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BID OPENING-HIGHWAY SURPLUS EQUIPMENT
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At 7:15pm Town Clerk Brooks stated that twenty sealed envelopes had been received for the Highway Surplus Equipment advertised as **1993 Ford F-350 4x4 Dump and Snow Plow and Bolens 18 HP Tractor 2 Wheel Drive with Front End Loader.**

The envelopes were opened and the following bids were received for F350 Dump:

Greg Deso, New Baltimore \$4501;
Eric Hoglund, West Cossackie \$3510;
Kevin Hartmann, Woodstock \$3551;
Barry Carr, Catskill \$3603;
Robert Mosall, Albany \$3400;
Fred Macri, Rome \$3060;
Charles Biers III, Selkirk \$2500.

For the Bolens Tractor the following bids were received:

Robert Mosall, Albany \$2075;
Gary Geerholt, Cherry Plain \$876;
Robert A. Scott, Athens \$551.50;
Eric Hoglund, West Cossackie \$1250;
Kevin Hartmann, Woodstock \$855;
Albert J. Young, Cairo \$650;
Charles Biers III, Selkirk \$1626;
Harry Hale, Averill Park \$1241;
Robert Shaffer, New Baltimore \$601;
JW Norris, Lebanon, CT \$1611;
Robert Young, Cairo \$500;
Glenn Koncelik, Cossackie \$1601;
Barry Carr, Catskill \$1301;
Rick Albright, Athens \$1375;
Fred Macri, Rome \$850;
Gail Apjohn, Catskill \$1101.

The high bidder for the F350 at \$4501 was Greg Deso, New Baltimore, and for the Bolens tractor at \$2075 was Robert Mosall, Albany.

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Supervisor Louis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending were: Councilwoman McKeon, Councilmen Kuenster, Norris, and Byas, Attorney for the Town Wukitsch, Highway Superintendent Jordan, Tax Collector Stuart, Town Clerk Brooks, and 12 members of the public.

Supervisor Louis welcomed all attending, adding that 2 items had been added to New Business: authorization of a bid for sale of additional equipment and Town Clerk Brooks' report regarding a records management project.

MINUTES

The minutes of the **January 26, 2009 Public Hearing on Local Law 3 of 2009** were presented for approval.

Supervisor asked for the income threshold to be corrected to read, "from \$18,500 to 19,500". With that correction, Supervisor moved and was seconded by Councilwoman McKeon.

Adopted Ayes- 5 McKeon, Kuenster, Louis, Norris, Byas
 Nays- 0

The minutes of the **January 26, 2009 Town Board Work Meeting** were presented for approval.

Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Kuenster.

Adopted Ayes- 5 McKeon, Kuenster, Louis, Norris, Byas
 Nays- 0

CORRESPONDENCE

From **Senator James Seward**, a letter regarding one legislative member initiative in 2008-09 Budget, he has concern that allocated money for this item has been diverted and is not available to the Town. Supervisor expects to converse with Governor's office to fight for this money; these were contracts executed by the Town and the money is due to the Town.

From **Greene County Department for Aging**, the deadline is March 27, 2009 to submit nominations for **Senior Citizen of the Year**; a Greene County resident over the age of 60 will be recognized for outstanding contribution to community or special project.

From **Greene County Sheriff Greg Seeley**, an Annual Report of the office of Greene County Sheriff.

The Town was copied on letter to **William Brandt** regarding a SPDES Permit for a property upon which a restaurant is being considered, a project that is, to date, not in front of the Town of New Baltimore Planning Board.

From **NYS Office of Real Property Services** came a letter outlining various pieces of information; the Residential Assessment Ratio is 59.27 (not the Equalization Rate), railroad ceilings are being computed (a significant decrease will affect Assessment Roll), and values of various special franchises (some higher, some lower).

From **Senator James Seward**, a letter acknowledging receipt of resolutions passed last month in the Town of New Baltimore, block **grants for youth programs** and locking **property taxes on state lands**. Senator Seward wrote that he is committed to fight changes that shift costs from state to local governments, within the constraints of a difficult budget. Councilman Byas asked about the fiscal health of New Baltimore's Summer Parks Program; Supervisor said it would continue and state funds coming through the county are about \$1,000, and the total Town of New Baltimore Summer Parks Program budget is about \$6-7,000.

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OLD BUSINESS

Sale of Used Highway Equipment

7 bids were received for the Ford F350; the highest bidder is Greg Deso and the sale is contingent upon receipt of payment by March 23, 2009. The utilization of craigslist.com was productive.

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**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BID FOR SALE OF
USED DUMP TRUCK**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore by Resolution dated February 9, 2009, authorized the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for the sale of a 1993 Ford F-350 4x4 Dump and Snow Plow 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 March 9, 2009 and to be publicly opened at 7:15 p.m. on March 9, 2009, and

WHEREAS, Greg Deso has submitted the highest bid of \$4,501 to purchase this 1993 Ford F-350 4x4 Dump and Snow Plow 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 1993 Ford F-350 4x4 Dump and Snow Plow to Greg Deso for the amount of \$4,501, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this sale is contingent on payment being made for this equipment to the Town Clerk by cash or certified funds no later than 4:00 pm on March 23, 2009, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that payment is not made in accordance with the above terms, the sale will be made to the next highest bidder.

Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Norris. No discussion.

Adopted Ayes- 5 McKeon, Kuenster, Louis, Norris, Byas
 Nays- 0

For the Bolens 18hp tractor 16 bids were received; the highest bidder was Robert Mosall and the sale is contingent upon receipt of payment by March 23, 2009.

**RESOLUTION
MARCH 9, 2009**

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BID FOR SALE OF
USED TRACTOR**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore by Resolution dated February 9, 2009, authorized the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for the sale of a Bolens 18 HP Tractor 2 Wheel Drive with Front End Loader 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 March 9, 2009 and to be publicly opened at 7:15 p.m. on March 9, 2009, and

WHEREAS, Robert Mosall has submitted the highest bid of \$2,075 to purchase this Bolens 18 HP Tractor 2 Wheel Drive with Front End Loader from the Town of New Baltimore.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore agrees to sell this Bolens 18 HP Tractor 2 Wheel Drive with Front End Loader to Robert Mosall for the amount of \$2,075, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this sale is contingent on payment being made for this equipment to the Town Clerk by cash or certified funds no later than 4:00 pm on March 23, 2009, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that payment is not made in accordance with the above terms, the sale will be made to the next highest bidder.

Councilman Kuenster moved, seconded by Councilman Norris.

Adopted **Ayes- 5** Kuenster, McKeon, Louis, Norris, Byas
 Nays- 0

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Citizen Program Funding

Councilwoman McKeon reviewed that a senior program is being held at the New Baltimore Reformed Church, two dates have already occurred, and monthly luncheons are scheduled through June 2009.

RESOLUTION

MARCH 9, 2009

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN SUPPORT OF
THE "FOOD AND FUN FOR SENIORS" PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, pursuant to residents' requests the Town of New Baltimore appropriated the amount of \$2,500 in its 2009 budget to assist with senior citizens programs and/or services in the Town of New Baltimore, and

WHEREAS, a monthly lunch program called 'Food and Fun for Seniors' began in January of 2009 and is held the second Wednesday of each month was developed and held at the New Baltimore Reformed Church, and

WHEREAS, in the first two months of the Food and Fun for Senior Program, the attendance by seniors has grown but there remains a need for further outreach to senior citizens through the continued funding for the program to help with the costs of food, supplies and other related costs, and with direct mailings to the New Baltimore senior citizen population. With this Food and Fun for Seniors Program it is anticipated that a group can be organized to develop further events and programs for the benefit of senior citizens within our Town, and

WHEREAS, the Food and Fun for Seniors program has requested funding from the Town of New Baltimore in the amount of \$1,250.00 to assist with the costs of this successful program which is scheduled to run through the month of June 2009.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the expenditure of \$1,250.00 payable to the Food and Fun for Seniors Program.

Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Kuenster. Councilman Byas asked if residents in Medway and Grapeville were involved. Ellie Alfeld said the invitation will be mailed to seniors in entire Town. Councilman Byas asked whether churches in the western area of Town had been contacted; Ellie said that was a good idea and the Newsletter and Greenville Press have been used so far. Councilman Kuenster

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asked for a submission for this issue of Newsletter. Ellie Alfred will give dates to each Board member. Councilwoman McKeon suggested postcards be given to attendees at the luncheon to ask for their ideas. Councilman Byas asked how far \$1250 will go toward the cost of the meals; Ellie answered that the project is funded by grants including the Reformed Church of America Albany Classis, private sources, and the congregants are providing in excess of the Town's contribution in addition to cooking and serving, adding that to someone attending the price should not be a factor. Ellie added that Reverend Susan Kerr prepared an itemized list of each luncheon; Councilman Byas asked for a copy. Ellie added that Albany (Northeast) Association of the Blind is interested in visiting the program with guide dogs and information about vision impairment. Councilwoman McKeon suggested Ellie forward this to Greene County Department for the Aging. Ellie will put the information at each firehouse for the seniors with whom the firemen interact.

Supervisor Louis recused himself from the vote on the resolution as he is a member of the New Baltimore Reformed Church.

Adopted **Ayes-** **4** **McKeon, Kuenster, Norris, Byas**
 Nays- **0**
 Abstain- **1** **Louis**

Farmers' Market Funding

Facing ongoing expenses including insurance, Supervisor read.

**RESOLUTION
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR
NEW BALTIMORE FARMERS' MARKET**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the amount of \$500 to be paid from the budgetary appropriation for Cultural Programs to the New Baltimore Farmers' Market to assist in funding the operation of the New Baltimore Farmers' Market for its 2009 season.

Councilman Norris moved, seconded by Councilman Kuenster. No discussion.

Adopted **Ayes-** **5** **Kuenster, McKeon, Louis, Norris, Byas**
 Nays- **0**

Citizens' Bicentennial Celebration Committee Funding

**RESOLUTION
MARCH 9, 2009**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR
TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE
CITIZENS' BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the amount of \$100 to be paid from the budgetary appropriation for Economic Development assist in funding the operation of the Town of New Baltimore Citizens' Bicentennial Celebration Committee.

Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Norris.

Adopted **Ayes-** **5** **Kuenster, McKeon, Louis, Norris, Byas**
 Nays- **0**

Authorization of Bid Solicitation for Mowing of Town Parks

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This work was first bid in 2006, for a 2yr contract; Supervisor understands there is interest in bidding; Supervisor will work on bid specs. Councilman Norris will inquire as to where this bid announcement could appear on craigslist.com.

**RESOLUTION
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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS ON
PROVIDING MOWING SERVICES FOR TOWN PARKS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the provision of mowing services for Town Parks, in accordance with specifications to be prepared by the Parks Committee and Superintendent of Highways, said bids to be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 13, 2009 and to be publicly opened at 7:15 p.m. on April 13, 2009.

Councilman Kuenster moved, seconded by Councilman Byas. No discussion.

Adopted Ayes- 5 McKeon, Kuenster Louis, Norris, Byas
 Nays- 0

Federal Stimulus Funding Briefing

Supervisor spoke about the opportunities of the federal Economic Stimulus bill that were discussed in New York City at the recent Association of Towns meeting; Tim Gilchrist, Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Cabinet, said it could not be used for CHPS funding for highway repair and reconstruction; New York State Governor David Paterson said he would restore CHPS funding.

The project groups for funding from this bill are: improvements in sewer, water, highway, and energy efficiency/alternative energy. Town of New Baltimore has struggled with public water in the hamlet; was disappointing to learn that the demand for highway, sewer, and water projects exceeds supply by a 20:1 ratio. There is \$85 million earmarked for water projects; there are \$1.7 billion in water projects at NYS Drinking Water Revolving Fund, shovel-ready. The fact that the Water District voters were not willing to approve the increase in costs means that New Baltimore's shovel-ready status is in great question, against the shovel-ready status of other projects.

Another factor Supervisor Louis discussed with the President of NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation was that the maximum grant on any project will be 20%; economically he feels this doesn't change the possibility of the project. The ability of getting it funded under the Economic Stimulus program is in great question: Supervisor has let the state Corporation and Fund know that the project is still out there.

Supervisor Louis met with Highway Superintendent Jordan regarding Alcove Road, 2.7 miles, and has submitted it as a project to the Economic Recovery Cabinet, again there is a 20:1 ratio of monies sought to monies available, and it is competing with other Towns in Greene County as well as the County itself. Supervisor has learned that a highway program must be on the federal highway aid list; there are virtually no state or county roads on the list. County Legislator VanSlyke felt that Route 23 (or 23B) is on the list. Bridges are part of federal highway system; but bridges are maintained in this Town by the County. [unable to hear] County Legislator VanSlyke reported that on Wednesday, Greene County Highway Superintendent Gary Harvey is begging for the CHPS program; it is a program that is proven to get the job done and put people to work. Supervisor will not rule out possibility that, if the State is getting federal money, some State money may be freed up.

NYSERDA, as the distributor for the Stimulus program in energy efficiency, says that for energy efficiency and conservation block grants there will be \$18million available in New York State for small municipalities; there could be a project here in Town of New Baltimore, saving electrical costs. Buildings needing weatherization, a wastewater plant that is the highest electrical energy user in Town, these could possibly qualify and

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Supervisor will focus attention in next 30 days identifying major expenses. Energy efficient technologies can be utilized for street lighting. Supervisor feels it will not be solicited for 60 days.

Boom mower authorized to go out to bid, a second time

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RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS ON SALE OF
USED BOOM MOWER ATTACHMENT

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for bids on the sale of the Town Highway Department's used boom mower attachment, said bids to be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 13, 2009 and to be publicly opened at 7:15 p.m. on April 13, 2009.

Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Norris. Discussion ensued. Discussion ensued; the minimum bid will be \$1500 and the Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bids submitted for the F350 and Bolens tractor included local people and some distant addresses (Lebanon, Connecticut and Rome, NY).

Adopted Ayes- 5 Kuenster, McKeon, Louis, Norris, Byas
Nays- 0

Town Clerk's Inactive Records Management Project

Town Clerk Brooks reviewed the past five years: counting, evaluating, planning, and State Archives training sessions have led up to the inactive records inventory. In 2007 the Town of New Baltimore's Town Historian Cless Bush filed an ambitious grant application for records management that was denied in a year where the ratio of grant applications to available monies was 10:1.

On April 4, 1989, by resolution, the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore adopted the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule MU-1, pursuant to Article 57A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law. Town Clerk Brooks learned in January 2008 that many of the record series, previously addressed by a State Archives grant, were no longer eligible and were the maintenance responsibility of the Town. She found Town resident Nancy Ziegler who clerked for the first fall, and Town resident Diane Jordan who brought records inventory clerk work experience and has been on this project from the beginning to the end. Clerk Brooks took 6 training classes in the Hudson Valley and then New York State Archives Regional Advisory Officer Andrew Raymond came to New Baltimore to train Records Clerks Jordan and Ziegler. Each record series was logged in, a binder was built (inventory binder), a computer file (office retention schedule) was created and information was entered to allow for management of records by their disposition date, a computer file (locator system) was created to identify a box's location. It has been a 16 month journey. Two hundred eighty-two boxes have been processed, and 121 boxes were determined to have met their retention and were approved for destruction by the appropriate (disposition binder) departments. Town Clerk Brooks read a list of thank-you's that included all of the above named, the Town Supervisor and Town Board, previous Town Board, her deputies, colleagues at Town Hall, and Town Clerk colleagues. Applause from attendees and Supervisor thanked Town Clerk Brooks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Town-wide Clean-up has been a successful yearly event from first Saturday in May, May 2, and lasting for a week and one day. With no objections from the Board, Councilwoman McKeon will revise previous year's news release.

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Rich Guthrie asked about **electronics recycling**, last year The Bank of Greene County and Town of Bethlehem Recycling Coordinator both held events. Supervisor believes Best Buy is also taking electronics.

Councilman Kuenster said Durham has received a grant for vacant **farmland**, to start mapping soil types by Greene County Soil and Water. They are looking for small parcels that are not being hayed; young farmers are out there who need affordable housing from Asia, South America and some other counties. Grass-fed meats are a booming industry. Dick Brooks said there are new programs through **Cooperative Extension** that are catching on, **community gardens**, previously for urban people, have moved into the country and Towns are making Town land available to residents. Dick said two local gardening classes have been standing room only; Nils Backlund said years ago they didn't need to be taught.

Nils asked about the **Joseph Wyche Sr./ District 1 Park sign**, a new sign was coming from Greene **IDA**, that sign is nearly done and will be installed. Councilwoman McKeon and Councilman Kuenster have seen the prototype; they must bring it into compliance with height limits; Nils asked to make it a memorial for the Wyche family.

Ellie invited the Town Board to the community **luncheons** at the **New Baltimore Reformed Church**; Councilman Byas asked for a calendar.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Supervisor Louis reported that a statement of revenues and expenditures has been distributed, and abstracts were prepared for this meeting, vouchers appearing on them are being approved by the Town Board tonight. Resolutions on state land property taxes and youth program block grants were passed at Association of Towns in New York City.

County Legislator Jim VanSlyke reported Greene County requires a Commercial Drivers' License (CDL) for driving firetrucks, as of today. On the Maurer property, the County has taken temporary possession of it, it was put back on the tax roll, and the taxes paid by the county. If it can't be cleaned up, the county will not sit and hold it. Ellie asked how big the parcel is; answer: 26 acres. If a fire truck is not on an emergency call, a CDL is required in order to drive it; this impacts the training of new drivers.

Town Clerk Brooks reported 2 building permits-\$345; 2 chimney woodstove-\$80; 1 deck/porch-\$75; 11 dog licenses, 13 photocopies, recycling fees \$10.00; for total local revenue to Town Supervisor of \$606.68 and non-local revenue disbursed of \$55.07. She is working on configuring the hall closet for maximum storage, and hopes to have the brown metal cabinet emptied soon. Tuesday, March 31, 2009 is a Special Election for the 20th Congressional District with polls open 6am-9pm. NYS Archives Regional Advisory Officer Andy Raymond will be coming to visit us and take a photograph of the completed records project.

Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan reported for the month of February: Cleaned snow from bridges with backhoe; Patched holes with winter mix; Built new tire chains for 89 international; Mixed up more sand and salt and put in shed; Cleaned up fallen trees at District 1 park; Changed rear tires on ford backhoe; Ploughed drifts where needed; Cut dead cherry tree on Huckle Hill Lane; Built new dump body for 2006 ford f350; Patched holes with crusher run; Washed and greased all trucks and loader; Wired all lights on new dump body; Fixed large mud hole on Sweezey Road; Picked up large limbs from cemeteries; Cleaned up limbs at District 2/Cecil C. Hallock park; Cut brush along stone wall and behind swings at District 2/Cecil C. Hallock Park; Thurs, Feb. 19 all in at 3:30am for light snow; Sun, Feb. 22 all in at 9am for snow; Mon, Feb. 23 all in at 4am for snow; Repaired broken straps on sand shed; Built leaf and chip box for 2006 f350; Lowered sign at District 1/Joseph Wyche Sr. Park; Repaired power steering leak on 1985 10 wheeler. Elect issues for OSHA are resolved.

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Wastewater Treatment Plant James Polverelli reported the 2008 Annual Certification for Flows has been completed and submitted. Also, pumped sludge to bed #3, adjusted belts and rotors 1 and 2, calibrated suspended solids meter, checked batteries and oil in generators at Plant and Pump Station, and cleaned flow meter.

Town Historian Clesson Bush reported for March: continued to assist Catskill Daily Mail staff with articles pertaining to the Quadricentennial, including submitting an article of my own for publication; attended the first meeting of the Town's Bicentennial Committee; participated in videotaped interview with Cliff Baldwin as part of the Bicentennial campaign; arranged for the archiving of New Baltimore Conservancy papers at the Vedder Research Library of the Greene County Historical Society; and scanned a number of New Baltimore postcards from the collection of Cocksackie Town Historian Michael Rausch.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector John Cashin had no report of Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer activities for the month of February.

Newsletter Chair Councilman Kuenster stated the current issue deadline is this Friday, spoke to Times Union about inclusion in their Calendar of Events; learned that the Town may post at no charge. Town Clerk Brooks asked how the Board felt about scanning and archiving Newsletters on the Town website; no objections.

Assessor Gordon Bennett reported that Field review has been prioritized and the Annual Review is in Progress. Also, assessment change notices will be sent to property owners whose assessments have changed due to construction and/or new data inventory. The Valuation Tentative Roll Schedule for 2009 has been published as follows: May 10th and 17th 9:00am-1:00pm; May 5th and 12th 9:00am-1:00pm. Grievance Day is set for May 26th and the times available will be 12:00n-3:00 pm and 7:00-9:00 pm; kindly note the Assessor's office will be closed on March 31.

Agriculture Committee Chair Councilman Kuenster reported it was decided there would be a series of talks, recorded oral history, reflecting the age of some farmers. First talk will be in the Newsletter, with farmers Ted Flegel and Edgar VanSlyke.

Public Memorial Committee will meet on March 23 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall.

Citizens' Bicentennial Committee has met at Chair Joyce Schoenig's home. The committee is working on a slogan, fundraising, gathering images of farming, shipbuilding, fruit crops, and rural scenes, and the next meeting is March 21 at Town Hall. 2009 will be a planning year; 2010 will be a fundraising year.

Planning Board Chair Lee Davis reported the Planning Board met on February 12, 2009, and continued discussion with Paul Schiller regarding status of his Site Plan for the log home sales center; and approved a one-year extension of Site Plan for Jyoti SAI Hospitality, LLC, for Holiday Inn Express.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Meave Tooher reported there was no February meeting as there were no applications to come before the Board.

Recycling Center Operator Spencer Sebert received 1 microwave and 10 tires for a total of \$20.00; also: 25 60gallon bags of plastic, 9 55gallon drums of cans/aluminum, 55 bundles of magazines and phone books, 85 bags and bundles of newspaper, 19 bags of shredded paper, and 38 bundles of cardboard. Also, 2 tires were received from Highway Department and Highway Department removed 4 tires from Recycling Center.

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Animal Control Officer Joe Tanner had no report. Councilman Byas asked about the contract for Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society vs Columbia-Greene Humane Society; Supervisor asked Councilman Byas to talk to Joe Tanner.

For Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement, Councilman Norris reported: at last month Greene County EMS meeting Mark Evans was reelected as President for a one-year term. Last month the Town had 3 ALS calls.

Town Emergency Management Officer Alan VanWormer reported having met with the New York State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) several times regarding the ice storm. It appears the town will do very well in the reimbursement process. Our project work sheets should be completed this week by SEMO with an exit meeting being planned for next week. All project worksheets for both fire districts have been completed and are being reviewed by SEMO and FEMA. Exit meeting for them will be the same day as the town meeting. Town Emergency Management Officer VanWormer met with Medway-Grapeville Ladies Auxiliary and discussed emergency management and shelter operations with them. He has made contact with the Red Cross who will be delivering cots and blankets for future emergencies. It is important to promote the **Town Emergency recorded line, 756-6600**; this was and will continue to be a valuable tool during emergency situations. The home of a disabled town resident who was unable to evacuate during the ice storm, is now equipped with backup generator service. This was done through a grant from **Catskill Mountain Housing Corp.** at no cost to the homeowner. We were able to secure the grant through the Emergency Management Office with the assistance of Supervisor Louis.

For Parks, Councilwoman McKeon reported that a Town resident has donated stain, and two Town residents, Dick Brooks and Nils Backlund, have volunteered to paint the sign. Also, Councilwoman McKeon is revising the Park Permit application. The backstop is no longer in District 1/Joseph Wyche Sr. Park; it has rotted.

For Promotion/Economic Development Councilman Norris had reported that he is in the early stages of planning the Business Appreciation Breakfast.

Grants had no report.

For Website and Technology, Councilwoman McKeon had no report.

For Personnel, Supervisor Louis may be talking to the Board about training for Town Hall employees.

Greene County Sheriff is moved into downstairs, will have grand opening later on. Jeff Broadhurst will be finishing the telephone lines. Greene County Legislator VanSlyke asked when heat will be installed and will it be energy efficient; Persico has fixed the line, could take a little heat from upstairs, open up some of the vents, and there is electric heat for emergency, one unit in office for Sheriff. Boy Scouts have made steel bars for the two outside windows; they need to be installed. Supervisor will not have hours this Saturday or the last Saturday of March. US Census has received sufficient applicants and has terminated its testing program.

With no more from the Town Board or the public, **Councilwoman McKeon moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Norris.**

**Motion Carried Ayes-5 McKeon, Kuenster, Louis, Norris, Byas
Nays-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully,
Janet A. Brooks, Town Clerk