high flow, wet weather mode; heavy rain and high flow; removed and cleaned RAS pump; with Town Board approval of Scott Alarm, installed generator alarm at pump station; met with NYS Rural Water Association to work on RFP, Request for Proposal. Mr. Polverelli has had difficult weeks with pit and pump; pump displayed warning light and, before they could pull that, the other pump

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ceased and Lou (Betke) went right into the pit. Other pump was reinstalled, wouldn't attach to wall, brackets have worn causing seals to break. Greene County Septic and Emmons Pump hazmat team both came. Pumps require complete servicing. Supervisor thanked Jim and Lou for all their work. Councilman Byas said two different seals. Supervisor said she believed the seal did not hold because it didn't fit on the bracket right. Councilman Byas said it was on the outside, not what he had repaired on the pumps when he was involved. Clerk Brooks thanked Jim for his help consolidating files. Supervisor thanked the Clerk's office for the research done for the RFP. Regarding a cell phone, a government contract without taxes, Councilman Norris said Verizon charges \$24.99/phone with 400 minutes was found; Councilman Byas has been out of town everyday and hasn't had a chance to look at the cell phones, and didn't Jim have a beeper? Councilwoman Finke suggested a TracFone. Supervisor said building inspector was also looking for a cell phone. Councilman Byas thought they'd be on state bid and could be grouped together to share minutes. Clerk Brooks said the reception is difficult there. Councilman Norris said Jim would have to go to his home to make phone calls, with a cell he would find service; the pump station's phone is in the room with the generator. Councilman Byas will look into more options and report at Regular Meeting in May; he thinks he'll have some time this week.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Raymond Blaisdell summarized activities for March 2011, as follows: Building Inspections:17; Building Permits Issued:1; Building Permits Renewed: 3; Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 3; Do Not Occupy: 1; Junk Vehicle Complaints: 2; Miscellaneous Complaint Investigations: 3; Septic Tank Replacement Applications Received: 1; Septic Tank Replacement Permits Issued: 1; Sign Permit Applications: 1; Code Violation Investigations: 5; Application Fees for March, 2011 - \$218.40; Total Fees for Year to Date: - \$779.45. Ray has 2 more classes.

Assessment Assessor Gordon Bennett reported Valuation Tentative Roll Schedule 2011: We will be submitting the data for the Tentative Tax Roll in the next few days. The following dates are published: May 3 and 10, 9am-1pm and 5-9 pm on the 6 for review of the Tentative Roll and informal meetings. Grievance Day is set for May 24. The BAR will be available from 3:00 - 5:00 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm. The Training Session for Bar Members will be held Thursday, May 5 in Catskill. This year Ken Rebusmen is required to attend; for the remaining members, attendance is optional.

Ellie Alfeld said Sunday's Times Union Advocate column told of some 60 seniors missing the March 1 filing date, praised Clerk Fisk's efforts to inform the seniors. Supervisor asked for website to show Grievance Day. Councilman Byas asked to look at revaluation- will look into it, thought Supervisor and Councilman Meredith would meet with Assessor. Supervisor said it is expensive, possible in 2015, other towns are scheduled, can come and talk to Board. Councilman Byas said it is a can of worms, we're way over assessed. Supervisor reminded it is expensive, not everyone's assessment goes down, possible nightmare, and new issue with grievances. Councilman Byas said someone has to cut back, it isn't right. Ellie Alfeld expressed some are over-assessed, when assessments go down, the real estate agents say a lower price to sell; when assessments drop the rates have to go up to meet the costs of government. Supervisor offered to invite Assessor to next Board meeting to explain. Councilman Byas said he doesn't want to bend or to listen.

Agriculture Committee liaison Councilman Norris reported a joint meeting with the Farmers' Market was held on April 7 at 6:30pm at Town Hall. The Kriel Farm event is August 20, planning is ongoing; it will be a fund raiser for the Farmers' Market and will be held rain or shine. The last meeting of the Ag Committee until the Fall, will be May 5 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall.

Farmers' Market has received a \$250 grant from Bank of Greene County, seeking volunteers for Citizens' Committee (this committee helps out with the market table and fund raising); Carla Flegel has prepared an emergency plan; first day at Cecil C. Hallock Park is Saturday, June 11, 9-12 noon, and 5 vendors at AgFest on June 4. Farmers' Next meeting is May 5 at 7:30pm at Town Hall.

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Ag Fest Committee Councilman Byas reported the committee is getting ready to raise donations for new AgFest. Kathy Rundberg said Committee will be soliciting businesses for the Silent Auction. Kingsley Greene filled out application for tractor pull and Supervisor is processing.

Planning Board Chair Kathleen Rundberg reported for April 25, 2011: The Planning Board met on April 14, 2011, with six Planning Board Members in attendance. Also in attendance was Councilwoman Barbara Finke. The following business was transacted: Individual was present to discuss proposed two-lot subdivision for Town property owner. Discussion could not go forward since applicant's representative did not have the required notarized letter of authorization from the property owner to represent her before the Board. Following meeting adjournment and departure of the Board Member, another Town resident who was on the agenda, arrived still wishing to discuss possible Commercial uses of his property even though the Board Members were no longer present. I advised him that I could not hold a discussion on the matter without the other Board Members present and that he would have to come to the May 12 Board Meeting for the discussion to be held.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Meave Tooher reported no meeting on April 6 as there were no applications to come before the Board. Supervisor asked, regarding quarterly meetings, the new Board Chair wished to be firmly on her feet first.

Buildings and Grounds/Recycling Councilman Byas reported that Spencer has done work on air conditioners, replaced Plexiglas with glass. Greene County has scheduled its Household Hazardous Waste Day for Saturday, June 25. Regarding Jen Kuder's maternity leave, Councilman Byas didn't know about it and will inquire. Councilman Norris asked who came in when she's gone on vacation; answer: Brad Jourdin. Councilman Byas thought community service, but not for six month. Supervisor has heard May, June; Councilwoman Finke said May. Supervisor received message from SafeHome that someone must run through and reset all alarm codes with alarm on; notices with contact info in Councilmen Byas and Meredith's mail pockets. US Postal Service Delmar postmaster phoned; some post offices, including Hannacroix and Climax, are being considered for closure; the use of the Town Hall for a community meeting was requested for May 16 and 19, page 2 is missing (insurance requirement). Supervisor suggests waive fee. Councilwoman Finke asked if he'd looked at other places; Supervisor said he thought the location here was appropriate. Councilman Byas said Climax was not in New Baltimore, correct. Ellie said difficult to comprehend, rural carriers coverage with both Hannacroix and Climax. Supervisor said Postal Service is looking at post offices with no permanent postmaster and he wanted input from New Baltimore businesses, felt a good use of Town Hall, would the Board allow the Post Office to use the building on those nights. Prior postmistress in Hannacroix retired in late summer. Councilman Byas asked whether to charge; Supervisor recommends waiver as benefit to town residents. Councilwoman Finke said in future that they get to Board members before the Board meeting, Supervisor said it all just happened; Councilwoman Finke said maybe their dates need to be changed then, delay it a week, not sure that the Board has enough time to take a look at this. Supervisor asked for her concerns. Councilwoman Finke said to get it before she gets to meeting, that application must be in a week before the Town Board meeting. Clerk Brooks said the call came on Friday afternoon and she went through many different days to arrive at these two dates. Councilwoman Finke doesn't like getting them the day of the meeting. Supervisor will call and tell him no decision til May Board meeting as was not given enough notice. Councilman Norris stated this is important for community. Councilwoman Finke asked if this room was large enough, have they looked at other locations. Ellie asked if a petition was a good idea. Supervisor said this is a way to get started, get on the radar, and the Postal Service is not flexible. Councilman Norris asked why just an hour. Clerk Brooks said letters will go to all "occupant". Councilwoman Finke doesn't like that it's been "thrown down our throats" having just come in today; as a Town some time is needed. Supervisor will contact and see. Councilman Norris asked what if they don't want May; Supervisor said then New Baltimore loses its opportunity. Councilman Norris asked when they plan to close; Councilman Byas said they may not close the post office. Ellie said the retired postmistress spoke at the March Food and Fun Luncheon about this

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Economic Development- Red's Restaurant, Wednesday, June 22, 830 am, was chosen for Business Breakfast due to the fact that the Water's Edge is closed and we're not sure when it will reopen; sponsors may be National Bank of Coxsackie and Bank of Greene County. Committee members are Kathy Rundberg, Randy Lent, Donna Carlson. The members were updated on the Great Wolf resort by Chris Norris and Kathy Rundberg

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who went to see the resort last Friday. Both Kathy and I were impressed with the operation and staff of the resort. Their business model revolves around family and children. Kathy spoke with several of the guests staying at the resort and all had very good things to say about Great Wolf which is the only 100% Green resort in the USA; everything is recycled. Councilman Norris took photos that were passed around. Also talked about writing a letter of support from the Economic Development Committee but wanted to get the input from the other members of the committee. Councilwoman Finke said she, Ken Kuder, and Joe Caputo also attended.

Promotions/Grants- a grant in process from Central Hudson; broadband block grant information will be re-forward to Councilman Norris. Councilwoman Finke had not looked at it, asked to resend also. NYS Environmental Facilities Corps sent out a list of grant approvals, said Councilman Norris. Supervisor is watching for Department of State list.

Newsletter/Web Site and Technology Councilwoman Finke said the new newsletter is coming along and they are working on a computer upgrade. Supervisor asked about software upgrades, and to survey the employees, also, she noticed community events are not getting on the list of events. Councilwoman Finke thought it was Councilman Meredith's issue and she will discuss with him as he is handling it. Councilman Norris asked if problem today is resolved, Supervisor said the Meeting Rules could not be opened, only a list of unrelated files. Councilwoman Finke said it opened correctly just before the meeting began. Clerk Brooks said residents were unable to view it. Diane Louis said she had been faced with buying something to open Meeting Rules. Supervisor suggested emailing Councilwoman Finke to identify the problem each encounters. Supervisor said important to let public know about events in the community. Farmers' market website is updated, said Councilman Norris. Supervisor said Cocksackie may be starting a Farmers' Market- reach out and join forces.

For Personnel, Supervisor said the Town Emergency Management Officer have attended the Train the Trainer workplace training in Coeymans; the training is mandatory each year, we did not train in 2010. PESCH is writing up municipalities for non-compliance. Councilwoman Finke and Councilman Meredith had asked to rewrite the Town's policy- if no changes, we are currently in compliance with Department of Labor requirement. Councilwoman Finke said to put on agenda for next meeting. Supervisor said suggested to have another contact person, not in the highway, for workplace violence, make suggestions and forward around, as was done for Alan VanWormer. Supervisor said Councilman Meredith is working on retirement reporting; all new appointees or reappointees must do new calendars, followed by new resolution in July. Clerk Brooks has prepared retirement time searches for several new retirees, searches from before the ocr scans, requiring time inside the vault and searching old (1980's) Town Board minutes.

Insurance Supervisor said everyone has revisions, take a look, email back, and prepare to vote at May Regular Board meeting.

Town Court liaison Councilman Norris thanks Lynn Taylor for her service, ready to hire a part-time justice clerk, drop off advertisement, ready to move on Justice Clerk part-time. Councilman Byas asked that Pat Monks had not been replaced. Councilman Byas asked for the revenues; Supervisor answered the monthly statement of revenues and expenditures is inside his folder, he can compare to first three months of 2010. Councilman Byas asked how the new one was working out. Councilman Norris said the justices are ready to search.

Bicentennial Committee liaison Supervisor O'Rorke reported; Councilman Norris reported plenty of t-shirts available, sweatshirts are dwindling; Barn Dance will be September 24 at the Flegel farm's 100 year old barn; Bicentennial Dinner will be Saturday evening of AgFest weekend. August 20 Kriel Farm for Bicentennial Dinner, limiting to 100 tickets, a chef is in place.

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Seniors no chair or co-chair has been appointed, 8 attended meeting, and Councilman Norris attended in Supervisor's absence. They reviewed less than 10 surveys so Supervisor reached out to Tom Yandeau, Director of the Aging, and he would give survey to his caseworkers. While Town of New Baltimore seniors get Meals on Wheels in Ravena, their cases are in Greene County; Ellie understands that is District 1 fire/ambulance district. Supervisor said it is contracted to the districts. The group discussed making \$500 donation, of their \$2500 line item, to the New Baltimore Reformed Church Food and Fun Luncheons. Councilwoman Finke asked how many seniors are on the committee. Councilman Byas asked wasn't there \$1200; answer: no. Ellie Alfeld returned all to the General Fund in the first year, no funds were allocated last year, have used no money to date in 2011, and recommend this \$500 be used toward the luncheon's utilities, heat, electrics. Councilman Byas asked \$2500? Answer: no. Councilman Byas thought it was an additional amount. No, this would be the first donation to that church in the three years of the Food and Fun luncheons' history, explained Ellie Alfeld. Supervisor contacted accountant, how would it work, NYS Comptroller takes a fine look, documentation needed, reached out to Pastor Susan; the donations meet the cost of meals, the overhead is not covered, the church does receive a couple of other grants. If the church's only out-of-pocket for overhead is less than \$500, then that would be a considered donation. Councilman Norris added, having attended many luncheons serving the seniors in the community, some seniors find it tough to make a donation; this is an appropriate use of the budget line. Ellie added that any grant the church may receive from its own organization goes to the church itself; this Town donation is for the overhead (heat, light, etc) for the luncheons. Councilwoman Finke asked how many attend the luncheons; answer: room is set for 64, usually very few empty seats, senior volunteers not included. Lynda and Bob Knighton cooked the roast pork dinner on April 13, the fourth for 2011. Supervisor offered to sit with the church with the Town Board's interest. Councilman Byas asked what determines "a senior". Supervisor will sit with Reverend Susan Kerr to discuss costs.

Supervisor reports that Greene County's Tom Yandeau described "senior groups"; Coxsackie and Bethany Village may operated more privately; anything at K of C is available to any resident in Greene County (make reservations). In 1980's Town had groups; New Baltimore had "Young at Heart". Supervisor contacted Village and Town of Coxsackie; Town of Coxsackie makes donation to Senior Citizens of Coxsackie, in budget \$2500. The Seniors Committee has met and made reservations for lunch. Councilman Byas said corrections officers come to Bethany Village and make breakfast for the residents. Ellie donates from her garden to that hall.

Historian Ted Hilscher reports for March 2011: Participated in the March 13 Bicentennial activity by helping to host the exhibits in the Town Hall; Researched the first Town meeting by looking at the original minutes; Viewed the Town's collection of old photographs and post cards, made copies for a future slide show presentation and returned originals; Wrote article for the Town Newsletter.

Supervisor said the Town has another new Eagle Scout, May 1, Kendall Rebusmen renovated the baseball diamond at District 2/Cecil Hallock Park.

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**CONGRATULATING KENDALL REBUSMEN UPON THE OCCASION  
OF RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT**

**WHEREAS** Kendall Rebusmen, a resident of the Town of New Baltimore, through his diligence and rigorous efforts has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, and

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



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**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**, Kendall has been involved in Scouting for many years, has lived up to Scouting's ideals and has attained all of the necessary achievements, including an extensive project that Kendall planned, organized and managed. Kendall's project included rebuilding the baseball diamond at Cecil C. Hallock Park in the Town of New Baltimore.

**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 Kendall Rebusmen on the occasion of his achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Supervisor moved to adopt, seconded by Councilman Byas. The adoption of the resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

**ADOPTED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no more from the Board, Councilwoman Finke moved to adjourn and was seconded by Councilwoman Norris. The adoption of the motion was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

**Motion Carries**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet A. Brooks  
Town Clerk