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OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 pm by Supervisor Susan O'Rorke and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance: Councilwoman Finke, Councilmen Byas and Norris, Highway Superintendent Jordan, and 20 members of public who signed attendance sheet. Absent: Councilman Meredith, Town Clerk Brooks (ill).

MONTHLY REPORTS

Supervisor reported attending a county-wide meeting of towns, villages, and county; concerns discussed included retirement and health insurance, but not a lot of help resolving concerns. Municipal associations are considering the property tax cap done. The county stressed inter-municipal agreements and shared services, legislature chair commented that if we don't find economic development in upstate New York we will find same concerns next year to meet same expenditures; it is the way to get out of crisis. She attended the Capital Area Center for Economic Growth; Department of State talked about having twice the money they anticipated for their grants for inter-municipal agreements and shared services. She met with mayors and supervisors of Coxsackie, Coeymans, and Ravena; how to attract businesses to grow the 9W corridor and bring spinoff business from Malta. Village of Coxsackie and Town of Coeymans are, from NYSDEC, under consent order, and with building moratorium; we can negotiate with neighbors for water, but wastewater treatment looks unlikely unless we can get state money under inter-municipal agreement or shared services. Special meeting will be for a presentation by Delaware engineering on the costs and options for water and sewer infrastructure on 9W. Given likely tax cap and tight economic situation, is scheduling special meeting in July for budget 2012, just like last year, and special meeting in August to begin work.

Town Clerk Brooks was taken ill and no report was given.

County Legislator was not in attendance.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator Jim Polverelli reports having locks changed at plant and pump station, received fuel for plant generator, NYSDEC inspection, and Bullock repaired the control panel at the pump station. Since then, a pump with a seal leak, he and Lou hope to pull that, may need to go in for repair. Councilman Byas will followup on that pump repair. A problem was identified at Kalkberg, \$1,800 plus generator, so budget will have been exceeded for Sewer District #2. Delaware Engineering has been helpful, has not invoiced, mice have chewed the wiring. Supervisor will speak to Coxsackie's DPW to mitigate the \$1800 cost of rewiring. The Town seeks a contract with Empire Merchants; although not in the Sewer District, their excess flows through the pump station; Delaware is putting that contract together and Board will vote on that on April 11.

Highway Superintendent Jordan reports Feb.28-March 28 2011: Replaced rear brakes and rotors on 2002 Ford pickup; Patched holes with winter mix; Replaced cutting edge on 93 International; Washed and greased all trucks and loader; Moved snow banks with backhoe on Acquetuck Road; Mon, March 7 called in all at midnight for snow plowed and sanded all roads several times; Took F550 to Crossroads for engine skip; Replaced angle cylinders on plow for 2002 pickup; Replaced sander bearing on 85 Oshkosh; Hauled in more road sand from Callanan; Thurs, March 10 called in all at 5am sanded all roads; Replaced blown hydraulic hose on 91 International; Fri, March 11 very heavy rain some roads were flooded, Honey Hollow and West Deans Mill Roads were closed overnight; 15 road cones were stolen during flooding; Repaired small washouts caused by heavy rain; Patched holes with crusher run; Took F550 to Albright's as Crossroads could not figure out skipping problem; Repaired undermined culvert pipe on Paradise Hill Road; Picked up brush and limbs along roads from ice storm; Mon, March 21 called in all at 4am for snow plowed and sanded 2 times; Changed oil and filter on 89 International and 2002 pickup; Changed oil and filter on John Deere Loader, using all John Deere oil and filters; Picked up dead deer on North Ridge Road; Cut trees and brush on Mill Street; Thurs, March 24 snow, called in all at 4:30am plowed and sanded all roads; Replaced

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Acquetuck, Deans Mill, and Huckle Hill Lane stolen signs; Took Recycling Center tires to W&J. Highway had scheduled Central Hudson audit last week; cancelled. Councilman Norris felt Central Hudson was better program than NYSERDA just now.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Raymond Blaisdell summarized activities for February: Building Inspections: 4; Certificates of Compliance Issued: 1; Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 1; Commercial Site Fire Inspections: 1; Do Not Occupy: 1 (Fire); Building Permits Renewed: 3; Application Fees for February, 2011: \$288.00; Total Fees for Year to Date: \$561.03. Officer took and passed third test of his certification.

Assessment Assessor Gordon Bennett reported the prioritized Field review of new home data is being collected, many new applications for Enhanced STAR, Senator Seward's office sent out a mailing to all individuals turning 65 in 2011, so we can foresee an increase for next year, too; March 8 and 15 were published for the Tentative Roll availability, thank you to Town Court for agreeing to Grievance Day's scheduling for Tuesday, May 24; a time change has been made: 3-5:00 pm and 6-8:00 pm. Supervisor assumes this is coordinated with justices; answer: yes; the Town assessor's clerk sends out 2 reminders as a matter of courtesy.

Agriculture Committee liaison Councilman Norris reported on March 3, at 6:30 pm at town hall, talked about beef, different ways to slaughter and bring meat to market. The Farmers' Market committee and Ag Committee met in a joint secession to talk about the Harvest Dinner; asked Joyce Schoenig to chair that event at the Kriel Farm, coordinating the purchases of ingredients and wine locally, schedule for August 20. John Cashin has signed on to be the chef; volunteers are needed. Farmers' Market expects 4-5 vendors and representation at AgFest. Councilman Byas asked if it would be a picnic; answer: no, beef provided, local vegetables and buffet dinner and 100 tickets. The next meeting will be April 7 at 6:30pm at Town Hall.

Ag Fest Committee's liaison Councilman Byas said poster will be done and put it on the website. It will change and be influenced by the weather. Kingsley Greene spoke to Rob VanEtten about sign on 9W tractor, talked about refurbishing and repainting the tractor, good price on new sign in next month or so. Councilman Byas said the insurance is coming soon. Supervisor said broker thought the same price as last year, same policy; June 4 and 5, and all contracts have been signed, flyers in back of meeting room.

Planning Board Chair Kathleen Rundberg reported having held its regular monthly meeting on March 10, 2011, with the following business transacted: Presented Lee Davis with an appreciation resolution for his 19 years service on the Planning Board; discussed with a Town resident necessary changes needed to minor subdivision map before the Board could proceed with the subdivision process; Continued discussion regarding Thruway signage. Discussion will be continued at April meeting; began discussion regarding when, how and procedure for bringing the Fire Department into the discussions of Site Plan approval and the format in which they are to respond. Discussion will be continued at April meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Meave Tooher reported meeting March 2 meeting, with the following business transacted: Continued and completed Variance Public Hearing for William Brandt to allow for additional roof height for assisted living facility. In Regular Monthly Meeting that followed: Approved the Use Variance. Per condition of her one-year Variance to allow for both a trailer and a residence on her parcel on Route 51, Stacey Miller was present to advise Board that the trailer will be removed within 60 days. If more time is needed, she is required to come back before the ZBA.

Building and Grounds/Recycling Councilman Byas had no report. Supervisor asked for progress on Building Use Form; Councilman Byas didn't know. Supervisor contacted Attorney Wukitsch, he had not received a form to review; Supervisor is anxious to satisfy Greene County Historical Society, she and Marjorie Loux will share the day to keep the building open for bathroom use, and she gave the Board a form to review and approve at April meeting. Councilman Byas will pass it along.

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Animal Control Chair Councilman Byas had no report. Supervisor asked if there was a Rabies Clinic report. Deputy Clerk Loux reported the Clinic would be March 30, 2011 at Medway Grapeville Firehouse on CR51 from 6-8pm. Councilman Norris reported that Joe Tanner had been very involved in a dog bite complaint recently. Supervisor thanked Councilman Norris for his assistance to Joe Tanner.

Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement liaison Councilman Norris reported the March 15 Greene County EMS meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be April 15, 2011. Emergency Management Officer Alan VanWormer reported: received call from New Baltimore Fire Chief John Wallace regarding a large washout on Middle Road off Mathews Point Road, who advised that the road was impassable to fire trucks; visited the area and took some photos but as Middle Road is privately owned unable to do anything at the town level; Received an emergency contact form from a town resident who requires an oxygen machine; this person will be called in the event of a power outage to check their welfare; Sent this resident a medical certification form to be filled out by their doctor and mailed to Central Hudson; Central Hudson will add them to the priority restoration list for power outages; Anyone in need of life support devices please fill out the emergency contact form available on the website, and I will make sure they receive the one for Central Hudson; The local fire departments also are given a copy of the emergency contact form in case generator power should be required. Councilwoman Finke has technology issues and cannot receive the new form to put on website. Supervisor asked if letter was sent to Sheriff for report: Councilman Norris is working out details and will present to the Board.

Parks Councilman Byas spoke to Councilman Meredith and learned his dad had passed away. Supervisor received call from Clear Blue; they have gone out of business. Councilman Norris spoke to Code Enforcement Officer, may be able to get kit at Lowe's. LabCorps performs tests for Wastewater Treatment Plant. Kathy Rundberg suggested there may be a LabCorps in Ravena. Councilman Byas said Catskill Pools used to do that. Supervisor reminded that Summer Rec Program is coming, Toni Campbell is working on fundraising, Supervisor will prepare resolution to reappoint her. Spoke to Greene County Youth Bureau, concern for shortfall from state. Councilman Byas received a memo of \$0 funding from the state for youth programs. Deputy Town Clerk Jordan said an application has been received for a counselor position. Supervisor reached out to Town of Greenville, are any other funds available for Greenville children wishing to attend New Baltimore. Councilman Byas asked, since Greenville gave up, there should be extra money in the system; Supervisor said we received additional last year, \$300. Councilman Norris asked if a fee would be imposed for Greenville children; Supervisor said to make sure we had money at no deficit to New Baltimore and dialogue has begun, also Walmart may give \$1000 grant per Toni Campbell's request.

Promotion and Economic Development /Grants Councilman Norris reported that Economic Development Committee met on March 2 at the IDA office and on March 15 at the Town Hall. IDA/Water Lodge Project update and Shaun Grodan, Greene County Administrator, talked about promoting business and events, AgFest and Cocksackie Antique Center, that bring people into the town for the day, and having a dedicated website for Economic Development; using data from the search engine company to understand why potential customers are coming to different events; using the information to attract more people; Local Development Corporation vs. Inter Municipal Agreement; read and review vision statements that will be used in the handout material and on the website; Next meeting is April 20, 7pm at town hall and all are welcome. For Grants, Councilman Norris reports the NYSERDA grant doesn't sound good, full of obstacles, Central Hudson offering seems more attractive. Promotions the AgFest and the Bicentennial event, folks from out of town were 'tickled pink' at the entire celebration. Councilman Byas said the Central Hudson refrigerator collection has a problem of site and suggested the Recycling Center. Kathy Rundberg added that freezers are also collected. Councilman Byas [inaudible]

Newsletter/Web Site and Technology Councilwoman Finke said she is collecting Bicentennial pictures and as soon as it is done will send it out. Supervisor asked if

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electronic mailing of newsletter has been considered. Councilwoman Finke said she would speak to Councilman Meredith.

For Personnel, Supervisor said the Town is overdue for Workplace Training on April 1, Alan VanWormer and Supervisor will attend. Councilman Meredith may not be able to attend.

Insurance Supervisor looked into suggestions made at last meeting regarding wording in health plan for dates; if employee starts within day 1-15 of the month, the Town pays for that month; if day 16 or later, the Town pays in the next month. Not all insurance carriers work the same way, broker has checked with three companies and all are different. Councilwoman Finke asked for definition of 'dependent'; CDPHP has a 2page definition that Supervisor reviewed with Attorney Wukitsch, it requires a survey to be completed. Supervisor is concerned with the Town's wording that the Town would be liable, ie adoption, and so, the Town's definition will reflect the current health plan at the time as we do not have a union. Councilman Byas asked who picked up the charge on the 16th; Supervisor explained that as of the 16th there is no charge for that month.

Town Courts report that justices would like to keep Lynn Taylor for 3-4 weeks more to acclimate new justice clerk. Councilwoman Finke asked how many hours a week Lynn works; answer: about 3 days a week. Member of the public asked if there was any indication of the courts to date; Councilman Byas said they have been declining over last couple of years. Supervisor said there is a difference from the troopers and traffic violations.

Bicentennial Committee liaison Supervisor O'Rorke reported thank-you notes have been mailed from the kickoff event. Barn Dance scheduled for September 24 at the Flegel Farm in the 100 year old barn. Kathy Rundberg offered there will be a Bicentennial Dinner on Saturday evening of AgFest weekend, phone number on flyer for reservations. Councilman Norris said August 20 Kriel Farm for Bicentennial Dinner, limiting to 100 tickets, with chef in place.

Seniors Ellie Alfeld received a handful of responses from the newsletter; Food and Fun at New Baltimore Reformed Church on March 16 was a corned beef and cabbage and was a big success. Lynda and Bob Knighton will cook the roast pork dinner on April 13, the fourth for 2011, and hoping more will turn out for that event. Bonnie Hotaling will schedule a meeting for the Seniors Committee. Seniors have expressed interest in bus trips, information of benefits through the county, and events. Supervisor met with Cocksackie Town Supervisor Betke, who reported meeting with architect, hope to be in new senior center before end of 2011. Ellie Alfeld stressed this facility is open to New Baltimore seniors, done with \$400,000 grant, including exercise area. They meet the first and third Monday of month. Councilman Norris said subsidizing the Food and Fellowship luncheons was discussed.

Historian Ted Hilscher reports for February 2011: having read, and partially transcribed, the minutes from the first town meeting in 1811 and later minutes; As requested by the offices of Senator Schumer, Congressman Gibson and Senator Seward, wrote a very brief history of the Town and submitted it to their staff for use in resolutions commemorating the Town bicentennial.

A Special Meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on April 11, 2011, immediately preceeding the Regular Town Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no more from the Board, Councilman Norris 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-AYE FINKE-AYE MEREDITH-Absent
 NORRIS-AYE O'RORKE-AYE

Motion Carries

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet A. Brooks
Town Clerk