

**COUNTY OF GREENE
TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE
TOWN BOARD WORK MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008-Page 1**

Supervisor Louis called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending: Councilwoman McKeon, Councilmen Norris and Byas, Town Clerk Brooks and 2 members of the public. Absent: Councilman Kuenster, Highway Superintendent Jordan, and Tax Collector Stuart.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Supervisor Louis asked Councilman Norris to work on an annual highway agreement of the roads proposed for work this year and report at next meeting.

From last Regular Meeting, **Rose and Bruce Ubrich** have requested a hearing before the Town Board regarding a notice of zoning violation of an agricultural operation in the Commercial district. Supervisor suggested 7:00 p.m. on May 12, 2008, and will advise Code Enforcement Officers/Building Inspectors. Supervisor stated it was uncommon for a violation to get to this point; Attorney Wukitsch will be present. At the Regular Meeting the Town Board will take action to rescind or maintain. The public is welcome but may or may not be able to speak; Attorney Wukitsch will establish rules for the proceeding.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District will be represented to present the school budget; Town Clerk Brooks will let them know of the notice of violation hearing at 7:00pm.

Supervisor stated there would be ceremonial resolutions for the next meeting: Sawmill Road resident **Christopher Parker** will be receiving his Eagle Scout on June 15. Also, this year marks the 175th anniversary of **New Baltimore Reformed Church** and a resolution to honor the church would be appropriate for its July 4 celebration.

Supervisor stated that April 29, 2008 is **Greene IDA** public hearing on the Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement and he has prepared a written statement. His points included how the Supplement covers significant issues:

- secondary growth and viewshed, habitat impacts, wetlands;
- suggested growth impacts and strategies for 9W;
- the smaller project is more consistent with bringing economic growth and balancing it with rural character: the largest of the proposals (A) is 40% smaller than the original and is the only option with 2 ways in and out.

Supervisor hoped the Board would concur, given that a specific project is not on the table, and that any decision for a specific project must be deferred for zoning approval. It is very important from the Town's perspective, that new property taxes generated should benefit Town taxpayers, and that any new expenses incurred from impacts created by the project should be born by the project sponsors and or future owners of the project site, and in order to insure that economic growth is balanced with preservation of rural character, the IDA must insure that the commitment in their supplement to provide funding for land acquisition for open space preservation is fulfilled and not done as a trade-off for the direct property taxes paid by the project.

With no objection and no more from the Board, Councilwoman McKeon moved to adjourn. Ellie Alfeld brought up the proposed project being dealt with in the Town of New Scotland, wondering how their zoning compares to the Town of New Baltimore. The motion was seconded by Councilman Byas.

Motion Carried **Ayes- 4 McKeon, Louis, Norris, Byas**
 Nays- 0
 Absent-1 Kuenster

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully,

Janet A. Brooks
Town Clerk