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OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Norris at 7:34 pm and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance: Councilwoman Finke, Councilmen Meredith and Norris, Town Clerk Brooks and 12 members of public who signed attendance sheet. Absent: Supervisor O'Rorke, Councilman Byas, and Highway Superintendent Jordan.

PRESENTATION – RIP VAN WINKLE TOBACCO FREE ACTION

Communications Coordinator Lisa Heintz presented their initiative to cause more tobacco-free parks. As one-on-one requests to stop smoking don't work, they attempt to de-moralize and make it less attractive to children by passing resolutions and ordinances and providing signage, effective for municipalities' parks; there are 4 in New Baltimore and 3 with pavilions and playgrounds. The Rip Van Winkle Coalition helps a municipality by providing a sample resolution, free signs (paid by NYS Department of Health grant), and ideas of how to implement; for most towns this has worked. Columbia County has passed ordinances as a ticket-able offense. Lisa is not an advocate of laws being necessary but it has worked for Copake and Hillsdale. Ninety percent of Columbia County's parks are tobacco-free. Lisa, a Greene County resident, is working now with Greene County governments; Village of Coxsackie has signed all its ballfields, McQuade Park and both playgrounds, including the state park; Town of Catskill has signed Ricky Cramer Park; Village of Athens is considering all their playgrounds, fields, and dog park, but not the riverfront park. Councilman Norris asked if Coxsackie has set fines; answer: no, just a policy, per the mayor who was not looking to add a law. NYS Tobacco Control, with NYS Department of Health, is making a comprehensive map of all the tobacco-free outdoor areas in the state. Free aluminum laminated signs (12"x18") may be customized; Town of Cairo used a bear image. Head Start programs and Child Care Council are most recent and even daycare providers may be signed. At first signed park, Village of Catskill's Dutchmen's Landing, folks do still smoke; civic groups are encouraged to collect cigarette butts and demonstrate the use.

CORRESPONDENCE

From NYS Department of State- letter regarding meeting on significant habitats in the Hudson Valley on July 6 in New Paltz. Town Clerk Brooks wanted to be certain the Board had the information before the Regular Meeting.

From Greene County Public Health Nursing- MAPP is a master plan for health conditions in Greene County, continuing effort in Greene County, to address what can be done by many various agencies within the county, recent meeting minutes. Clerk Brooks and prior Councilman Kuenster shared attendance in previous years. All are drawn by concerns for health of the residents of the county.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Deputy Supervisor Norris asked if the Town Board members have reviewed the revised Town Procurement Policy- Councilwoman Finke and Councilman Meredith, no, trying to get information from other towns. Attorney for the Town is also reviewing. Supervisor asks for vote at next meeting. Current Policy is in effect since late 1980's.

County Legislator had no report.

Town Clerk Brooks reports for month of May: Building Permits 7 \$450.00; Certificate of Occupancy searches 4 \$60.00; Conservation fees 5 \$4.32 (statement of commissions hangs in office hallway); Dog licenses 16 \$102.00; Marriage license 1 \$17.50; Beer Permit 1 \$20.00; Demolition Permit 1 \$75.00; Excavation Culvert Under Driveway 1 \$35.00; Park permit 3 \$75.00; Certified Copies 1 \$10.00; Photocopies 230 \$78.75; Recycle fees \$75.00; Total to Supervisor \$932.57; to NYS Ag and Markets for spay/neuter \$20.00; NYS Department of Health for marriages \$22.50; and to NYS Environmental Conservation for sporting licenses \$73.68. Retirement searches and 2

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FOILS were in process during this month. Having mailed free rabies vaccination clinic information and dog laws with the delinquent dog licenses and the renewals, the late fee amnesty enacted by the Town Board on February 14, 2011 will end with the renewals received by close of business on June 30, 2011. Received, charged and disbursed cell phones for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Jim Polverelli and Code Enforcement Officer Ray Blaisdell. All the updates to the Office Retention Schedule have been entered and new schedules have been run. Councilman Norris said the late fee is \$5, effective July 1. New NYS same sex marriage law becomes effective July 24.

Highway Superintendent Jordan reports for May 23-June 24: Mowed District 2/Cecil C Hallock park; Cleaned ditches and drains in hamlet; Cut brush on Flatbush Road; Got tractor ready to start mowing; Started mowing along roads; Hauled crusher run to Chestnut Lawn Cemetery; Mowed and weedeated cemeteries; Repaired washouts on Acquetuck Road; Mowed and weedeated around town garage; Mowed District 3/Silver Lake park; Graded and yolk raked dirt roads; Cleaned up fallen tree on Saw Mill Road. (Thanks to Rob VanEtten for his help); Did engine job on 85 Oshkosh plow truck; Fixed road signs where needed; Picked up new International truck from Ben Funk; Moved picnic tables to AgFest; Installed 40'x15" culvert on Paradise Hill Road; All highway employees took annual workplace violence refresher training at Town Hall on Fri, June 3; Repaired fuel leak on Bomag roller; Got dump trucks ready for blacktop; Grader patched Staco Road with blacktop; Grader patched Sunset Hill Road and Shady Lane with blacktop; Repaired cracked frame on 85 International 10 wheeler; Cleaned beaver dam from culvert pipe on West Deans Mill Road; Moved picnic tables back to parks after Agfest; Repaired air leak on 85 International 10 wheeler; Ran wires for roof light and radio in new International truck; Installed 6 new *Watch for Children* signs; Grader patched Sodom Road with blacktop; Installed culvert pipe on Hawley Lane East 18"x 25"; Haas Hill, Limekiln, and Reservoir Road signs stolen; Cleaned, repaired and painted battery box on 85 Oshkosh; Cut brush around street signs; Changed oil and filter on 2002 Ford pickup; Serviced Massey Ferguson tractor; Put battery box back on 85 Oshkosh; Total for parks mowing so far including fuel and labor \$2,805.63. Updated the vehicle inventory, also prepared a radio inventory, made phone calls regarding the cell phone plan.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator Polverelli reports new brackets for pumps arrived and were wrong, Emmons has asked for replacements, another pump is at Emmons for repair. For month of May: May 7 checked pump station; May 8 preventative maintenance on RAS pump; May 13 decant digester 3668 gallons, checked pump station; May 19 rotor 2 tripped, reset okay; May 20 pump station checked, high flow, wet weather mode; May 21 eq pump #2 tripped, reset okay; May 26 checked pump station; May 27 pumped sludge to bed #1 2489 gallons.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Raymond Blaisdell reports activities for May: Building inspections 16; building permits issued 4; certificates of compliance issued 4; certificates of occupancy issued 2; commercial site fire inspections 2; demolition permit applications received 1; new building permit applications received 6; pool permit applications received 1; sign permit applications 1; code violation investigations 2; property maintenance violations 4. Application Fees for May 2011: \$330.00. Total Year-to-Date Fees: \$1,511.95. The proposed dutch doors may be purchased for \$160/each, installed in 2 hours; stain is in Town Hall basement, need to buy hinges and deadbolts; allowing 5 hours (\$100), or \$500.00 complete. Will need to speak to Spencer about shelves, and propose to vote at next meeting. Also, Ray will be finishing his 6month certification training; completed 3 days of classes last week, he hasn't heard yet on last exam; he would be entitled to a review.

Animal Control - Joe Tanner reports having traveled 541 miles for 3 months, 31 dog calls; 9 cat calls; 4 bear calls; 2 raccoon calls; 5 court appearances. The phone/answering machine is at least 7 or 8 years old, needs nothing fancy just a phone with an answering machine thank you. Discussed outstanding complaints received at Town Hall, has requested cell phone, information re NYS plan is \$23/month with 200 additional minutes;

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texting would cost \$10 additional or \$33/month, under current expanded plan cost is \$31/month. Instead of landline, cell phone would allow for faster response to calls. Clerk Brooks asked if it had been said that his current phone and answering machine was broken. Bob Knighton asked about Verizon coverage at his house; Ellie said good coverage.

Assessor Gordon Bennett reports Grievance Day was held on Tuesday, May 24. The BOAR heard and/or reviewed 32 claims, 7 of these were in person. All complainants have been notified of the board's decision(s). FINAL ROLL 2011: A cd of the Town's property data records has been submitted to Nexxlinks for publishing of the Final Roll that will be received in office shortly. Also, new this year, is the requirement to have a link on the Town website that connects with a search engine for any homeowner to access. Thanks to Barb for seeing that this was accomplished.

Agriculture Committee -Councilman Norris reported summer hiatus. Farmers' Market Committee reports for its 3rd week: about 70 customers, 6 vendors, 1 sold out of cherries, 7 tables next week, and hours are 9am-12noon.

Ag Fest Committee Kathy Rundberg reports attendance over 1000 and about 250 for Saturday's Bicentennial dinner. Puff, the magic tractor and Spiderweb Farms were highlights. Silent Auction yielded over \$2,700, highest ever, and 211 items; thank-yous go out to all the local businesses for generosity. Van Etten's would like to continue the dinner tradition.

Planning Board Chair Kathy Rundberg reported for June 27, 2011: The Planning Board met on June 9, 2011, with the following business transacted: Public Hearing was held on the Minor Subdivision Application for Patricia Schiller for a two-lot subdivision on State Route 144 and recessed until July 14 since the letter sent by the applicant to surrounding property owners contained a wrong date and time for the Public Hearing. In the Regular Meeting that followed, the following business was transacted: Received Minor Subdivision Application from Roberto Ponce for two-lot subdivision of his property on High Rock Road; Received Minor Subdivision Application from Saul & Jaime Stanley for two-lot minor subdivision of their property on County Route 51; Required Public Hearing was scheduled for 7:30 p.m., July 14, 2011. Chair Rundberg attended four hours of land use training at Columbia Greene Community College sponsored by Senator Seward. The July Meeting will include the Planning Board's compilation of Semi-Annual report, and the July 18 meeting before the Town Board.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Meave Tooher reports Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet on June 1, 2011, since there were no applications.

Recycling Center Operator Sebert reports: 8 tires- \$21.50, and total monthly revenue of \$21.50. Free to residents: 2 vehicle batteries; 21 60gallon bags of plastic; 8 55gallon drums of cans; 47 bundles of magazines; 63 bundles of newspaper; 4 bags of shredded paper; 31 bundles of cardboard. The Highway Department brought 10 tires to Recycling Center and removed 25 tires from the Center.

Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement -Councilman Norris gave update on E911 sign program: 613 signs made; \$5671.00 used, and \$1329.00 balance remaining. For the Greene County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Rob Scott reports: New Baltimore Satellite Station, serving the Town of New Baltimore for the period of January 1- March 31, 2011, received 105 calls for service; issued 83 Uniform traffic tickets; made 11 arrests.

Greene County EMS reports: April for New Baltimore: 9; year-to-date: 29. The paramedics had 3 calls in May, year-to-date is 31 calls. A new program, PUSH, teaches functional/quick/one-person cpr in 22 minutes; goal: by September 2012 every school and every fire department will be instructed to teach this. Ellie Alfeld suggests it be mandatory for Highway crew. Kathy Rundberg asked if the woman who presented at the Breakfast would come and talk to the Town.

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Parks – Councilman Meredith read latest Park Use report (on file) indicating an exposed wire in driveway of District 3. Councilman Norris asked Councilman Meredith to ask the Highway crew to look at the wire. Clerk Brooks said when Park Use Reports are read in succession you can see conditions change. Kathy Rundberg asked the Board for swings larger than baby swings in District 1/Joseph Wyche Park; Parks Committee will look into that. Councilman Meredith said the state grant for Summer Recreation is certain. Councilman Norris said applications are in; Councilman Meredith said we have an Assistant Summer Recreation Director. Clerk Brooks doesn't have any participants' applications yet. Councilman Meredith is waiting for Toni Campbell to finish schedule, by end of this week to go on the website. Clerk Brooks asked that a news release be gotten to the local papers.

Economic Development Committee -Councilman Norris reported the Economic Development Committee did not meet since the Business Breakfast was being held. Well-attended, Greene County's Economic Development Director Warren Hart talked about new program, *Explore the Northern Catskills*, word "Catskills", not "Greene County", appears in the search name to improve tourism. Ellie is concerned the Hudson Valley towns are not recognized. Mr. Hart will attend September meeting. Mid-Hudson Cablevision's David Finger gave short presentation regarding cable and high speed internet and will attend the next meeting. Councilwoman Finke asked for the mailing list to post on the website. Clerk Brooks asked if the list would be posted under Businesses, and suggests asking the businesses before posting them. Councilwoman Finke asked to look for some playground equipment. Councilman Meredith said the state grant for Summer Recreation is certain; only 4-5 communities applied.

Newsletter/Web Site and Technology – Councilwoman Finke reports the next newsletter deadline is mid-July, will include Business Breakfast and AgFest. Councilman Meredith is putting photos on the website, learning to shrink and fit them, looked at other websites and opening pages, and is figuring out how to do. Clerk Brooks asked for a "splash" for Summer Recreation on the home page.

Personnel – Clerk Brooks asked for the NYS Comptrollers Retirement Reporting for July resolution. Councilman Meredith will not be at July meeting. Clerk Brooks said it was for the NYS Comptroller, not the Town. Councilwoman Finke thought it required calling and changing the dates. Clerk Brooks remembered collecting diaries for the various employees; Councilman Meredith remembered. Councilman Norris asked if diaries were to be done this year?

Insurance –The newly established Health Reimbursement Account for the Town's employees shows \$1,032 paid, seems to be working well.

Town Courts -Councilman Norris reports the Part-time Justice Clerk ad yielded 18-20 applications, out-of-county residents were culled, 6 applicants were interviewed last week, 2-3 will be interviewed again; a candidate is expected at next Board meeting.

Bicentennial Committee – Chair Joyce Schoenig reports over \$700 in contributions to AgFest dinner, also \$100 was given toward the Greene County Historical Society Homes Tour in New Baltimore on July 9. The adults'-only (Farmers' Market fundraiser) Harvest Dinner, cooked from locally grown foods, will be held at the Kriel Farm on August 20, cost is \$30/dinner, bring your own adult refreshments, appetizer area, main course is organic steamship round; ticket info is forthcoming. The last Bicentennial event will be September 24's barn dinner and dance at the Flegel Farm, with cook Tommy Frese; dining will be inside.

Seniors/60+ - Picnic will be Wednesday, June 29, 12noon, at Cecil C Hallock/ District 2 Park. Hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, beverages, and paper goods will be provided to town residents; bring a dish to share and lawn chair. Freewill donations accepted.

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Historian- Ted Hilscher reports conversations with Kathy Tibbitts of Marshall, North Carolina who is researching an ancestor, Ellen Dickinson Powell, an early Quaker settler in New Baltimore.

Memorial Committee- no report.

Clerk Brooks asked for Town Hall Maintenance - Spencer Sebert reports changing lightbulbs and making and mounting a board for the Greene County Historical Register sign outside the meetingroom door.

Parks -- Clerk Brooks asked about the unknown spikes reported at previous meeting, since the spikes, bases and pitching mound were part of the Eagle Scout Rebusmen's project; Councilmen Meredith and Byas pounded the unresolved spikes into the ground at District 2/Cecil C Hallock. Clerk Brooks said renters of Silver Lake Park have been told there is no water there; the pump at Silver Lake/District 3 is still unresolved and Councilman Meredith will talk about this at next Board meeting. Renters on the calendar will be told to bring their own water.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Motion Carries

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet A. Brooks
Town Clerk