

OPENING OF MEETING

Supervisor called to order the Work Meeting at 7:30pm, followed by Pledge of Allegiance. Attending: Councilwoman Benway and Finke, Councilman Norris, Town Clerk Brooks, and 9 members of the public who signed the attendance sheet. Absent: Highway Superintendent Jordan. Councilwoman Finke arrived at 7:34pm. Councilman Meredith arrived during repors.

Supervisor asked that all present turn off their cell phones as static has been experienced with the digital recorders.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Supervisor O'Rorke summarized September 22 Special Meeting: the Board agreed to go ahead and put in a lateral pipe with the idea that the Board will continue to work on the expansion of the district to include the O'Connor's and their neighbors. At that point the district will become responsible for the pipe; the O'Connor's will pay for the cost of putting the pipe in the ground. Supervisor contacted Delaware Engineering and conveyed the Board's intent to cover those two properties, the Rebusmen subdivision, and the Flach property should be removed; Delaware Engineering will begin the maps and believe there will be no need to modify water supply permit, it would have taken extra time. Village of Coxsackie has been contacted; Supervisor phoned O'Connor's. She thanked the attendees at Saturday's meeting, important to move for the O'Connor's and all the other residents of the district.

She reviewed the worksheet spreadsheets of the Town Supervisor's 2013 Budget Message.

GENERAL FUND

2012 Budget

The 2012 Adopted Budgeted General Fund expenditures to date are \$619,182. It is anticipated that the total expenditures for the year will be \$686,092. This is a result of a Personal Services increase of \$17,820, mainly from the increased Town court activity and the continuation of the Summer Recreation program that were not included in the 2012 Adopted Budget. In addition, Professional Services has an increase of \$8,300 resulting from litigation matters and real estate transactions. Centralized Services also saw an increase mainly due to the status change for cleaning services from Town employee to contract and the additional cost of \$15,000 to erect a new pole barn for the highway garage. One of the most substantial differences in the budgeted expenditures was the repairs done to the Hudson River Interpretive Trail (HRIT) at the Hannacroix Preserve. Hurricane 'Irene' caused significant damage to the bridge on that trail. The costs to repair the bridge are \$31,900; these repairs are being fully funded by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursements.

The 2012 Adopted Budget General Fund revenue was \$619,182 and included the anticipated use of \$92,354 of the Fund Balance, \$ 338,045 in property taxes and \$245,691 in other Town-wide revenues. The actual Town-wide revenues are anticipated to be \$349,460 and will require only \$55,495 of the Fund Balance to be expended in \$2012. The main sources of increased revenue are the FEMA reimbursements and the increase in Town Court Fines.

2013 Tentative Budget

The 2013 Tentative Budget expenditures are \$672,808 and is an increase of \$51,615 over the 2012 Adopted Budget. This includes a \$23,807 increase in Personal Services which is an increase of 1% for all employees' pay except Town Supervisor, Town Board, Tax Collector, Town Justices, Town Historian, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The increase in Personal Services also includes additional hours needed to staff the Town Court, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Assessor's office. Another increase in Employee Benefits expenditures is mainly a result of the mandated retirement contributions. Health insurance increases are expected to stabilize with the new structure of the Town health insurance plan. Departmental Services has an increase of \$4,550, mostly attributed to the increase in activity for the Town Court. Centralized Services has an increase of \$7,600 mainly due to the change in cleaning services to contract and the anticipated costs of the property and casualty insurance. The 2013

Tentative Budget anticipates an increase in the Transfer to the Highway Fund of \$11,000 to offset the additional expenditures faced in the Highway budget. The 2013 Tentative Budget has an increase in Revenue of \$53,626. The Town-wide revenues are expected to increase by \$51,884 over the 2012 Adopted Budget. This

includes a \$43,000 increase in Town Court Fines and a \$10,000 increase in mortgage tax payments. The use of the Fund Balance has been lowered to \$78,080.

HIGHWAY FUND

2012 Budget

The Highway Fund 2012 Budgeted Expenditures were \$1,001,187. The anticipated 2012 expenditures are \$1,045,397 which is an increase of \$44,210 over the budgeted expenditures. Included in the expenditures are two new vehicles for the Highway department for a total of \$149, 815. Decreases in expenditures over budget include fewer hours needed for snow removal, savings in cost of equipment due to a newer fleet and savings in health insurance premiums.

The 2012 Budgeted Revenues for the Highway were \$1,001,187; this includes a \$40,000 in the use of the Highway Fund Balance. The anticipated year-end Revenues are \$1,080,397 and this includes \$122,740 in bond proceeds. The transfer from the General Fund to the Highway was reduced from \$70,000 to \$55,000 to provide for the cost of materials to construct a new pole barn, replacing the old red highway barn east of Town Hall that will be sold. Additional revenues were received from Sale of Surplus Equipment and FEMA reimbursements. The result of the increase in revenue is that no Fund Balance will be used; the Highway Fund Balance has a \$40,915 surplus.

2013 Tentative Budget

The 2013 Tentative Budget has Highway Expenditures at \$1,007,434. There are no planned large equipment purchases for 2013. The budget includes a 1% salary increase for all Highway employees. A \$6,300 increase for mandatory retirement contributions is included. As with the General Fund, the health insurance premiums are expected to moderate with the new Town health plan. There is also the addition of the first of five yearly payments of \$27,000 for the Statutory Bond in the budget. The Tentative Budget revenues are \$1,007,434 and includes an increase in the Transfer from the General Fund of \$11,000 and Use of the Highway Fund Balance of \$20,000.

SEWER DISTRICT #1 FUND

2012 Budget

Sewer District #1 2012 Adopted Budget expenditures are \$141,367. The anticipated year end expenditures are \$141,242 and include a transfer of \$18,000 to the Reserve Fund. The expenditures in the 2013 Tentative Budget are\$143,210 and include \$15,000 of Capital Purchases and an increase of \$5,100 in Personal Services. Revenues budgeted for 2012 are \$141,367 and the anticipated actual year-end revenues are \$141,802. The increase is due to anticipated Interest and Penalties.

The 2013 Tentative Budget Revenues are \$144,295; however, this includes Sewer Rents that will be set by the Town Board by a local law.

OTHER SPECIAL DISTRICT FUNDS

Notable changes to other special district funds:

Lighting District #1 has an increase in expenditures of \$500 to offset the use of fund balance in 2011.

Lighting District #2 has no changes

Water District #1 has an increase of \$313 in Taxes needed to increase surplus and provide for the payment of engineering services

Water District #2 has no changes

Water District #3 has no changes

Sewer District #2 has been adjusted to include the use of the pump station at Kalkberg Commerce Park by Empire Merchants.

Ambulance District #1 has a decrease of \$222 in taxes and increase of \$1,463 in the use of the fund balance to reflect the additional expenditures of \$978.

Ambulance District #2 has an increase in taxes of \$1,622 for the shortfall that exists following the Town's payment to the Town of Coxsackie for the basic ambulance service.



TWO PERCENT TAX CAP

Unless changed by local law, the Town is required to stay under a 2% tax levy limit. The 2% tax cap based on last year's tax levy is an additional amount of \$1,139,386. This is a total of all funds in the Town that have a tax revenue component (i.e., lighting district,

ambulance district, etc.)

The 2013 Tentative Budget has an increase in the Town-wide tax levy of \$1,139,386 and results in a tax change of \$10.91 per \$100,000 assessed value of a home. This will be offset by the County Chargeback decrease of \$13.09 for \$100,000 assessed value of a home. The end result will be a \$2.81 decrease per \$100,000 assessed value of a home Town-wide.

2013 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Supervisor suggests that the Town Board set the 2013 Preliminary Budget at the October 8, 2012, Regular Meeting, or hold a special meeting early on that night to discuss the budget. She will be happy to sit with anyone to go over budget items. Councilwoman Finke asked whether Youth Programs are same as last year; Supervisor answered that, yes, the 2012 donations appear as Revenue and, if the Town Board wants the program in 2013, must do fundraising. Councilman Norris asked Councilman Meredith if he anticipated purchasing any parks equipment next year; he answered he'll do what he has to do since nothing is within the Code. Supervisor reminded that Parks Reserve has \$12,793 balance; only thing charged to Parks Equipment this year was the lawn mower. Does the Board want a Special Meeting before the Regular Meeting? Hearing all,

MOTION **SEPTEMBER 24, 2012**

MOTION TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETING

Supervisor moved to hold a Special Meeting to discuss the 2013 Tentative Budget on October 8, 2012 at 6:30 pm, and was seconded by Councilwoman Benway. No discussion. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

BENWAY-AYE

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

MOTION CARRIED

County Legislator- was not present

Town Clerk Brooks reports for August: building permits 14 \$1097.00; decks and porches 2 \$225; mobile home 1 \$150; conservation fees 9 \$50.08; dogs 41 \$233.00; certified copies 1 \$10.00; photocopies 213 \$53.25; recycling fees 1 \$19.00; to NYS Ag and Markets for spay/neuter program \$45.00; to NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation \$858.92; and to Supervisor for local fees \$1,837.33. For Records Management, in a commitment to maintain current and viewable media, 3.5" diskettes of Sewer District No. 1 rolls were selected, packaged and now waiting delivery of the converted cds; Records Clerk Jordan took diazo copies of microfilm to county records to view on donated machine; many were too foggy/faded to view; she returned to Catskill to Catskill Library on suggestion of county records department with original microfilm, very good experience, \$.15/copy and printed FOIL request items; then returned to Catskill Library to search and print another FOIL request item quickly and clearly; this is the first time the machine has been called on in several years. I am prioritizing and working toward one more OCR scan project now for 2012, the increase number of FOILs has made this valuable and prudent. The first 2012 project came in about \$170. Thanked the Town Board for petty cash increase. Councilman Norris attempted to open and convert the 3.5" diskettes with much difficulty; screwed up his computer a bit; recommended conversion. Councilman Norris recommended raising dog license to \$10.

Highway Superintendent Jordan reports for August to September 24: Picked up garbage dumped on Paradise Hill Road; Picked up garbage dumped on Deans Mill Road; replaced STOP sign at West Deans Mill Road and CR51; Mowed grass along roads; Mow and weed eat cemeteries; Mow and weed eat parks 4 times; Replaced wooden deck



on equipment trailer; Removed decayed building at District 3 Park; Hauled crusher run from Port of Coeymans; Started to clean out old barn on CR51; NYS inspection on 2012 International; Installed 2 24"x50' culverts on Hillcrest Road's FEMA mitigation project.; Mow and weed eat around Town garage; Installed 48"x60' culvert on Honey Hollow Road; Cleaned debris from along roads left by storm; Patched dirt roads with crusher run; Cleaned grates and drains in hamlet; Made repairs to flail mower used to mow parks; Mow and weed eat around guide rails on New Baltimore Road; Mow and weed eat ditch on Baldwin Terrace; Picked up large load of shingles dumped on Paradise Hill Road; Picked up yard sale signs and put back in building at Town Hall; Moved desks and other items from Town Hall meeting room to basement; Alan completed all remaining FEMA paperwork and mailed; Spoke with Albany Communications regarding new FCC licensing which must be completed by January 1 2013, many of our current Highway Department radios do not have the upgrade capability required for the new licensing and will need to be replaced, we have quotes for both new and used replacements, decision must be made soon as purchase, programming, installation and licensing must be completed prior to 1/01/13; Cut 2 fallen trees on Alcove Road; Cut 2 fallen trees on Jennings Road; Had trouble with alarm system in rear garage at Town garage with water getting into detector head, if this happens again head will be moved to different location.; Cleaned ditch on Sunset Hill Road with backhoe; Picked up mulch for Town Hall; Hand patched hamlet with blacktop; Called River Valley Radio for second radio quote: \$5,000-\$2,000 (used with one-year warrantee and within his procurement policy.) Councilman Norris said the radio is an unfunded mandate, and did it require action? Answer: no, total of 'over \$5,000' requires that Highway Superintendent come to the Board for approval.

Buildings & Grounds/Recycling For Recycling Center, Spencer Sebert reports 2 washers \$15.00; 2 tires \$4.00; total for August \$19.00. Also, 60gallon bags of plastic 27; 55gallon drums of cans 10; bundles of magazines 43; bags and bundles of newspaper 68; bags of shredded paper 13; boxes and bundles of cardboard 30. Councilman Norris reminds the Board that the Town Clerk's window is not alarmed, \$100 cost from Scott Alarm, install in October, good precaution. Highway asked to upgrade alarm and monitoring system, including DVR, has quote; image is grainy; problems at Recycling Center. Councilman Norris, regarding land acquisition, had land surveyed, went before the Planning Board representing Rausch and Hoogkamp for their subdivision, to keep 2acre parcel must go before Planning Board. Thanked Clerk Loux for help with certified letters, Councilman Norris is going, on behalf of the Rauschs, to public hearing on October 11, at which time it is expected the Planning Board will act. Clerk Loux spoke with (Amy) Santos Associates who will prepare map (and one mylar that will go to county once approved by Planning Board).

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Blaisdell summarizes Code Enforcement Officer activities for August: Building Inspections: 19; Building Permits Renewed: 4; Certificates of Compliance Issued: 3; Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 1; Temporary Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 1; Commercial Site Fire Inspections: 6; Compliance Orders: 1; Junk Vehicle Complaints: 1; Manufactured (Mobile) Home Permits Issued: 1; Manufactured (Mobile) Home Permits Re-Opened 0: New Building Permit Applications Received: 6; Pool Permit Applications Received: 1; Pool Permits Issued: 1; Code Violation Investigations: 4; Application Fees for August, 2012: \$1,429.00; Total Fees for Year to Date: \$13,037.80 Ellie commends Ray on his attention to US Route 9W property, great improvement, hopeful he continues with other properties.

Insurance Chair Supervisor O'Rorke has meeting with Highway on Friday morning 730am to talk about the 3 plans. Highway asked Councilman Norris if he would be there. Supervisor said with the 2 members of insurance committee, the meeting would have to be noticed if attended by a third Board member. Councilwoman Benway asked how strongly he would like to attend; Supervisor assured of full information. New truck, now complete, has been added to the Town's Marshall and Sterling policy.

Wastewater Treatment Chief Operator Jim Polverelli reports: July processed 0.47219 gal, pumped sludge to bed #2 4716 gal, Steve Grimm in to help with filamentous microbe problem, added chlorine to ditch, pumped sludge to bed #3 7074 gal; cleaned drying bed#1 and added sand, cleaned exhaust fans; blower #2 tripped off- reset okay; cleaned flow meter pit and UV lamps. August: processed 537,207 gal; met with Town supervisor,

Brock (Delaware Engineering), and Steve (NY Rural Water) on upgrades and repairs; pumped sludge to bed #1 4393 gal; Bullock in to repair transfer switch at pump station; Emmons in to remove pump#1 at pump station for repair; Steve in to do manhole inspections; clean drying bed #2; budget meeting with supervisor and deputy supervisor; cleaned drying bed #3 and grit from inflow box; meeting with Brock (Delaware Engineering), supervisor and deputy supervisor to review engineering report. Hope to get Delaware Engineering report soon and get to work on it.

<u>Planning Board</u> Chair Kathleen Rundberg reports for September: The Planning Board met on September 20, with the following business conducted: ...Approved the Site Plan and Special Use Permit Applications for Scenic Hudson Land Trust to allow passive recreation on the property they purchased on County Route 61. The property will be managed by the New Baltimore Conservancy. ...Received Minor Subdivision Application from Ronald Rausch and Beverly Hoogkamp for the subdivision of a two-acre lot from the parcel they own on County Route 51. Required Public Hearing has been scheduled for 7:30 pm, October 11.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Meave Tooher reports for September: The Zoning Board of Appeals met on September 19, 2012, with Public Hearing held and completed on the hamlet music issue appeal. In the Regular Monthly Meeting, discussion was continued on the Katherine Chapman Area Variance Application. Required Public Hearing on the application was scheduled for 7:30 pm, November 7. The Board will meet on October 3 when discussion on the hamlet music issue appeal will be continued.

Assessor Bennett reports for September 24: Newsletter Article- Julie and I complied and submitted an exemption article for this quarter's newsletter. Often people get confused about renewal process, particularly with STAR exemptions; hopefully our information will help understanding, and we highlighted the availability, if qualified, of various other exemptions for tax savings. Around the Office-Julie is half-way through the 18 file drawers with her verifying and updating information/retention pulling project. Gordon will be attending the annual Assessor's Administration Seminar in Lake Placid from September 30 through October 3. One BAR person's term ends September 30.

Economic Development Committee Chair Councilman Norris had nothing to report.

Grants Chair Councilwoman Finke announced next week's meeting with Department of State. Supervisor continued, regarding riverfront revitalization and with marina owners and New Baltimore Conservancy, they will discuss what we may be able to do with waterfront property owned by Town, and privately owned, to get more access; Department of State was willing to sit with groups to foster ideas and share projects; Scenic Hudson has also offered assistance.

<u>Fire, EMS & Law Enforcement</u> From Greene EMS meeting, Chair Norris shared: the sale of old MEDIC was approved for \$4900 following its accident; voted on a repeater system to be installed on 2 of 6 MEDICs; discussed paramedic service possibly from Town of Catskill; EMS Board began a feasibility study for a county-wide ambulance program.

Technology/Website Chair Councilman Meredith had nothing to report. Member Councilwoman Benway gave heads-up regarding the Ricoh network printer; has begun investigating; Councilman Norris asked purchase (\$4950) versus leasing (\$185/month); Councilwoman Benway answered depending on features leasing may be advantageous, considering overage charges; machine is getting old; repair tech, thought a year ago, that it had another year to go. Supervisor asked whether there was a down payment for lease; Councilwoman Benway read "\$0 down, with fair market buyout" and 39 month lease. Clerk Brooks believes Ricoh was purchased in 2005. Councilwoman Benway believes it has lasted a year longer that was expected. Clerk Brooks said current cost per month is \$.011/print or about \$70. Councilman Norris suggests ½ of charge to Buildings and ½ to Technology. [Councilman Meredith has arrived.] Clerk Brooks thanked Joe Wolodkevich for resolving email blocks for Coxsackie Area Chamber.

Newsletter Chair Councilwoman Finke commends Hillcrest Press for turnaround time of 2 days, was at mailer on September 6, at post office on September 10, some received

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Saturday, some have it today. Ellie Alfeld has not received, and added that Mountain Pennysaver comes on time. Yellow Dot program, Greene County Sheriff's program, is featured for coordinating emergency information.

Animal Control Officer Tanner reports for August-September 2012: 27 dog complaints; 12 cat complaints; 2 opossum complaints; one complaint was a lady who looked at puppies in our town; they were in horrible condition as was the mother. She went back and thought no one lived there. She remembered what happened in Troy: people heard dog barking, thought nothing about it, then no barking (the owner left him behind and he starved to death). I went to the house 12 times with no answer; I thought about that story. Finally, I found owner; mother of the dogs was fine and in great shape for giving birth to 9 puppies; I wanted to see the puppies. He showed them to me and they were in great shape; 9 chunky, happy puppies made myself and the woman who made the complaint happy. I told owner to go to town hall and get the dog licensed; hopefully he will. He said puppies were going to vet Tuesday; we will see; I have his name and number. Last free Greene County Public Health Rabies Clinic soon. Councilwoman Benway thanked Clerk Loux for the great newsletter article addressing dog licenses.

<u>Parks</u> (Chair Meredith had nothing to report; Clerk Brooks asked whether he was receiving her emails, she has contacted Coxsackie Owlz Rob Scott to determine actual usage by the ball club; waiting reply; three parties requested Hallock District 2 Park; one person observed that it was empty last night although it was reserved for Owlz.

<u>Personnel</u> Chair O'Rorke asked Councilman Meredith for progress on harassment policy, wants to do training at end of month; he'll have something to her this week.

Agriculture Committee Chair Norris will meet Thursday, October 4 at the Kriel Farm at 7pm. All are welcome.

<u>Seniors</u> Ellie reports that New Baltimore Reformed Church will continue the Food and Fellowship program on 2nd Wednesdays, October-May (except February), seeking volunteers. Next luncheon is October 10; menu is roast pork, sweet potatoes, and music. Seniors Core Committee is considering a 'by invitation only' December program.

Memorial Committee Chair Councilwoman Benway reports: Memorial Committee met at the Town Hall on September 19 at 6 pm. In attendance were Councilwoman Finke, 7 members of the committee, and 1 member of the public; discussed the upcoming ceremony for the 30th; are still finalizing the plans for the ceremony; waiting for a few of the replies from the honorees' families; asked Clerk Brooks to help with the press release:

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES HONOR OF SERVICE CEREMONY

The Town of New Baltimore Honor of Service Ceremony will be held Sunday, September 30, 2012 at 2 pm, announces Public Memorial Committee Chair Councilwoman Benway.

The ceremony will honor the exemplary service given to the Town of New Baltimore by Nils Backlund, Salvatore Costanza, Gordon Kliese, Gary McLarnon, Evelyn Paul, and Francis Williams.

Bluestone pavers, engraved with the dates of service and the capacity in which they served, have been installed in the Barbara Weeks Memory Garden in front of Town Hall on County Route 51 in Hannacroix.

The Memory Garden was installed following the sudden passing, while serving in office, of 16-year tenured town clerk Barbara Weeks in September 2004.

In September 2006, the memories of J. Lon Boehlke, Walter and Frances Dietz, and Lambert Nethaway were honored.

The ceremony, slated for 2pm at Town Hall, will be followed by light refreshments. All are welcome.

..which was sent to the Catskill Daily Mail, News Herald, Greenville County Local Courier and the Greenville Pioneer.



Clerk Brooks let me know the Greenville Pioneer publisher would be there; ceremony will be Sunday at 2pm at town hall, followed by light refreshments; no rain date so keep your fingers crossed for good weather. Next meeting of Memorial Committee will be October 24, 6pm, at Town Hall. All are welcome; plan to discuss future committee fundraising. I hope the committee will have something for Town Board consideration by the November Regular Meeting.

Ag Fest Committee Kathy Rundberg reports next meeting will be tomorrow night, September 25, 7pm, at Pauline Van Etten's home. Supervisor gave Rob Van Etten the insurance information.

<u>Historian</u> Hilscher reports for August 2012: Wrote article for town newsletter; with permission, visited and photographed old Palmer farmstead on County Route 26 west of Medway. Extant are house, three-bay bank barn, two bay ground barn, granary, pig house, chicken house and utility buildings.

Regarding the Town-wide Yard Sale, Councilwoman Finke said the map had 58 sales; there were many pop-ups; Cornell Hook and Ladder fire said this was their best year selling food. Supervisor asked if there was problem with website; many came into town hall for help the Saturday prior and she gave Councilwoman Finke's phone number.

Councilman Meredith apologized for being late; his son's soccer game went into double overtime with Maple Hill and won.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor **moved to adjourn,** Councilman Norris seconded. No discussion. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

BENWAY-AYE

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

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm.

Respectfully,

Janet A. Brooks Town Clerk