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OPENING OF MEETING

Supervisor O'Rorke called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending: Councilwoman Finke, Councilmen Byas and Norris, Town Clerk Brooks, and 8 members of the public. Absent: Councilman Meredith, Highway Superintendent Jordan.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Supervisor reported having met with Village of Coxsackie, Town of Coxsackie, Delaware Engineering, Serta Mattress, Empire Merchants regarding Sewer District 2 and Water Districts 2 and 3. The Houghtaling Road pump station serving Kalkberg Commerce Park is located in and owned by the Town of New Baltimore. In addition to Serta, Empire Merchants also uses the pump station and expenses are incurred that are more than the responsibility of Serta. Empire has agreed to pay their proportionate share of expenses that will be roughly \$1,700 per year.

Also, Supervisor is working on the billing situation; sewer and water are billed by the Village of Coxsackie, bills come here, and the New Baltimore Town Clerk sends them out, receives payment, and remits to the Village of Coxsackie. Water District 2 is billed semiannually; the Water District 3/Sewer District 2 combination is billed quarterly. Clerk Brooks added that the power account is also being switched to the Town of New Baltimore; the pump station electricity was paid by the Village of Coxsackie for past 5 years.

Supervisor has had inquiries on the 2011 Town Budget and reviewed that the process was begun in August when Town Board members were given detail on their committees and got back to Supervisor with questions, additions, deletions. If anyone needs new information or updated information, Supervisor will provide that. Councilman Byas didn't get any information from the beginning and will sit with Supervisor.

Supervisor has checked on bonds, one of the Town's has a call period in 2013, so would require an additional \$20,000 to payoff. It ranges 2.92- 4.23. Supervisor has contacted National Bank of Coxsackie and Bank of Greene County for their offerings. Supervisor will also call for cost of bond counsel to learn upfront charges for new bonds. Councilman Norris asked if 2 of the 3 bonds could be consolidated; Supervisor said one was very small, and one has a call on it, \$20,000 to pay it off early, and the Town is getting 50% off the variable rate on it.

Greene County Legislator was not in attendance.

Town Clerk Brooks reported for September, 2010: 10 building permits-\$2,024.83; 1 deck/porch permit-\$75.00; 1 Certificate of Occupancy search-\$15.00; 15 conservation fees totaling \$87.68; 12 dog licenses- \$75.00; 2 demolition permits-\$150.00; 2 excavation fees for culvert under driveway-\$70.00; 30 photocopies-\$7.50; total local shares to Supervisor-\$2,505.91; and to Greene County Treasurer for dog licenses- \$14.10, and to NYSDEC for sporting licenses- \$1,504.32, heavy sporting license traffic. There was a noticeable increase in 911 sign orders (many 2nd requests), thanks to the Cornell Hook and Ladder Fire Company's calendar fundraiser letter and recent ambulance calls; 3 new FOILS, one remain incomplete, 2 satisfied; placed the advertisements for the Highway for 'leaf pickup' and 'no discarded snow on town highways'; invoice issues with Waste Management continue; resolved new account with Central Hudson for Sewer District 2/Water District 3; still resolving payroll issues to determine correct balance for remainder of 2010; as the Town pays bills only once a month, each voucher received is considered by date so that the payment requested of the Board in the abstract can be correct. Regarding requests for information, Board members' requests information may expect to be put in order with the Town residents and state and county authorities to whom I am accountable. Current high priority is absentee ballot requests. Regarding the inclusion of a letter of resignation, most resignation letters are one sentence in length and are not read but announced. As a communication they may be noted briefly or entered in entirety in the minutes, this decision is a prerogative of the Town Board. For example, the Board decided a one-sentence letter was not read, it was announced, and it was not entered. For example, the Board decided a letter was read, and it was entered in full.

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Highway Superintendent Jordan reports for October 22, 2010: Moved excavator to Highmount Road for ditching; Serviced 1993 International plow truck; Painted frame on 1993 International; Cleaned beaver dams from culverts; Checked over f-550 and took for NYS inspection; Adjusted clutches on truck where needed; Changed grease in transmission and rear end of 1089 International; Friday October 1 continued to check roads and drains 5" of rain; Took 2006 f-350 to VanKleek's for 6 new tires; Oct 1 Highway Superintendent Jordan met with Supervisor O'Rorke, Dave Wukitsch, Steve Pilatich, and Michael Moore regarding work on Jennings Road; Hand patched with black top; Mixed up sand and salt and put in shed; Patched dirt Roads with crusher run; Hauled in more washed screenings from Callanan; Put up more stop ahead signs and replaced several faded stop signs; Changed oil in leaf vacuum and cleaned up leaves from drains and ditches in hamlet; Mowed and weeded cemeteries; Grader patched Jennings Road except for in front of Steve Pilatich's driveway; Repaired muffler on grader; Repaired damaged drain at Madison Ave. East and Main Street; Took tires from recycle center to W&J; Ditched on Highmount Road; Grader patched on Featherbed Lane; Put sander on 1989 International; Grader patched on Shady Lane; Hand patched Washington Avenue East, Manor Road, and Carhart Roads with blacktop; Hauled brown sand from Port of Coeymans; Drained water at all parks; Cut some dead trees along the road; Took down area light at Town Garage so Central Hudson can replace pole. Also, someone dumped a large load of garbage on Haas Hill Road; Highway is working with the Sheriff's deputies. Councilman Byas said (inaudible) Town. Supervisor said Highway Superintendent had money left in his budget after Jennings Road to do patching on Shady Lane, could not wait for Board as blacktop plant was closing for the season, and Highway Committee gave their approval.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator Jim Polverelli reports processing 785,376 gallons; replaced rotor on motor 2 with spare rebuilt; pulled pump 2 from pump station for evaluation and repair; power out 36 minutes on September 16, generators ran okay; ultraviolet disinfection system off for season on September 24; adjusted plant for wet weather mode after 3.94 inches of rain. Supervisor expressed appreciation for his attentiveness and for Highway Department's help. Councilman Byas called Safe Home Alarm system; they will call Jim to set up an appointment, Councilman Byas asked to know when it was. Scott Alarm estimates \$295 to alarm the pump station; we have a visual alarm only, NYSDEC has noted this. Supervisor said NYS Rural Water presented their services and will put RFP together free of charge to search for engineer, the plant is getting older, most grants require retaining an engineer, and, knowing the engineer cost, create scopes of work, and an RFP can include that cost. Councilman Byas asked if there was a charge to this; no Board objection to going to the RFP. Councilman Byas called Delaware Engineering to provide information about different types of pumps that should be put in since there is sand getting in and will get back to Jim and the Board. Councilman Norris asked if manhole inspections are complete; answer: 1/3 of the way, pieces have been found here and there. Jim Polverelli will arrange with Bullock to do some wiring at the Pump Station.

Historian- Supervisor read Clesson Bush's letter of resignation, for personal reasons, and will certainly be missed; Supervisor tried to persuade him to stay on. Councilman Byas asked to put it in the newsletter. Supervisor said the Town's historian is her appointment; she will speak to individuals mentioned by Mr. Bush and believes she will find an interested and knowledgeable candidate.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer John Cashin reports for September, 2010: Building Inspections- 32; Building Permits Issued- 5; Building Permits Renewed: 5; Certificates of Compliance Issued: 7; Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 5; Commercial Site Fire Inspections: 1; Demolition Permit Applications Received: 2; Demolition Permits Issued: 2; Junk Vehicle Complaints: 2; New Building Permit Applications Received: 5; Code Violation Investigations: 6; Zoning Violation Investigations: 2; Application Fees for September 2010: \$2,249.83 ; Total Fees for Year to Date: \$12,872.14.

Assessment (Meredith/O'Rorke) Assessor Gordon Bennett reports: STAR Enhanced exemption renewals will go in the mail this week. The Town has had two small claims cases; one was dismissed for inadequate filing and a decision is expected on the case that

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was heard. Re the case dismissed for inadequate filing, Supervisor credits Assessor Bennett for research done, made sure proper notice was served, a good technicality that he caught. For Data Collection, we look forward to working with John Cashin. For the 911 sign project, Assessor's Clerk Julie Fisk adds sign orders received from Town Clerk to the master list, Councilman Norris informs Julie when the sign is made and that information is also entered on the list. The master list always reflects the progress, smoothly and efficiently. Clerk Brooks added that Emergency Management Officer VanWormer delivers the bulk of the signs, assisted by Councilman Norris. Around the office, Julie is now a proud grandma who, after enjoying the Alaskan scenery, assisted in the delivery of Jameson Robert Sherman, born October 5 in Anchorage, Alaska, and Gordon attended an educational conference in Lake Placid, NY.

Agriculture Committee Chair Ted Flegel reports the committee resumed its monthly meetings on Thursday, October 7 at 7pm at Town Hall, discussing economic development, estate planning, new Town Board liaison, committee goals and projects for 2010-11, joint meetings with Farmers' Market, and Greene Land Trust to present at next meeting. The November 4 meeting will be jointly at 6:30pm with Farmers' Market. (Councilman Norris read a letter from Hilary Schrauf, Market Manager.) Farmers' Market Committee President Liz LoGiudice thanked the Town Board for their support, the use of the Town parks, the Highway Department and Jim VanSlyke updating electrical service, thanked the Agriculture Committee, the Farmers' Market manager Hilary Schrauf, Greene Tourism and Greene IDA for marketing and signage, Sue McCuen, Lynn Taylor, Jack Dirrygl, Pat Monks, Fran Melick and especially Councilman Norris for extraordinary commitment to the Market, a great example of an economic development as well as community-building element. Supervisor thanked the committee for their hard work.

Ag Fest Committee -Kathy Rundberg wrote, thanking the Town Board for support and asked the Board to plan to join them for AgFest on June 4-5, 2011. Supervisor brought up, after 2010 incident with insurance, establishing protection for the VanEtten Farm, the fact that the Town cannot do fundraising. Having made the AgFest a Town function, Supervisor spoke again to Association of Towns who suggested contracting with the Committee to run the event; the Town may provide electricity, portajohns, and insurance or give the Committee a grant and they could go get the services. If it is a Town function, all funds need to be handled through the Town by voucher, like any other department. Supervisor suggests meeting with Councilman Byas and AgFest Committee to work out what is paid and by whom and put a contract in place. With first meeting after January 1, Councilman Byas will talk to someone before the next Board meeting because it is getting more complicated. Councilman Byas asked about the Bicentennial Committee; Supervisor said, like the Public Memorial Committee, they maintain their own bank account. Farmers' Market is a standalone entity that receives a grant from the Town.

Planning Board Chair Lee Davis reported for October 25, 2010: The Planning Board met briefly on October 14, 2010. There were no applications to come before the Board at this meeting. Due to the Veterans' Day holiday falling on the regular Planning Board meeting night, the November Meeting will be held on November 18.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Meave Tooher reported for October 25, 2010: The Zoning Board of Appeals met on October 6, 2010, with the following business transacted: Public Hearing on the annual renewal of Bruce and Rose Ubrich Use Variance was held. In the regular meeting that followed the Public Hearing: The Ubrich Use Variance was renewed for another one-year period. The Board, having received an appeal from the Town Board of the Code Enforcement Officer's interpretation of the Town Zoning Ordinance with regard to a motorcross track, held initial discussion on the appeal with Town Board representatives. The matter will again be taken up at the November ZBA Meeting. Since some Board Members are registered to attend county training on November 3, the November ZBA Meeting is being scheduled for 7:30 pm, November 10.

Building and Grounds/Recycling-Councilman Byas didn't have a report. Supervisor said Justice Cosenza arranged a meeting for Supervisor, Councilman Byas, the contractor to clear up misunderstandings. Supervisor has a resolution for the Board. The contractor's

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estimate indicated that all walls would be sheetrocked and wainscoted; the contractor didn't understand from walkthrough with Councilman Byas that the back/dais wall would be done. Councilman Byas said, before going out to bid, learned the original blackboards were at Greene County Historical Society, Councilman Byas did not include this in conversation with any of the six contractors who bid the job to be done. The contractor's bid said "all walls" he meant "all walls" he discussed with Councilman Byas. Councilman Byas had purchased a die to do the nice trim work which was not included in original quote. Councilman Byas left an invoice for Supervisor this day, and Supervisor asked if \$667 included the knives, can take off the custom die \$300 and millwork, as that is additional to the \$9,500 quote? Joe Cosenza said the contractor's original quote specified 1"x6" stock; did he mill it for \$337 or do we deduct the cost of the 1"x 6" stock? Councilman Byas said 417 feet is correct, \$367 for milling, and \$300 for knives. Joe Cosenza said to hold back the invoice as he was to provide the 1"x6" trim for around the windows; Councilman Byas said this cost had nothing to do with the wood, only labor. On Friday, November 5, the contractor and Bolt Designers staff will put the curtains up for \$75 and no extra cost billed by contractor.

Supervisor said back/dais wall has been sheetrocked; there will be wainscoting under blackboards and ending a few feet from doorframe, where the curtains are; price \$150. Regarding quoting scraping, painting and replacing weights on windows: from Councilman Byas the contractor understood to only paint the inside of the windows and stated the windows are not to the point of using. Councilman Byas said, if the windows are going to be replaced, it doesn't make sense to paint them, and they've been tightened up a lot. Joe Cosenza said the contractor got one window working, the ropes have let go, the moulding is already nailed in, and he cannot get to the weights. Supervisor said \$900 additional to Board's prior approval has been expended. In two steps, Office of Court Administration agreed to \$9,500; now we are well into \$10,400, if we have to give back any of the grant, the Town will have to come up with the balance and the work was just done and not approved. Councilman Byas said he understood there was \$11,100 to spend, and there were technicalities he didn't understand; Joe Cosenza said OCA had approved up to the \$9,500, and he will try to get the extra money, but the contractor must be paid and can't be told that Councilman Byas misunderstood. Supervisor asked if OCA might be difficult because the deadline is past; Joe Cosenza has been smoothing them and doesn't want to keep going back to them. Supervisor asked if lights will be done by month's end? Councilman Byas said Central Hudson said 2-3 weeks and that just today a person was at Town Hall; one stake was missing at east side of parking lot. Lights, as a part of the original grant, must appear on the paperwork. Clerk Brooks clarified Councilman Byas had received 6 bids for this job? Councilman Byas said he spoke to 6 contractors and received two bids; Clerk Brooks asked for copies of the two bids; Councilman Byas said they were both opened in the meeting, one for \$18-19,000. Clerk Brooks has the original bid gotten by Joe Cosenza. Supervisor said they were opened prior to meeting. Supervisor read.

**RESOLUTION
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR
RENOVATIONS TO TOWN HALL**

WHEREAS, the Town of New Baltimore Justice Court has received grant monies from the New York State Office of Court Administration, a portion of which are proposed to be used to fund renovations to improve the operation and efficiency of the Town Justice Court, and

WHEREAS, the Town Justices have proposed specific renovations to the Town Board which involve work to be done in the Town Hall offices and meeting room, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board did approve expenditures for renovations on July 12, 2010 of \$9,500 for renovations, and

WHEREAS, the renovations have resulted in additional expenses;

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following renovations and purchases proposed by Councilman Byas to be made to the Town meeting room:

- Cost of custom die and milling of trim work \$667.20
- Hanging of Curtains \$75
- Allowance for back wall sheetrock to be compensated by not painting windows
- Wainscoting to back wall \$150

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Councilman Byas will supervise all work in the meeting room and will provide all necessary paperwork upon completion of the project to the justices in a timely manner to meet their grant requirements.

Councilman Norris moved and Supervisor seconded. Clerk Brooks was asked about sheetrock in the vestibule; contractor understood to wainscote the bell cord wall but not the vestibule, as the front door might be changed in the next few years. Supervisor said original ceiling moulding would be replaced, Joe Cosenza wanted cove moulding, then discussed sheetrocking the ceiling with Councilman Byas. Councilman Byas decided not to put cove moulding back up, and then replace ceiling in a year or two or three. Supervisor spoke to Mark Peckham and Cless Bush about grant eligibility for the building; with the addition the building is not a viable candidate for a grant, and there are no grants to begin. Councilman Byas wanted temporary trim and hopes to do more at later date by grant and move the ceiling up. Mark Peckham, with NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, confirms very little chance of grants to do work to meeting room. 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-Absent
NORRIS-AYE O'RORKE-AYE**

Adopted

Justice Cosenza said that resolution approved the costs of the additional work; if Office of Court Administration doesn't approve, the Town Board has committed to spending the money in this resolution. Councilman Norris asked about additional purchases for the court from the grant? Joe Cosenza said those things were itemized separately. When the original contractor could not be found, and a larger bid in hand, the lighting money was approved by OCA to be used inside.

Justice Cosenza applied for windows in the grant and they were turned down; individually-paned windows will cost more, grill between even less. Original bid for replacement windows was \$645 for all from a Catskill firm. Councilman Norris said contractor related windows that look like these, but are energy efficient. Supervisor said also could buy inside storms and apply them over these windows, or do nothing. Councilman Byas said \$1,000 each plus labor, and advises waiting til this project is complete and see how much money remains. Justice Cosenza said inside storms will not be as efficient as replacement windows and 6-8 weeks are needed to make windows, and winter is not the ideal time to install. Jean Horn asked if replacement windows would include screens. Councilman Norris favors moving on the windows to finish the energy efficiency. Supervisor reminded that the room is used not only at night for meetings but also as an overflow office about 3 days each week. Clerk reminded that the plastic was applied not only for the cold weather but for the hot weather. Councilman Norris reminded that this single room was once Town Hall; Clerk Loux worked for the Town at that time and said it was either cold or hot in the room.

Recycling Center Operator Spencer Sebert reports 1 appliance-\$7.50; 11 tires without rim-\$22.00; 27-60 gallon bags of plastic; 10-55 gallon drums of cans; 44 bundles of magazines and phone books; 69 bags of newspaper; 7 bags of shredded paper; 29 boxes/bundles of cardboard; total revenue- \$29.50. For Town Hall Maintenance he reports: changed air and water filters; changed light bulbs. Councilwoman Finke said Councilman Byas did not have the report.

Animal Control Joe Tanner reported some recent dog bites were nips, like a child going toward a dog while eating; court appearances this month-1; dog complaints from the hamlet-0, Janet Angelis reported an aggressive white pitbull on Washington Avenue, Joe

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answered that 2 dogs are related. Councilman Norris asked should everyone who gets bitten go to the doctor; answer: yes, word goes to Greene County Public Health, and back to the Town, he goes to check, or to confine the dog. Councilman Norris said the incidents reported lately weren't up to date with their licenses so he proposes a fine as he heard nothing from the Board members.

Councilman Norris reported this has come about by a change at the state level, no longer administering the dog licensing from NYS Agriculture and Markets, the counties did not pick it up, so all will be locally administered and issued. Councilman Norris has worked with Clerk Brooks, who has provided him with materials from other towns, and the result was put out to the Board, feedback and comment was received from Clerk Brooks.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 of 2010

**AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE,
CHAPTER 42 (DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS), ARTICLE IV (LICENSING
DOGS)
LICENSING OF DOGS**

§ 42-26. Age Dogs must be licensed

All dogs in the Town of New Baltimore must be licensed with the Town Clerk by the age of 4 months and are required to present a current Certificate of Rabies at the time of licensing or the renewal of an existing license.

§ 42-27. Expiration

All dog licenses will be valid for a period of one year and will expire at the end of the month one year from the date of issue.

§ 42-28. Late Fees

A late fee of \$5.00 will be assessed if not renewed within 30 days of expiration.

§ 42-29. Fees

Fees for Licensing of Dogs: The fee for a spayed or neutered dog will be \$7.00, (which included the assessment of a \$1.00 surcharge for the purpose of carrying out animal population control) and the fee for an unspayed or unneutered dog will be \$15.00, (which included the assessment of a \$3.00 surcharge for the purpose of carrying out animal population control), and the fee for a therapy dog will be \$0.00, with such fees being reviewed by the Town Board periodically and may be changed by a resolution of the Town Board, if deemed necessary.

§ 42-30 Rabies Certification

The application for a license or renewal shall be accompanied by a statement certified by a licensed veterinarian showing that the dog has received the rabies vaccine; or, in lieu thereof, a statement certified by a licensed veterinarian that because of the dog's age or other reason, the life of the dog would be endangered by the administration of the vaccine.

§ 42-31. Enumeration Fee

Enumeration fee: When the Town Board determines the need for a dog enumeration or inventory, a fee of \$5.00 will be assessed to all dogs found unlicensed or renewed at the time the enumeration is conducted.

§ 42-32. Purebred License

Purebred License: The Town of New Baltimore will not be issuing Purebred or Kennel Licenses. All dogs will be licensed individually as per fee system stated above.

§ 42-33. Service Dogs

Service Dogs: The Town of New Baltimore will not require a license for any guide dog, service dog, hearing dog or detection dog.

§ 42-34. Shelters

The Town of New Baltimore does not allow the licensing of dogs by a shelter. The shelter MUST send the adoptive dog owners to the Town Clerk of the Town or City in which the dog will be harbored for licensing OR to the Town Clerk of the Town of New Baltimore, for the purchase of the license for adoption purposes.

§ 42-35. Purchasing Dog Licenses

All dog licenses may be purchased by visiting the Town offices or by regular mail. If licensing or renewing a license by mail, the appropriate fee must accompany the forms. There will be NO refund of fees.

§ 42-36. Funding

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All fees will be used in funding the administration of the Dog Control Law for the Town of New Baltimore.

§ 42-37. Fees for Seizure of Dogs

Fees for Seizure of Dogs: The fee for seizure and impoundment of dogs in violation of this law or the Laws of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Law are as follows: First Offense: The same impoundment and euthanasia fees per animal that are charged to the town for such service plus \$35, Second and all future offenses: \$60.00 plus the impoundment and euthanasia fees per animal.

§ 42-38. Replacement Fee

A fee of \$2.00 will be imposed for any tag replacement.

Effective Date: This Local Law shall be effective January 1, 2011 after filing with the Secretary of State.

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as Local Law No. ____ for 2010 of the Town of New Baltimore was duly passed by the Town Board on, _____ 2010 in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

Janet Brooks, Clerk

(SEAL) Town of New Baltimore

Date: _____

STATE OF NEW YORK)) SS.: COUNTY OF GREENE)

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Local Law contains the correct text and that all proper proceedings have been had or taken for the enactment of the local law annexed hereto.

Town Attorney

Town of New Baltimore

Date: _____

Animal Control Officer Joe Tanner recommended going together with another or two municipalities to further reduce the cost of the dog tags; he can now write someone up for an unlicensed dog and this law will stand up in court.

Councilman Norris explained as an unfunded state law, the Town is collecting all the fees, and remitting a smaller amount, so the dog owner and the Town are in a better place. He added that Joe Tanner also wants a chip reader to better identify the owner of the dog; \$325 is the cost Councilman Norris found for the item.

Councilman Byas asked Joe Tanner and Councilman Norris if the license could be done with the chip reader; answer: no. License provides documentation of vaccination; implanted chip provides documentation of ownership.

Councilman Byas asked if service dog definition included a farm dog; service dog is for blind, handicapped, police detection.

Town Clerk Brooks asked to address therapy dogs, dogs that have specific training to visit nursing homes, for instance, and would like that dog license to remain free. She added that her office has been selling the licenses all along, it is the state website that held an enormous body of information in which a dog could be found, and that website is gone as of January 1, 2010. The chip reader will be the answer to identifying dogs moving between municipalities. Clerk Brooks and Councilman Norris did their best to find sources of grants for the chip reader.

Joe Tanner added that licenses previously were issued by the shelters; this is eliminated by the local law. Clerk Brooks said the first two have been purchased then returned to the shelter/humane society to get the animal.

Member of the public asked if the implanted chip was required under this local law; answer: no, leaving a loophole in the information. Member of the public asked if the Town should consider requiring the chip.

Clerk Brooks asked to stress the education of the public to the idea of getting their dog back for the cost of that license; Councilman Norris added the imposed fee that can be collected if the dog that is found is unlicensed. Also Councilman Norris proposes adding the Columbia-Greene Humane Society, as it is a no-kill shelter, when Joe Tanner must use it for an impounded animal.

Joe Cosenza asked when Joe Tanner cites someone for an unlicensed dog, the appearance will be in Town Court; answer: yes.

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RESOLUTION
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LICENSING OF DOGS

WHEREAS, the existing roles of both county government and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYSDAM) in the licensing of dogs will be eliminated on January 1, 2011 and

WHEREAS, part T of Chapter 59 of the Laws of New York of 2010 provides for the elimination of NYSDAM's dog licensing functions, including the agency's centralized Dog Licensing System (DLS) and

WHEREAS, the state of New York requires that all dogs be licensed as per section 109, Article 7 under Agriculture and Markets of the Laws of New York State and,

WHEREAS, the Town of New Baltimore in need to amend and add to the Town of New Baltimore's code book a section for the licensing of dogs due to the elimination of the State of New York's licensing function (DCL).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY SCHEDULES a public hearing to be held on the 8th day of November, 2010, at 7:30 pm at New Baltimore Town Hall, 3809 CR 51, Hannacroix, New York 12087, to consider adopting Local Law No.1 of 2010, amending the Code of the Town of New Baltimore, Chapter 42 (Dogs and other Animals), Article IV (Licensing of Dogs) as follows:

Supervisor moved and Councilman Norris seconded. Clerk Brooks asked for "therapy dog- \$0 fee". 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-Absent
 NORRIS-AYE O'RORKE-AYE

Adopted

Fire,EMS, and Law Enforcement- At the October 19 Greene County EMS meeting planning for the next contract with Greene County was begun. Topics discussed included paramedic pay and benefits, medic retention and training, adding a 5th unit, and the ratio paid by the County and the towns. 9 ALS calls in September; year-to-date: 51. Received a call from CSX they have moved their schedule and will start replacing the SR144 crossing on Sunday, hope to complete by Tuesday. SR144 will be closed to all traffic beginning Sunday morning.

Emergency Management Officer Alan Van Wormer reports for October 2010: received and delivered 31 E911 signs, 600 signs have been made and delivered and \$5,600 used from the grants. Balance of \$1,900 will make 190 signs. Unresolved is the issue of the security doors for the remaining offices in Town Hall; funds are recommended in 2011 Budget to complete this. Safety and security of all town employees should be of utmost importance. Met with Sheriff Seeley on October 5 to discuss the idea of a monthly report of actives and calls out of the substation; well-received by the Sheriff, next month I will report on the activities of the Sheriff substation in my report.

Parks Town Clerk requested approval from Parks Committee to remove the portajohns for the season; after one week with no response from the committee, she had them removed. Cooperating with the Highway crew turning off water, Clerk Brooks requested Central Hudson turned off electric at Wyche, Hallock and Silver Lake. Supervisor asked if Park Rental Form has been changed yet.

Promotion and Economic Development / Grants - Councilman Norris met with State Telephone's Mark Evans on September 23 to discuss fiber optic services that currently run from Village of Coxsackie to Ravena on US Route 9W; also met with MidHudson Cablevision's James Fingar and discussed extensions. He acquired line extension request forms and learned that density of 25 houses per mile is necessary for extension with

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commitments from those 25 houses; also discussed MidHudson's federal grant; Town of New Baltimore is on the bottom of the list; looking at Highmount Road and School Hill Road due to the presence of a tower that communicates with 911 emergency services.

Newsletter/Web Site and Technology -Councilwoman Finke said she has a few articles and not much space, is continuing to update website. Councilman Norris asked if the Farmers' Market article he emailed to her on Oct 8 would be included; Councilwoman Finke said the article is long. Also, he had no responses from his Sept 20 and Oct 6 emails. Supervisor sent email about Seniors Committee and had no response; Councilwoman Finke said she could not open; Supervisor said there was no attachment, adding that more and more documents cannot be opened at Town Hall and can that be handled through Joe Wolodkevich? Tax Collector Lynn Taylor must do a sample run of tax roll; her problem is resolved. Supervisor will email 2011 Preliminary Budget to website.

Personnel Historian position reported earlier.

Insurance Regarding changes to health insurance plan, Supervisor has added the HRA account, cleaned up the COBRA, cleared up the contribution schedule, and the employee contribution remains the same upon retirement. Supervisor checked with other municipalities and most are paying 100% of insurance premium. The Town may wish to change for future employees; Supervisor does not favor changing the care offered to current employees who have come into employment with the Town.

For retirees: rates are soon available for retirees over 65, the current plan is up \$20/month. Another plan has \$0 premium, has a \$4,000 deductible, and Blue Shield deposits an amount, not the town's money. The Town could choose to pay out of the HRA, no co-payments with this plan; and the last catch is that it does not cover prescriptions. This is not available yet; should be ready soon.

Supervisor checked Town of Webster; it is not community-rated. Supervisor knows of a consortium, January 1, where Tompkins County covers every municipality in their county. Also, effective October 22, 2010, the masonry-constructed Sewer District No.2 Pump Station, valued at \$10,000, located at Kalkberg Commerce Park, Houghtaling Road, has been added to the Town's insurance. Supervisor made sure that highway items are up-to-date.

Town Courts Councilman Norris met with Court Clerk Sheri Jourdin regarding the two issues named on the accountant's annual review; she will meet with the justices to finalize the resolution of those issues.

Bicentennial Committee had no report.

Farmers' Market - An email from Hilary Schrauf, Farmers' Market manager, to the Farmers' Market Board was read after the Agriculture Committee report, with a list of thank-you's for music, volunteering, and vendors, and is on file.

Seniors - Supervisor said there will be an insert in the upcoming newsletter for seniors to express their interest in various topics and ideas.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Norris moved and Supervisor seconded. No discussion. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

BYAS-AYE	FINKE-AYE	MEREDITH-AYE
NORRIS-AYE	O'RORKE-AYE	

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Respectfully,

Janet A. Brooks
Town Clerk