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TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
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Opening of Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Supervisor Susan O'Rorke and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance: Councilwoman Finke, Councilmen Byas, Meredith and Highway Superintendent Jordan, Town Clerk Brooks, and 28 members of public who signed attendance sheet. Absent: Councilman Norris.

Supervisor O'Rorke thanked everyone for coming and Denis and Diane Jordan for arriving early and cleaning up the meeting room for the meeting. Councilman Norris is attending his mom's funeral in South Carolina this evening and prayers and thoughts are with him.

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Byas moved and Supervisor seconded the approval of Minutes of **August 9, 2010 Regular Meeting** submitted by the Town Clerk.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Adopted

Public Comment Period

Ron Kent asked for status on Jennings Road work- Supervisor said work will start on Jennings Road tomorrow.

Correspondence

From Town resident Lewis Stone, July 16 letter thanking for enjoyment of Silver Lake/District 3 Park by church group and grange group and asking for consideration of work on the building at Silver Lake/District 3 Park.

From Town resident Bob Knighton, president of Greene Land Trust, a letter requesting an opportunity to speak to the Town Board on the not-for-profit Greene Land Trust regarding grasslands, and is in partnership with Greene Business Alliance.

From Greene County Legislature, a description of Going Greene, a solicitation to participating merchants, with a 5% discount card.

From Betsy Brohanek, NYS Department of Health, a letter describing the public health assessment for Ravena LaFarge park, a community stakeholder group who could come to the November Work Meeting and their phase I report is due by November.

Old Business

- Letters of resignation in the meeting minutes

Regarding the inclusion of, Town Clerk will respond to Councilwoman Finke. Supervisor said if the Board would give direction to the Clerk, she was certain the Clerk would comply.

- Memorial Committee

Councilman Byas said Jeff Ruso is willing to serve, does not have a resolution prepared. Cless Bush, Lynn Taylor, Bill Girvin, Councilman Byas and Clerk Brooks comprise the committee.

- Status of Justice Grant from Office of Court Administration (OCA)

Supervisor asked for status of Justice Grant; Justice Cosenza is present. October 4 is the grant need-by date. Contractor has had a family death and personal problems; contractor is waiting for trim on windows, extension jams, and doors trim. Supervisor asked about the painting of windows and trim and the color of the moulding. Councilman Byas said it would match the

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paneling and that the trim may be white. Joe Cosenza questioned the color, said there was a 180 day completion date, thought it was 60% complete, and OCA wants a completion date. Councilman Byas asked to move along and will speak to contractor. Rich Guthrie asked if court was being held on October 12 and Planning Board on October 14; answer yes, and the contractor was aware of those dates. Councilman Byas said court had been held last week and all was fine, construction doesn't always go smooth.

Ellie Alfeld asked does 'finished product' include putting the blackboards, maps, curtains and everything? Councilman Byas said the original blackboards are at the Bronx Museum. Ellie said although waiting for paperwork from Bronx Museum, what calendar are we looking at for a completion date. Joe Cosenza said OCA needs a date; Councilman Byas can't put words in someone's mouth, will speak to the man and will get back to Joe Cosenza with answer. Joe Cosenza didn't get copy of the scope of work or bid solicitations or the contract, learned the back wall (bell cord) wasn't included. Supervisor did not receive a scope of work but did get a copy of the contractor's quote. Councilman Byas said he didn't issue anything, he went by what he (the contractor) offered to do for the price. Justice Cosenza asked why white moulding; Councilman Byas didn't know about the white moulding.

Learning that no order had been placed and concerned about security and the grant deadline, Councilman Norris ordered the parking lot lights from Central Hudson. Justice Cosenza was concerned how much time it may take, October 19 there are 97 cases in court, will lights be up, and that call was made on Friday. Councilman Byas said he spoke to Joe Hetsler who gave him printout of what to do; Supervisor said Town Board had approved that by resolution. Councilman Byas said it was never finalized. Joe Cosenza requested the grant for light in parking lot before someone is hurt, no one followed up; Central Hudson will tell you where to put the poles.

Supervisor noticed coming in Saturday the alarm is off and front door is open, does it revolve around the contractor, is it the sheriff's deputy? Councilman Byas doesn't have the foggiest, said someone lets the contractor in but he doesn't know who, usually the contractor comes and somebody's in the office. Supervisor said several times contractor has been inside and no one is in office. Councilman Byas said it must be the deputies letting him in, he spoke to the deputies that if they are around they can let him in and the deputies said they would. Supervisor asked Councilman Byas to make sure the door is locked when he leaves, since the door has been left open. Councilman Byas will speak to contractor about the door being left open.

Rich Guthrie said with the progress of work and the grant in place, there was a termination date mandated as a condition of the grant, and failure to meet that would threaten the grant or require return of the money. Joe Cosenza said it is still an issue, he called OCA and spoke to the grant people, explained the original contractor could not be found, locked in a completion date of October 4 which has come and gone and the reason he is asking where are we with the project, told OCA it was 60% complete, OCA wants to know when it will be done, and he understands that Councilman Byas is in charge of the project. Ellie Alfeld asked Supervisor to have Town Clerk look up resolution for the moved pole and the pole already in existence.

Joe Cosenza said the Town Board passes resolutions and understands Board minutes are a legal contract once approved. The Town Court posted a court position, advertised it in January with Town Board's approval at \$11/hour; Town Board approved candidates, Town Court agreed to hire, with a 6-month review to \$11/hr, requested to bring to the advertised and approved \$11/hour. Joe Cosenza wants to know why the Board is breaking contracts once they are done and why go through the motions; originally, \$.50 and Supervisor changed it to \$1 when she found typographical error at the Board meeting.

Councilman Byas said it was a dollar when they sat down, he questioned it, and Councilman Norris had said to just approve it at \$.50. Dick Brooks said it was brought up as \$1 and Councilman Byas suggested \$.50, adding that the Board does not give 10% raises and said to move on and talk about it later. Dick Brooks asked wasn't a 22% raise given out, Councilman Byas said he had not given a 22% raise, adding it wasn't an hourly raise, it was a salary raise. Supervisor said she will bring this back to the Board for reconsideration. Rich Guthrie asked for a summary of the history of the resolution when it comes before the Board. Town Clerk read the January 11 resolution, which did not contain the \$11/hour figure. Supervisor will look at the advertisement.

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- Resolution to Approve Payment to Greene County Youth Fair

September 29, 2010 Letter from Richard Bear, president of the Greene County Youth Fair was read; over 50 years offered, the Fair is free to all and necessary to receive donations to maintain that and the myriad of offerings. Councilman Byas spoke to Richard, they are still working on an estimate for the electrical panel. Richie Bear has submitted a voucher for "fireworks" or "other".

**RESOLUTION
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR
GREENE COUNTY YOUTH FAIR**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the amount of \$300 to be paid from the budgetary appropriation for Cultural Programs to the Greene County Youth Fair for the purpose of other.

Supervisor moved \$300 be expended; Councilman Meredith seconded. No further discussion. Councilman Byas asked if it was earmarked for the electrical panel or other; answer: the choices are fireworks or other.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Adopted

- Update on Town Justice Annual Review Concerns

Tabled until next meeting, as the liaison for the Town Court, Councilman Norris, is not present.

New Business

- Resolution to Pay Claims

**RESOLUTION
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RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO PAY AUDITED CLAIMS

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has presented claims to the Town Board for audit and review and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board has audited claims G2010/0801-38 : \$15,603.29 and H2010/0801-18 : \$50,683.94 and S2010/0801- 07 : \$2,469.94, for a total amount of \$68,757.17, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims totaling \$68,757.17.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk has prepared an abstract and holds it for public review until October 25, 2010.

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

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

Adopted

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- Health Insurance, Resolution to Establish HRA plan

Discussed at last 2 meetings, the best choice for employees, particularly the highway, and for the Town Budget is the high coinsurance, transitional EPO product. With that, Supervisor recommends that the Town set up a Health Reimbursement Account; the employee would still be responsible for deductible and then the HRA would step in and pay the maximum per employee. The Town Board has had several weeks to review. A third-party administrator would be hired at \$50/month, a one-time \$500 setup charge as long as we stay with that third-party provider, and at this minimum the Town would get a debit card for the employees. Ellie Alfeld asked if there are any full-time employees who receive cash reimbursement for not taking the Town's insurance; there are none as of 2008. Alan VanWormer asked if this was called CDPHP; yes. The plan would cover any full-time employee of the Town including retirees, until they reach 65 when they go to Medicare/ primary at a lower cost.

**RESOLUTION
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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HEALTH
REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT**

WHEREAS, the Town's current Capital District's Health Plan provides health insurance coverage for eligible town employees;

WHEREAS, the estimated renewal cost for the current health plan has an estimated 16% premium increase;

WHEREAS, in an effort to control and reduce the cost of health insurance for employees and retirees of the Town, alternative health insurance programs have been investigated, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that alternative health insurance program can be procured from the Capital District Physicians' Health Plan (Plan EPH1S10 Transitional EPO) with a higher coinsurance amount resulting in a savings to the Town of approximately of \$14,000;

WHEREAS, the change to the Transitional EPO plan would result in significant hardship to employees with a maximum out-of-pocket expenses of \$2,250 per person or \$4,500 per family;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby authorizes the Supervisor to take the necessary actions to create a Health Reimbursement Account to fund these out-of-pocket expenses, less any applicable deductible, effective December 1, 2010.

Councilman Meredith moved and Councilman Byas seconded. Councilman Byas asked if it was alright to approve this ahead of the budget? Supervisor said the budget hasn't been approved, and if we don't know what we're going to do with health insurance it would have a big impact on the budget. Councilman Meredith thought it would be fine. Councilman Byas asked if we can't lock in for two years, correct? Answer: no. Councilwoman Finke said there was a typographical error.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Adopted

- Proposed Dog Licensing Local Law, Resolution for Public Hearing

Councilman Byas wanted to table the introduction of the proposed local law until Councilman Norris' return. Councilman Byas wanted to tie a multiple-year dog license to the rabies vaccination or to the payment of Town taxes so it is easier to keep track of. Town Clerk Brooks said she had not discussed this with Councilman Byas, and had with Councilman

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Norris, the immediate issue with multiple-year licenses is refund requests- if the dog is lost or passes away. Also, she objects to adding dog licenses to the workload and financial load of receiving taxes. Rich Guthrie thanked the clerk, had the same objection.

- Resolution to Authorize Supervisor to Sign Contract with Columbia Greene Humane Society

Councilman Byas said Joe Tanner has not seen the contract and did not agree to sign it. Councilman Byas will talk about the contract with Councilman Norris and wants to table it for the next meeting.

- Preliminary Budget Resolution for Public Hearing

Supervisor had distributed small corrections to the Board. Supervisor, as Chief Budget Officer, has put out a Tentative Budget for 2011. Following that the Town Board weighs in on that budget. She has spoken with Councilman Norris at length and Councilman Meredith has been in to discuss his questions. Councilman Byas phoned last Friday stating he'd spoken to Councilman Meredith and Councilwoman Finke and they wanted no tax increase. Impacts are: Retirement contribution is up 40%; health insurance cost to the Town is up 9%; current Tentative calls for using \$100,000 from General Fund balance; declining building permits, mortgage tax, and court fines; county chargebacks have increased (what the town is charged back from the county for voting, community college, tax assessments), did use the full CHIPS money; Councilman Byas wanted to continue "pay as you go" and was looking to put \$100,000 into the Highway Fund, Supervisor was uncomfortable with that and did not put the extra \$100,000 in.

Councilman Byas suggested having a separate meeting for the Board to meet to discuss the budget when Councilman Norris is back. Supervisor said he would return Thursday; she is quite full in next couple of weeks. Ellie Alfeld asked, in last meeting, for the Board to meet and talk about the Budget further and if more than 2 members meet then it must be public and noticed; Supervisor assumed Councilman Byas meant a special meeting and asked if Councilwoman Finke has notes to start discussion tonight. Councilman Byas asked to wait for Councilman Norris, who has sat down with Supervisor to go over the budget in detail; the Ambulance Districts 1 and 2 have been updated, gasoline for the highway was considered and prudent to stay with same number.

Rich Guthrie asked wasn't the time between presentation and tonight to review the budget? Councilman Byas said the Board needs to get everyone together to discuss it. Supervisor said there is a legal timeframe, need to have a public hearing, and might want to have a couple of meetings after that. Member of the public said this was the meeting to talk about it. If the Board doesn't have comments or suggestions, we'll open it to the public. Councilman Meredith met with Supervisor, asked questions and agrees with the Tentative Budget. We have quorum here. Councilman Byas said to get a meeting together with Board members; Alan Van Wormer asked why table 5-6 items this night. Tony Rago asked why not go ahead now. Supervisor put three newsletters in the budget. Supervisor included the anticipated contract with ITS, \$3500 in data processing and one new computer, network copier is not in budget, is ready to listen to ideas of revenues; decreased Education, Records Management Contractual is the justice grant (\$8,000), with setaside for 2011 expenditures.

Regarding Lighting District No. 1, Rich Guthrie believes there are savings to be gotten by inventorying and working with Central Hudson toward energy efficient units; Supervisor thought worthwhile to research. Greene County Emergency Medical Systems contract went up \$160, split between districts. Cossackie Ambulance quote is not here; Supervisor has called Town of Cossackie Supervisor and will have that shortly.

Rich Guthrie commented that budgets for neighboring communities in Capital Region face substantial tax increases, feared the worst and saw a realistic approach and modest increase, and encourages Board to go with the times and go with this modest increase.

Ellie Alfeld asked how much from General Fund balance; answer: \$101,000 and the year will end with General Fund balance at \$418,491. Ellie asked if this was the lowest balance ever; answer: no. Ellie believes, and told prior supervisor, the supervisor is not paid enough to attract talented people, this budget has reduced Supervisor's salary to pay Supervisor's Confidential Secretary, the Town Clerk has paid clerks, and this Clerk works in more than one capacity. She

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asked Councilman Byas, when he speaks to those towns, to inquire as to Town of Coeymans and Town of Coxsackie supervisors' earnings. Taxes levy increase is 1.52%; give Supervisor back her salary. Records Management Contractual is the justice grant; Records Management Personal Services is what the Town pays for records management clerk. Supervisor checked with Attorney for the Town, it is okay for her to give part of her salary to Confidential Secretary and the Town Board approved it at the Organizational Meeting. In 2005, \$237,957 was the Fund Balance, then into the \$300,000's in subsequent years, and the Town is in good shape from the fiscal skills of prior supervisor.

Councilman Byas said if we take \$100,000 out of General Fund balance, it will be gone in 4 years. Continuing, he said if we don't start cutting now, we will be in same position as those other towns. Councilman Byas challenged other elected officials to take a same percentage cut as himself, the Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk, need to start saving right now; we have to start cutting or Town of New Baltimore will not be here in four years. Ellie Alfeld said we won't be able to get qualified people. Councilman Byas said Town of New Baltimore is the highest taxed town in Greene County; Ellie said she would challenge that. Councilman Byas said the Town hadn't gotten its Consolidated Highway Improvement Programs (CHIPS) money from the state; answer: yes, that money is here. Councilman Byas said in four years the Town will have a 25% tax rate.

Alta Turner said this budget has many cuts and asked for a suggestion. Councilman Byas was prepared to go to a special meeting for that; Alta said tonight was that special meeting. Councilman Byas said he would not discuss some of this in front of everybody. (gavel) Dick Brooks said that was against the law. Councilman Byas said he will after they've had their meeting. Supervisor explained that the Board may not meet as a group; Councilman Byas said without advertising it, so advertise it. Supervisor said we are still sitting right here. Councilman Byas thought the Board members would meet together behind closed doors. (gavel) Supervisor reviewed Civics 101; Town Law requires when you have Committee meetings and reach 3, you have a quorum and must be open and transparent, putting notice to the public. And with a very interested public, they will attend. Ellie said this Board is very lucky to have all these people in attendance, last year it was just 2 or 3.

Councilwoman Finke ran the resolution on Supervisor's salary, taking the \$1,000 for confidential secretary, to the Association of Towns. The response was, *Improper. Cannot decrease the salary of an elected official during their term absent a local law subject to mandatory referendum. Similarly, if the Town Board has not provided compensation to the confidential secretary, it is improper for the Town Supervisor to pay said secretary out of his/her own money.*

Supervisor said this salary modification occurred at the onset of the term and not during the term of office, the Town Board approved it at the Organizational Meeting, seeks clarification as to how it is accomplished in the Budget as a permanent salary decrease, and asked for copy of the AOT opinion. Supervisor intends for the Board to vote on this at the Organizational Meeting in 2011. If the Board is willing, the Supervisor would take a permanent salary cut of \$1,000.

Councilwoman Finke asked about the \$1900 for dog licenses; expenses will involve the purchase of the new license tags, and without local law in place it was difficult to put in the budget. Supervisor thought transition to doing our own licenses would be even revenue with the current revenue and come out even, and an expenditure line would be needed.

Councilman Byas asked what the 1.5% tax levy increase is in dollars. Supervisor said \$7.59/\$100,000 assessed value or \$127,000 home; total tax \$1,079,344 or \$36,000 rise. Supervisor said if the Board does not vote on the Preliminary Budget tonight the budget cannot go to public hearing. Member of the public needed to leave; Supervisor assured them the budget would be available on the website.

Ellie asked to add the Animal Control Officer's chip scanner, \$300.

Councilman Byas wanted to adjust Parks, wasn't sure how many times Silver Lake Park was used, and how much it cost to run; Town Clerk said it was second most frequently used park. Councilman Byas said we have 4 parks; if Silver Lake is closed, do something with mowing, we could save \$3,000, plus cost of portajohns, and Wyche Park. Supervisor asked if he wanted to close just Silver Lake or just the mowing. Councilman Byas said the mowing would save \$3,000, close to \$9000 for three parks. Clerk Brooks had asked for approval from Parks Committee to take out portajohns, had not heard from them, and there is one more Silver Lake rental coming up. Councilman Byas said to remove portajohns in District 2, 1 and Cornell.

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Supervisor asked if he was recommending closing the second most used park? Councilman Byas said yes, or just the mowing. Supervisor asked for the revenue for that park. Councilman Byas asked the Town Clerk; Town Clerk said that information was not at her fingertips. Councilman Byas said Town Clerk can get back to him; Clerk Brooks said he can come in and look at the file. Member of the public felt it was not the Clerk's job to garner the information for Councilman Byas; Councilman Byas said to get going here. Supervisor said the Board has to come in and look through. Supervisor said this is a recommendation to save by closing Silver Lake, \$3000, and Wyche Park, \$3000, mowing plus portajohns; subtract from Parks. Dick Brooks asked where kids can go to play ball; Councilwoman Finke said District 2. Councilman Byas said kids can still use it, Dick Brooks asked if they'd use it without portajohns and unmowed? Councilman Byas asked how much it was really used; answer: quite a bit. Ellie Alfeld asked if 'closed' meant 'chained'; Councilman Byas said that would have to be looked at. Alan VanWormer asked if mowing savings was \$3,000, Councilman Byas said \$3,000 per park. Joe Cosenza asked about liability. Councilman Byas said maybe we should sell those parks, need to look at hard issues, if keep going in direction we'll be out of money in 4 years and taxes will be up 25%. Alan asked if two parks would go to weeds? Councilman Byas said we have no businesses to offset these. Alan said to get some businesses in. Councilman Byas asked how, with the taxes we're paying. Supervisor asked Councilman Byas for the Special Meeting to look at savings, legally and healthwise, to close parks, and the savings on insurance, and to check with Clerk on revenue from each park. Councilman Byas will.

Councilman Byas asked if there were equipment purchases in 2011 budget.

Town Clerk said there were 34 rentals, one park could not accommodate that number of groups; she was privileged to provide park use reports and thankyou's to the Parks Committee, with the fee system, regular inspection, and care by the residents of the Town. Councilman Byas said a return of \$500 profit on a \$3,000 investment, need to be looked at as a business, wants to cut back and save. Member of the public said Parks aren't a business. Councilman Byas said the state should have been looked at as a business. Supervisor asked to consider, if Parks aren't being used enough, increasing fees; Councilman Byas said no, he didn't want to increase anything, just wants to cut back and save for the tough times coming. Supervisor said when expenditures exceed revenues, why not increase revenues. Councilman Byas said why have 4 parks, squeeze them into 2, and use more efficiently and he will report back. Ellie stated that the people in the Town are the end result whether \$7 more in their budget is worth it to keep their parks open, and thinks it should be more their decision. Supervisor said the public will have chance to weigh in at the public hearing. Councilman Byas said the Town has not had fire insurance on the pavilions in past years, and did this year, asked what the savings would be, little amounts but they add up, and asked the Supervisor to tell the Board. Supervisor said it does add up if we must replace the pavilion, like Hunter did; Councilman Byas said the pavilions were all donated. Supervisor said even if they were, will they be donated again if we lose them. Councilman Byas said there are no guarantees in life. Supervisor said that's why we have insurance; Councilman Byas said you can't insurance everything. Supervisor asked if it is goal to get to 0%, we need about \$16,000 or another \$10,000. Councilman Byas asked to leave the men's raises at 1.5%. Supervisor asked what that meant, did he mean the highway and if so there is a female member of the highway. Councilman Byas said yes, the highway, and no increases for full-time elected officials, Denis and Janet, to have raises. Supervisor said they are the only full-time elected officials, who turned in activity reports and put in over 40 hours per week. Supervisor said \$1,200. Councilman Byas never got a clear answer on the post office boxes; what are the chances of having the mail delivered. Supervisor said the Town has supported each post office, Councilman Byas suggests canceling them. The Town Court has many pieces to sign for, Councilman Byas said the carrier can come in to have them signed; the hamlet post office is for the Sewer District, and the Chief Operator would have to drive to Town Hall for his mail. Councilman Byas said court fines are down \$40,000; a post office box won't break the Town Court. Clerk Brooks said the mail comes at midday, giving them less time to turn around their mail.

Councilwoman Finke asked, whether Clerk Fees included dog licenses. Supervisor said Clerk Fees had been rising. Clerk Brooks said an enumeration would be an additional way to build up dog licenses, has been many years.

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Councilman Byas asked to take some streetlights out of service where they are not efficient. Supervisor asked what the rental contract is with Central Hudson if lights are taken out. Councilman Byas asked if waste containers go out for bid; answer: yes, 4year contract with 2 years remaining.

John Cashin asked if the Fund Balance is added to; it is what is left over after all the expenditures and revenues have been accounted for. In 2005 it was \$237,000; 2006 it was \$311,000; 2007 it was \$367,000; 2008 it was \$419,000 and 2009 it was \$416,000. And there is some for each special district and the highway and the reserve funds.

Water District No. 3 and Sewer District No. 2- there is a situation to rectify, with one taxpayer, Serta Mattress. The pump station services Empire Merchants and Serta, to talk about getting a user fee from Empire Merchants to help with that. Village of Coxsackie has been paying electricity bill for the pump station, which now will come over to the Town of New Baltimore. Donna Carlson asked if General Fund balance is in Certificates of Deposit or can it be invested; answer: the Town receives its revenue one time of year and mortgage tax, and some that we can invest, but must pay its bills out of its checking account.

Ellie Alfeld suggested the Economic Assistance, veterans and seniors, any monies setaside previously be returned to General Fund.

Supervisor thought the public hearing for the budget would be at Work Meeting, October 25, and asked for Saturday morning for Special Meeting? Councilman Byas had no date in mind. Silence. Supervisor asked for Thursday, October 21, 2010, at 7pm.No further discussion.

- Bookkeeper for the Town

\$900/month was negotiated by Councilman Norris; Supervisor will prepare resolution for next meeting.

- Attorney for the Town

A quote was received from Attorney for the Town Wukitsch for \$12,000, slightly up, without attending regularly and to attend 3 additional meetings. Supervisor will prepare a resolution for the next meeting. Councilwoman Finke said he's only been to one meeting this year. Supervisor said he only can come when asked, has been to court for the Town, and has attended meetings for the Town. Clerk Brooks added many FOILS also. Supervisor has asked the Clerk to track the number of FOILS. Training by Mr. Wukitsch is billed separately. Councilman Byas thought his attendance was for Town Board meetings as he negotiated the rate with Mr. Wukitsch.

- Town Board Member for Auditing Abstracts

Supervisor is seeking a volunteer to audit abstracts, once each month, to comply with Comptroller's Office in providing checks and balances. Councilman Meredith volunteered. Clerk Brooks offered that immediate gratification is available. Town Clerk read the Organizational Meeting resolution affecting the Town Attorney, at a rate of \$11,498.

Adjournment

Councilwoman Finke moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet A. Brooks
Town Clerk