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**BID OPENING FOR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT (7:15pm)**

For the 1986 International Single Axle Dump - minimum bid \$2,000

Burns and Son--	\$2,650
Eagle Associates--	\$2,125

For the 2003 Ford, F-550 Dump - minimum bid \$9,500

Eagle Associates--	\$9,725
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**OPENING OF MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Supervisor Susan O'Rorke and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance: Councilwoman Finke, Councilmen Meredith and Norris, Highway Superintendent Jordan, Deputy Town Clerk Loux and 14 members of the public who signed the attendance sheet. Absent: Councilman Byas (arrived after bid opening); Clerk Brooks.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FORMER TAX COLLECTOR EVELYN PAUL --**  
Tax Collector 1980-91, a founding member of *Young At Heart* seniors

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of July 18, 2011, Town Board Special Meeting with Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals were submitted by the Town Clerk. There was no a quorum, as Councilwoman Finke and Councilmen Byas and Meredith were absent.

Councilman Norris moved and Supervisor seconded the approval of minutes of **August 8, 2011, Regular Town Board Meeting**, which were TABLED on September 12. On Page 2, number 2, require 3 written quotes, \$1,999 to \$3,000. With correction, **Supervisor moved to adopt, 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-AYE O'RORKE-AYE**  
Adopted

Supervisor moved and Councilman Norris seconded the approval of Minutes of **August 22, 2011, Town Board Work Meeting** submitted by the Town Clerk. No discussion. 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-AYE O'RORKE-AYE**  
Adopted

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

Reverend Susan Kerr, New Baltimore Reformed Church, announced there will be a Senior Community Luncheon, at New Baltimore Reformed Church, on Wednesday, September 12, followed by a program by Betty Nickles on how nature prepares for winter. A 'buddy' system is being encouraged to assist with rides and companionship.

A new Bicentennial Town flag was presented to the Town by the Bicentennial Committee at the Barn Round, Square Dance event culminating the Bicentennial year.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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From NYS Association of Towns – notice of training session re natural gas drilling in Marcellus shale, all municipal concerns.  
From LaFarge Cement- invitation for event on October 20, 2011, from 9:15-12noon.  
From Greene County Legislature- resolution listing chargebacks, Town of New Baltimore is \$85,672.28, includes a 20% reduction in college chargebacks.  
From Greene County Legislature- a resolution on Emergency Operations in Greene County requesting New York State amending local finance law 26.10- needed to get bonding to pay for infrastructure.  
From Greene County Legislature- a resolution for Governor Andrew Cuomo to, by executive order, extend deadline for payment of taxes, fines and monies administered by a municipality in Greene County for losses experienced during storms *Irene* and *Lee*.  
From Greene County Legislature- a resolution to Waive 2% Tax Cap for Greene County for 2012 referencing storms *Irene* and *Lee*, and requesting FEMA assistance.  
From NYS DFOA- notice of a Government Finance Training on October 27, 2011 in Lake Placid at Crown Plaza.  
From Greenville Central School District- notice that Board had acknowledged Greene County Legislator Bill Lawrence, all Highway Superintendents, and Town of New Baltimore Highway Superintendent for their hard work to keep students safe.  
From DigSafely New York- notice of rate increases, from \$.70 to \$1/fax, and \$3.50 to \$4.00/voice call; the region, about which New Baltimore Town staff are notified, has been refined recently so there are fewer calls and faxes arriving.  
From NYS Comptroller- notice of changes in pension accounting accountability; this applies to municipalities who have bonded.  
From Greene County Legislature- a resolution referencing storms *Irene* and *Lee* requesting NYS Department of Environmental Conservation extend the deadlines from October 1 and 8 to June 1, 2012, in order to properly assess all highway and stream repair projects necessitated by storms, as well as any winter damage that may occur. NYSDEC allowed certain stream work after storms without proper DEC permits.  
From NYS Department of Environmental Conservation- an October 4 notice of DEC's September 28 unannounced inspection of Wastewater Treatment Plant, plant was found to be well-maintained and well-operated and given a *Satisfactory* rating; also requesting plans for improvements to the plant. Supervisor is drafting response and is currently working with NYS Rural Water, whose services were needed by areas whose water or sewage systems were damaged by the storms.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Resolution to Approve BAR Member

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**RESOLUTION TO RE-APPOINT BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW MEMBER**

RESOLVED, that Ron Hofaker is hereby re-appointed to the Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term, expiring September 30, 2016.

**Councilman Norris moved, and was seconded by Councilman Meredith.** Mr. Hofaker has completed his training requirements. 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-AYE      O'RORKE-AYE  
Adopted**

2. Town Fee Schedule

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Supervisor and Councilman Norris attended July 18, 2011 Special Meeting with Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, brought several recommendations forward, captured in Clerk Brooks' minutes of that Meeting.

Supervisor is concerned with the fee for Junkyard that has dropped off Fee Schedule over the years. Town Code lists "\$50 new/\$25 renewal"; the Town has collected a \$100 annual fee probably coming from the Special Use Permit, although the language doesn't reflect that; it has been received for 2011. Attorney Wukitsch feels, if no authority in Town Code to collect, the Town should not be collecting the fee; Councilman Byas asked how far it goes back; Supervisor cannot determine but, prior to current Town Clerk, \$100 has been charged since the 1980's.

Attorney Wukitsch's recollection is that it was viewed as Special Use Permit and, renewed each year, it was treated as a new permit therefore, deemed to be associated with the fee, viewed as having expired each year on December 31. Supervisor continued that new fees were then put in place, including a \$200 Special Use Permit, and it was grandfathered. Ellie Alfeld's recollection was that as it expired, there was nothing that required the Town to renew it; to be awarded a Special Use Permit an inspection was required. Attorney sees no problem with that fee. Supervisor asked would that be left, grandfathered, or should the Town clarify. Attorney Wukitsch feels it should be clarified with the new Code. Supervisor reminded there is no one else just now needing a renewable Special Use Permit so, having met with the other Boards, she suggests that there be a renewable Special Use Permit for \$100, and the original Special Use Permit would stay \$200. This is consistent with the ½ price of renewing a building permit. Supervisor is seeking feedback to prepare a resolution for the November Regular Meeting. Still outstanding is the Junkyard fee, Supervisor suggests if getting a Special Use Permit, that all other Town fees would be waived; Attorney Wukitsch agreed. Councilman Norris repeated that was discussed at Special Meeting. No further comment. Councilman Byas asked about Package Pavement; not a renewable Special Use Permit.

Ellie Alfeld asked whether Albany Tank had a Special Use Permit. Attorney Wukitsch recalled Wayne Delp having one for the airport. Councilman Byas said that planes fly out of there. The Town has Sewer Hook-up Fee for new hook-ups; previously there had been a Repair Hook-up \$40, and there was a recommendation that be restored to cover costs of lateral inspections but not money-generating. This is also ½ the cost of the original Hook-up. Supervisor reminded the Board that this action had been held because Board members wanted to do some checking around. Attorney Wukitsch added that it is not for generating funds, but for covering the costs of the inspections by Town staff (Wastewater Treatment Plant operator or Code Enforcement Officer). Councilman Byas asked if the fee would be waived if the Town had to do a repair due to a washout; correct. The fee is applicable if the homeowner has problems and has to disconnect lateral. Supervisor asked for results of the Board members' checking around or comments. Hearing none, Councilman Norris said these all came from that Special Meeting.

Supervisor said the Non-Commercial Variance was also discussed, also the \$20 Sign waiver for folk who had a Site Plan Review that included a sign, a new business. The Sign Permit Fee covers the cost of the Code Enforcement Officer going out to measure and to take in the application for review. Councilman Byas asked about moving a sign within the Town, from one end of US Rte 9W to the other end; Supervisor asked if the business was moving? Councilman Byas said only the sign. Then there would be a Sign Permit, currently \$10 and recommended for increase to \$20, and to waive if it was part of the Site Plan Review. Ellie Alfeld asked whether a modification of the sign would require a permit; change in dimensions, height, or setbacks would require a permit. Councilman Norris said everyone at meeting agreed that \$10 was not enough, and a Site Plan would provide the waiver of the Sign Permit.

Supervisor asked Attorney Wukitsch, regarding NYS Thruway signage, how the Town would adopt the Thruway's regulations for signage that is seen within 60 feet of Thruway; answer: resolution. Supervisor will prepare.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Review of Intermunicipal Agreements Regarding Water and Sewer Districts

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Supervisor reviewed this during presentation of 2012 Tentative Budget, needing wording re Pump Station at Kalkberg Commerce Park. Currently one other user, Empire Merchants, and there are another 2-3 lots in Town of Cocksackie that would use Pump Station also. AT the time of Tentative, there was no way to recoup those costs from users outside of New Baltimore, tried to work out a one-on-one with Empire Merchants. Delaware Engineering, Town of Cocksackie Supervisor Betke, New Baltimore Supervisor O'Rorke met with Attorney Wukitsch and reviewed situation. The result is a proposed Agreement between Town of Cocksackie and Town of New Baltimore, where Town of Cocksackie would collect fees from their users in Kalkberg through property taxes, Town of New Baltimore would bill Town of Cocksackie once a year in July based on actual cost (pro rata share of usage), and Town of Cocksackie will remit payment to Town of New Baltimore. This is drafted, Supervisor asked for comments from Board, seeking to approve at November Regular Meeting. Attorney Wukitsch will seek comment from Town of Cocksackie Supervisor Betke. Empire Merchants wanted to pay Town of Cocksackie. Supervisor wanted this complete to start fresh in 2012, with possible new users coming into Kalkberg. Damage, wear and tear accumulated is about \$5,000, previously carried by Village of Cocksackie.

Intermunicipal Agreement is also on the table with Village of Cocksackie for the servicing of that Pump Station at Kalkberg; hope for meeting with Cocksackie's mayor, their operator, New Baltimore operator Jim Polverelli, and Supervisor O'Rorke this week, to determine who will do what.

The last intermunicipal agreement for Scheller Park/Water District #2 and Kalkberg Commerce Park/Water District #3 is old and does not capture current needs and requires updating.

2. Review of Proposed Intermunicipal Agreement with Greene County

Possibly resulting from recent storms *Irene* and *Lee*, when Supervisor attended Greene County's SEMO (State Emergency Management Office) indicated was if a responding municipality helps a requesting municipality, the requesting municipality has to make the claim to FEMA; the responding municipality cannot claim that to FEMA directly. To get reimbursed from FEMA, the municipality must have **an agreement with that entity** ahead of time. This would be a two-way agreement to help each other out in emergencies: flooding, fire, earthquake, tornado, hazardous waste incident, terrorist incident, hurricane, or other manmade disasters. It speaks to liabilities of both parties, and spells out how to go about the FEMA reimbursement, categories such as search and rescue, sandbagging, transporting equipment, debris removal, etc. They would not be asking the Town to provide any service that is not normally provided in the Town, for example law enforcement. Attorney Wukitsch described it as 1) a formal mutual aid agreement and 2) a provider of reimbursement procedure through FEMA, so there are FEMA funds available to cover all or part of services rendered. Councilman Byas asked at what rate charged; Supervisor explained FEMA has schedules for just about everything, paperwork with which Highway Superintendent Jordan and Deputy Superintendent VanWormer are well-familiar. Councilman Byas asked what about the Town; Supervisor said whoever the requesting party is, would turn the bill over to FEMA.

Councilman Byas asked what about if it's another town, not the county; Supervisor had met with Highway Superintendent and would reach out to other towns and villages to see if agreements may be worked out; this agreement is with Greene County. Attorney Wukitsch said mutual aid may be rendered without an agreement; this is a better procedure, adding it is a good idea to have with adjoining towns.

Supervisor will add this idea to her quarterly meetings with the surrounding neighbors. Also, Columbia County had come over and rendered services; with *Irene* and *Lee*, the municipal needs went outside of a normal 'comfort zone'.

Councilman Norris remembers 2008 ice storm where FEMA funds were gotten without agreements in place, did the laws change? Supervisor answered that due to FEMA's depleting funds, they are using laws in place, but using them more tightly. She asked if the county provided or did the Town provide the county with services; answer: no. If the county had a disaster and called the Town, the Town could not get reimbursed, explained Supervisor, only the county could submit. Bob Knighton suggested that if a town needed help, called the county's Emergency Operations Center who then asked other town(s), more agreements would

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not be necessary. Supervisor felt that could be true for something as widespread as the recent storms, but not for a local event; she will contact Greene County Legislator VanSlyke to look at a broader application of an agreement.

**3. Update on Property Tax Cap**

Governor's Office has not ruled on county chargebacks in terms of their impact on the 2012 budgets and whether they will lie with the towns. It is not an amount for which the town controls the levy. The county tells the town what they will levy, and it goes out on the town tax bills. Supervisor is sure the counties are lobbying hard for that to go to the town level; they are saying that the Special Districts (ambulance, lighting, water, and sewer) must be added to levy. She understands that, even with the chargebacks and the 2012 Tentative Budget, that the Town has another \$16,000 additional tax levy before the Town of New Baltimore hits the 2%. If we reached a point where the 2% became an issue, a local law would become necessary, precluded by a public hearing, before 2012 Budget is adopted, typically at November Regular Meeting. Many municipalities are going ahead with a local law process so they are not pushed into corners with the adoption. Councilman Norris asked if we expected to go through the local law; Supervisor answered with what she knows now, no.

**4. Review of Health Insurance Proposals**

Supervisor and Councilman Norris distributed this information at September Work Meeting. This is the plan covering the current employees, not the retirees, and Supervisor expects it to be an action item in November Regular Meeting.

CDPHP currently costs the Town \$107,820/year or \$8,985/month. There are several options described. The Town pays the coinsurance for the employees; the Town has done very well with the HRA, and is currently at about 5% of the HRA cap.

Going to Option #2 would cost the Town an additional \$1,826/year, about a 1.5% increase, and the cap would go from \$4,000 to \$5,000 on the coinsurance. Resolution will be offered at November meeting. No questions or discussion.

Ellie Alfeld asked if it changed the rate the employees paid; answer: the copays would remain the same (they had changed last year).

Ellie Alfeld said the Town full-time employees have no pay increase; if they are picking up more and more of their insurance, they should not be passed over in raises. As a senior, there are no raises, but State of New York, US Military and federal government paid COLA of 1.3%; and she doesn't want our non-unionized Town employees to fall behind the 8-ball. Councilman Norris explained that as the family deductible goes up, the Town picks that up with the HRA. No discussion.

**5. Resolution to Approve Contribution to County Youth Fair**

The Town has been contacted again for a contribution to the annual Youth Fair. Councilman Byas believes it has been \$250. Supervisor believes this is free to all children, in order to continue requires sponsorship. Councilman Byas has no problem repeating last year's; objects to it going to fireworks display and supports building or capital improvement. Supervisor said last year Councilman Byas had contacted Richie Bear, Councilman Byas will contact.

**TABLED-**

**6. Resolution to Accept Bid Proposal**

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**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BID FOR SALE OF 1986 INTERNATIONAL SINGLE  
AXLE DUMP**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore by Resolution dated September 12, 2011, authorized the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for the sale of a used 1986 International Single Axle Dump that is no longer required for use by the Town Highway Department, with bids to be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 10 and to be publicly opened at 7:15 p.m. on October 10, 2011, and

WHEREAS, Burns and Sons has submitted the highest bid of \$2,650 to purchase this used 1986 International from the Town of New Baltimore.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore agrees to sell the used 1986 International to Burns and Sons for the amount of \$2,650, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payment for this equipment shall be made to the Town Clerk by cash or good funds on or before October 24, 2011.

**Councilman Norris moved, and was 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-AYE O'RORKE-AYE**

**Adopted**

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**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BID FOR SALE OF  
USED 2003 FORD, F-550 DUMP**

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore by Resolution dated September 12, 2011, authorized the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for the sale of a 2003 Ford, F-550 Dump that is no longer required for use by the Town Highway Department, with bids to be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 10, 2011 and to be publicly opened at 7:15 p.m. on October 10, 2011, and,

WHEREAS, Eagle Associates has submitted the highest bid of \$9,725 to purchase this used 2003 Ford, F-550 Dump from the Town of New Baltimore,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore agrees to sell this used Ford F-550 Dump to Eagle Associates for the amount of \$9,725, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payment for this equipment shall be made to the Town Clerk by cash or good funds on or before October 24, 2011.

**Councilman Norris moved, and was 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-AYE O'RORKE-AYE**

**Adopted**

**7. Resolution to Approve Payment of Claims**

Supervisor noted that it was Scott VanWormer who picked up the dry ice after the storm; originally the voucher was made to United Welding. Councilman Byas asked if we would be reimbursed for that; Supervisor does not anticipate reimbursement for the dry ice. Two additional vouchers were not turned in on time; Supervisor asked if followup was made to be

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sure the Town Clerk's computer was complete, also Supervisor doesn't believe her computer has received an upgrade. Councilman Meredith was not sure, has not spoken with ITS, if not certain should not be paid. The later date stamp, remembered Clerk Loux, was due to the documentation (e-quote attached, not invoice) needed. Supervisor asked 95 changed to 96 in wording of 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 201110/01-96, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 201110/01-96.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until October 31, 2011.

Supervisor moved, and was seconded by Councilman Norris. No discussion. 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-AYE    O'RORKE-AYE  
Adopted

8. Resolution to Approve Preliminary Budget

Supervisor asked if the Board had any changes to propose. Councilwoman Finke said Seniors line is down \$1,000; Ellie Alfeld commented that the groups are pinching, have not used full amount this year and, if cutting from Youth, would cut from Seniors, so all give the same. Supervisor said she is waiting for some receipts, trying to help out the Food and Fun Luncheons at the Reformed Church since the Town does not have central location, and has been in the newsletter. Councilman Byas asked how much has been used to date; Ellie said \$0 of the \$2500, each year it has been assigned to Seniors and it has gone back to the General Fund. To be fair to the seniors, the group is new, the core group has donated a great deal, and to make it a good program, trying to work in a budget, Councilman Byas has come to cook. Ellie added that the Town Board members have attended the Senior Picnics. Councilwoman Finke asked did Data Processing has gone down \$2300; Supervisor said without hearing from committee, yes, looked at extra hours left in contract for 2011, thinking of going with lower hour contract for 2012, having upgraded 2 computers, upgraded Building, look at buying less expensive computers.

Councilwoman Finke said may have to look at the router; Supervisor asked if the router had problems? Councilwoman Finke said some new security issues.

Councilwoman Finke asked if Central Printing was the Newsletters? answer: yes

Councilwoman Finke thought it might be right around that. Supervisor spoke of towns using online newsletters; Councilwoman Finke said the Town Clerk could keep the list. Supervisor explained that is not part of the Town Clerk's duties but, if done through the website, signing up online would reduce the number of copies and the overrun that comes back. Councilwoman Finke wished someone would give them to her.

Supervisor explained that these are not corrected addresses; they are printer overruns. In the past the Town may have gotten back failed addresses under different post office staff; with the current paid postage and not asking for an address change, Councilwoman Finke might consider adding 'or current resident' so if someone moves to Athens, it isn't forwarded but is then delivered to current resident. Those with incorrect address do not come back; if you want correct addresses, speak to Assessor's Clerk Julie Fisk. Supervisor asked if any items need to be changed.

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Councilwoman Finke thinks the computer budget needs to go up; Councilman Norris asked if year to date was \$2350? Supervisor corrected \$5250, Town Clerks computer was \$1400, yearly contract is \$3000, and we're not going to use up all the hours from what she's seen.

Councilwoman Finke believes only 2 hours left. Councilman Norris added that the software has been upgraded. Councilwoman Finke believes it needs to go up, our computers are old, and the Tax Collector's laptop is one of the next ones, put back to where it was. Councilwoman Finke said the printer/copier was on its last legs.

Ellie Alfeld asked how many of the Board members participated in the budget? She recalls meetings where department information was distributed.

Councilman Meredith said there were invoices under Central Data Processing for ads that were not run, that were for the Clerk's office; Supervisor said that was Central Printing and A1680.4 contains certain services, doesn't mean one person over another controls that, this has to do with overall running of the Town. Supervisor explained even the printer contract goes to the Building. Councilman Meredith asked to keep it at \$5300. Supervisor asked for any other changes or comments. Councilwoman Finke asked where Central Printing was; Councilman Meredith said there was agreement on just the 3 newsletters, so it was okay. Supervisor has put in full amount of CHIPS, dropped State Aid Per Capita reflecting population decrease.

Councilman Byas asked regarding DA 5140.1 and 5140.4 Brush and Weeds, is it over and above Highway? Supervisor said accountant recommends classification (mechanics, etc) be streamlined due to our Highway crew being nearly all of same classification, and put in General Repairs Personal Services. Councilman Byas said even though it is \$5000 it is a savings over previous year, not writing a check from Parks for that. Supervisor reminded that it is something else that the Highway crew is doing, Highway Superintendent does a lot of work for the Parks now, moving tables, broken glass, tether ball pole, water pump, door repairs, all that time comes from the Highway budget, and thanked Councilman Byas for making that point. Councilman Norris said Personal Service line is down \$15,000 compared to last year, Highway Superintendent has assumed the mowing of the Parks. Ellie Alfeld remembers an accounting of the dollars spent on the mowing from the last Work Meeting.

Councilman Byas said it was a general accounting, not an accurate accounting. Ellie said it was just for mowing, at the end of the Highway report, Highway Superintendent Jordan said it includes gallons used and Personal Services. Supervisor said the Parks have overlapped into Highway; other towns have separate parks/beautification department from the Highway. Councilman Norris thought showing the full amount of CHIPS may be the first time in his tenure; how do other members feel? Prior years have shown less.

Councilwoman Finke said the town has received the same amount for the last few years.

Councilman Norris said the Town has always budgeted for less. {inaudible} \$78,000.

Supervisor said \$112,000 for Expenditures and Revenues.

Councilwoman Finke questioned the Youth Program, that had a big reduction; Supervisor made that comment in Message, heard from public that Youth Program is important, that's one area that we're not going to receive what we've gotten in past from county and state. Other municipalities didn't have their programs this year, the pool was smaller, so New Baltimore received its amount; Supervisor doesn't see the county having the money. If we do get the money it will be easy to expend for this, without an effect on the budget. Summer Rec staff believe they can fundraise and they will do what they can; Seniors line was reduced as well. Councilman Norris asked what they are looking to raise to keep a 4week program; Supervisor asked Parks Committee Councilman Meredith, adding that their supplies and materials budget is just \$500, so Personal Services was reduced by \$400. Councilman Norris said about \$5000 would be needed to maintain the 4 week program and paid counselors.

Bob Knighton asked wasn't there an issue with the Town fundraising and how to get around that?

Supervisor said they would do that as their own entity; hoping to sponsor a type of non-for-profit, like a PTO/PTA, raising funds, giving those funds to the Town for a set use. The Town itself cannot fundraise. Charging the children would jeopardize grant applications but if no grants are available, a fee could be charged, or sponsorships made available, or the Board could put the money back in, an act with which she has no issue.

Ellie asked how many were enrolled; Councilman Meredith figured 55-60.



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Supervisor said Summer Rec Director Campbell understands the economic times and Walmart grant has been applied for. Councilman Meredith likes the community effort and donations that created the Cocksackie park. Councilman Byas asked if we could partner with them to share expenses. Supervisor suggests that Parks Committee look into that and reach out to Greenville; Councilman Byas thinks that should happen after January 1.

No comments on Highway budget.

Sewer District #1- will be \$820 short on revenue side. The Board could increase the total fee schedule for everyone, cut expenditures, or make other changes; causes are retirement, pump problems, and there is other work to be done at the Plant. Supervisor does not want to reduce Treatment and Disposal Personal Services due to the manhole repairs needed. Ellie asked wasn't there donated services; Supervisor said NYS Rural Water has helped with the inspections, and relied on Jim Polverelli. Lou, who works for the Village of Cocksackie, helps Jim out two days a week, but that doesn't provide for repairs time or hiring on a per diem. Councilman Norris asked to take from Personal Services. Councilman Byas wants to leave sewer numbers as they are, if manholes aren't done, there will be another pump needed due to grit. Councilman Norris said it isn't a cut, there's an increase of \$800 and over last 4-5 years it is hovering around \$25-26,000. Councilman Byas said he'd had the pumps rebuilt very reasonably and next time won't be. Councilman Byas said to talk to Jim Polverelli about having chemicals ahead, barrels, and extra surplus. Supervisor said if concern was to keep rates flat, take it out of Reserve Fund; she added we should increase Personal Services to help Jim, finding the time and money. Councilman Byas asked if pipe was ever replaced where gravel was coming in. Supervisor said small increase last year. Ellie asked how often you can go back to the Reserve Fund. Supervisor explained that with about 250 users, there aren't a lot of people to spread out the cost of 'hiccups'; a certain amount must be processed. Councilman Byas said 3 users were lost over last 2 years. Ellie said at one time the Board did not approve people being removed from the district; Supervisor said last users lost had combined property lots, unsure how to legally charge folk for lots that do not exist.

Councilman Byas said with the decrease eventually you'll need a smaller plant. Ellie sympathizes with user fee on top of taxes, asked if we take in sludge. Supervisor said it is another process. Councilman Byas said he believes folk are dumping stuff in. Supervisor asked if we want to decrease Personal Services, as councilman Norris suggests, take \$1000 from Reserve. Councilman Byas said to speak to Jim Polverelli. Supervisor has and this is the budget they formed together; Councilman Byas said he's very conservative. Bob Knighton would rather see a little increase at a time than be hit with an increase. Supervisor said this budget would involve about a \$3/year increase; most of district pays on a 10point; reducing the transfer to the Reserve Fund; leave the same- are all options.

Sewer District #2- do not compare to prior as the payment from the Greene County IDA will clear that.

Lighting District #1- The rate will stay flat; this district has a small surplus, \$2600, and Supervisor is concerned with electric costs going forward.

Lighting District #2 has only Serta as a user and has a \$700 surplus.

Water District #1, fire hydrants, shows more revenue than expenditures; the district is running a slight deficit, \$80, due to Village of Ravena's rise in water rates in 2010. The Board should consider a Reserve Fund; this is another item for an agreement. Supervisor asked if anyone knew how many fire hydrants; Councilman Byas said 3: Kerslake's, Old 9W behind Capitaland Filter, and Acquetuck Road. Councilman Byas asked can we get on same page that they raise rates same time each year; Supervisor reminded that villages are on a different calendar. Ellie Alfeld asked what the impact would be to raise rate \$3 for Sewer, and recoup from General Fund; Supervisor said, with increase, the district will have extra \$82, and \$47 deficit, so extra \$35 to the surplus. A municipality can make a profit from water, not from sewer. John Cashin believes they own the hydrants; Supervisor doesn't believe there is a contract with Village of Ravena and, unless owned by homeowner, the cost of repair would be the Town's. Councilman Byas believes if the Village is billing directly, they're responsible for the hydrants because they're taking the profit. Supervisor believes that one doesn't have to do with the other: Attorney Wukitsch doesn't believe there is an agreement.

Water District #2/Scheller Park- the Town owns the infrastructure. The agreement with Village of Cocksackie is being rewritten, there is a small Reserve Fund of \$2700, but the Town has spoken with Delaware Engineering re a small property tax on that district regarding potential for water main breaks. Councilman Byas said the Town would pay for repairs; Supervisor said

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the Village would repair then bill the Town for time, labor and expense. Councilman Byas asked who was in charge of hookups; answer: the Village.  
Water District #3/Kalkberg Commerce Park- is flat, with only Serta currently.  
Ambulance District #1- Ravena Rescue contract is down \$200; Advanced Life Support/Greene County EMS is up \$30, that fund is running a surplus at \$14,792, \$2,319 will be used (last year \$2,056 was used).  
Ambulance District #2- Coxsackie Ambulance estimated \$19,600; the bill is not here for 2010.

**RESOLUTION  
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**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH 2012 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby establishes the Preliminary 2012 Budget at the amounts set forth in the 2012 Tentative Budget, with the following changes:

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Change A1680.4, Central Data Processing, by \$2,300 to \$5,250

APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE

Change Use of Fund Balance by \$2,300 to \$92,354

Supervisor moved, seconded by Councilman Norris. No discussion. 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-AYE O'RORKE-AYE  
Adopted**

**RESOLUTION  
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**RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR  
2012 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Town Board has established the 2012 Preliminary Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Town Law of the State of New York requires that a Public Hearing be held regarding each year's Preliminary Budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

The Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore will hold a public hearing on October 24, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall, Rt. 51, Hannacroix, New York, to hear those members of the public who wish to be heard regarding the 2012 Preliminary Budget.

Councilman Norris moved, and was seconded by Supervisor O'Rorke. Member of the public asked if it will be available on the website; yes. 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-AYE O'RORKE-AYE  
Adopted**

Supervisor requests a date for multi-year planning by the Town Board; asked for Monday, October 17, 2011, 7:30pm.; polled the Board members, all ayes, but Councilman Byas who answered, "from day to day".

**ADJOURNMENT**

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With no more from the Board, Councilman Norris moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor O'Rorke. No discussion.

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

**Motion Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet A. Brooks  
Town Clerk