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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
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Supervisor Louis called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending were: Councilwoman McKeon, Councilmen Norris and Byas, Highway Superintendent Jordan, Attorney for the Town Wukitsch, Tax Collector Stuart, Town Clerk Brooks, and 38 members of the public.

Supervisor Louis welcomed all attending, adding that there is an adjustment to the agenda in that the Public Comment period will be at the end of the meeting, rather than between New Business and Monthly Reports. This will occur to accommodate the comments of the Town Supervisor and others.

## MINUTES

The minutes of the **October 26, 2009 Public Hearing on 2010 Preliminary Budget** were presented for approval. Supervisor asked on page 1, paragraph 3, sentence 3 should read: *In Justice Clerk personal service there is a proposed reduction from reorganization, taking two full-time and one part-time positions and shifting to one full- and two part-time positions that will total less than a full-time equivalent.* Also, on page 2, paragraph 7, sentence 2, should read: *Supervisor said the amount appropriated is less than this year but includes a 2.5% salary increase.*

With that correction, Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Norris.  
**Adopted** Ayes- 4 McKeon, Louis, Norris, Byas  
Nays- 0

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

Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Norris.  
**Adopted** Ayes- 4 McKeon, Louis, Norris, Byas  
Nays- 0

The minutes of the **November 9, 2009 Regular Town Board Meeting** were presented for approval.

Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Byas.  
**Adopted** Ayes- 4 McKeon, Louis, Norris, Byas  
Nays- 0

The minutes of the **November 23, 2009 Town Board Work Meeting** were presented for approval. Supervisor noted that Councilman Norris was not present. With the correction removing him from attendance, Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Byas.

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

## CORRESPONDENCE

From **Roger Wilson**, a letter of resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals after 10+ years of service; Supervisor commented on his wonderful job in this capacity and expressed thanks for his service.

From the Town's two fire districts, **Dan Earley** was elected fire commissioner by New Baltimore Fire District on December 8 and **Richard Mahnken** was elected fire commissioner on December 8 in Medway-Grapeville Fire District.

From Senior Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector John Cashin, a letter documenting his inspection of **JB Car Services** on US Route 9W, yard was clean, piles were secure, and, when Mr. Brockett returns to New Baltimore in January, pile size and access will be discussed. Mr. Cashin recommends to the next Town Board to approve Mr. Brockett's annual permit application.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**Workplace Violence Prevention Program Implementation**

Supervisor reviewed that a Workplace Violence Prevention Program policy was adopted in the previous month by the Town Board. Councilwoman McKeon prepared a questionnaire that was circulated and Supervisor is waiting for responses for possible trainings on December 22, 23, 29, and 30; approximately an hour for each employee to complete that requirement by years' end.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Adoption of Sewer District Tax Roll for 2010**

Supervisor said there is one change proposed to reflect a one-family home status change, Sesil residence.

**RESOLUTION  
DECEMBER 14, 2009**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SEWER DISTRICT TAX ROLL FOR 2010**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts the Sewer District Tax Roll for 2009, as may be updated for changes in ownership, as the Sewer District Tax Roll for 2010, with the following changes:

- 1) Tax Map ID 7.12-3-25, Daniel and Teresa Sesil, previously listed on the 2009 Sewer District Tax Roll as 5 Points Debt Service, 0 Points Operation and Maintenance, is hereby listed on the 2010 Sewer District Tax Roll as 10 Points Debt Service, 10 Points Operation and Maintenance, to correctly reflect the parcel status as a one family home.

Councilman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Norris.

Adopted Ayes- 4 McKeon, Louis, Norris, Byas  
Nays- 0

**Local Law 4 of 2009 Establishing Sewer Use Fees for 2010 for New Baltimore Sewer**

Supervisor recommends adoption of Local Law 4 of 2009. He read.

**LOCAL LAW 4 OF 2009**

**A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING SEWER USE FEES FOR 2010  
FOR NEW BALTIMORE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore as follows:

**Section 1 - PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Local Law is to establish the sewer use fees to be levied in 2010 for debt service and operation and maintenance for the New Baltimore Sewer District.

**Section 2.**

In accordance with the 2010 Budget adopted for the New Baltimore Sewer District, and the Sewer District Tax Roll adopted by the Town Board for the New

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Baltimore Sewer District for 2010, the following are the per point charges to be levied as Sewer Use Fees for 2010:

Debt Service: \$21.9515 per point

Operation and Maintenance: \$35.6832 per point

**Section 3 – EFFECTIVE DATE**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the New York Secretary of State.

**RESOLUTION  
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**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW 4 OF 2009 ESTABLISHING SEWER  
USE FEES FOR 2010 FOR NEW BALTIMORE SEWER DISTRICT #1**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore has held a public hearing on December 14, 2009 regarding proposed Local Law 4 of 2009, Establishing Sewer Use Fees for 2010 for New Baltimore Sewer District #1, at which time the public was given an opportunity to speak regarding this proposed Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts Local Law 4 of 2009, Establishing Sewer Use Fees for 2010 for New Baltimore Sewer District #1.

Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Norris.

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

	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NOES</u>
VOTE: Supervisor Louis	X	
McKeon	X	
Norris	X	
Byas	X	

**Appointment of Deputy Court Clerk (Part-time)**

A letter was received by the Town Board from the Town Justices indicating a resignation and recommending a candidate. Councilmen Norris and Byas felt the decision was rushed, wants to wait until the new year, and give a chance for others to apply. Justice Cosenza referred to funding and selection of candidates; they asked for approval of selection, their candidate will not change and the Board is not in position to appoint. Attorney Wukitsch felt that the two Councilmen want some input in the selection process; ultimately the Justices' consent is required. The new Board could reappoint. Supervisor said appointment would be in effect until 12/31; inappropriate to make an appointment that would last beyond 12/31. Councilwoman McKeon asked, as the court has operated with 2 full-time and 1 part-time, if there weren't still two in the office until the end of the year. Justice Cosenza said no, that Lynn Taylor will be taking a two-week vacation, will be unavailable to the Court, and then will no longer be a court clerk on December 31. This appointment was not done hastily, but rather necessarily. Councilman Norris asked to postpone vote to the Work Meeting, feeling rushed. Supervisor added there is to be no December 28 Work Meeting, which would be only 3 days before the Organizational Meeting and the close of the year. The Justices do not want to be faced with closing the Court in the event of sickness or other emergency by the one Clerk who has a young family. There is Town Court scheduled on December 22 and 29<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Byas stated he learned of the resignation on Tuesday, felt rushed and didn't

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know whether the best person was being picked. Justice Cosenza said they learned on Monday, they are not required to go through an application process, and they have interviewed and are satisfied with the candidate they are putting forth. Councilman Norris felt he had been left out of the process of the search. Attorney Wukitsch clarified that what Councilmen Byas and Norris are seeking is a role, to know who the candidate is and the individual's background. Supervisor said he received notification of the vacancy last Monday, was told there was urgency due to scheduling, and was concerned that the current Town Board didn't overstep their bounds in making an appointment beyond the year's end. Unlike other appointments, this started and wants to be concluded in a very short period of time; Supervisor's experience has been that Court is autonomous, and Town Board maintains control over budgets, including salaries. Supervisor hoped that the Board could proceed, allow the Court to continue to operate, and allow the current employees to observe the schedule that they wanted to had it not been for this issue. Councilwoman McKeon offered that this opportunity for a trial period could be very beneficial and had no objection. Attorney Wukitsch pointed out the importance of having an adequate number of staff to handle case files and money, make deposits within a constricted time frame (72 hours), file computer reports, handle all manner of inquiries, and handle lawyers. Cosenza pointed out that crime doesn't stop during holidays, has been called out on holiday for arraignments and court cannot be closed, current clerk has expressed desire to spend time with her family. Councilman Byas said this is a part-time situation until December 31, this person doesn't have any court experience, and has to be trained for two weeks. Cosenza said to find someone to work for \$10/hour, with credentials of office experience, educational qualifications, and people skills is difficult. Town Justices want to function and are confused as to what role the Board wishes to play. Supervisor Louis asked each Board member: Councilmen Byas and Norris would not support, so Supervisor tabled the resolution and recognized that Justices will need to determine their activities between now and December 31, 2009.

**Lease Extension for Hannacroix Preserve/Hudson River Interpretive**

One year ago the Town entered into a lease arrangement to plow the parking lot and there are no conditions that would impact the Highway Department equipment.

**RESOLUTION  
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE  
ONE YEAR LEASE EXTENSION FOR HANNACROIX PRESERVE AND  
HUDSON RIVER INTERPRETIVE TRAIL PARKING AREA**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute a lease extension, between the Town of New Baltimore and the Open Space Conservancy, Inc., for the parking area used for the Hannacroix Preserve and the Hudson River Interpretive Trail, for a one year period expiring December 8, 2010.

Councilman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Norris.

Adopted    Ayes- 4    McKeon, Louis, Norris, Byas  
              Nays- 0

**Authorization of Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds**

When the 2010 Budget was prepared, based on favorable fuel costs, Supervisor recommended transferring \$25,000 from Highway Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund since money had not been spent on Equipment. Then Highway Superintendent Jordan approached the Board regarding the purchase of a used sander at auction for approximately \$5,000. Unrelated to that, this resolution will transfer unused funds in

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Parks Equipment into the Capital Reserve Fund and from Sewer District 1 in to the Repair Reserve Fund for that district.

**RESOLUTION  
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS  
TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the 2009 Budget includes various appropriations for the transfer of funds to Capital Reserve Funds, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor, in preparing the 2010 Budget, has recommended additional transfers of projected surplus funds to Capital Reserve Funds to plan for the future specific needs of the Town without impacting taxes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to transfer the following amounts:

1. \$20,000 from the Highway Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Equipment.
2. \$1,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund for Parks Equipment.
3. \$15,000 from Sewer District 1 to the Repair Reserve Fund for Sewer District 1.

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

Adopted Ayes- 4 McKeon, Louis, Norris, Byas  
Nays- 0

**Budget Amendments**

Common for the month of December, Supervisor read.

**RESOLUTION  
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**RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2009 BUDGET**

RESOLVED, that the following amendments to the 2009 budget are hereby adopted:

ACCOUNT	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	CHANGE
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:</b>			
A1330.4 Tax Collector Contractual	2,200	2,622	422
A1355.10 Assessor's Clerk PS	18,440	16,540	(1,900)
A1920.4 Municipal Dues	1,100	1,200	100
A1990.4 Contingency	2,326	0	(2,326)
A3120.4 Police Contractual	1,500	1,512	12
A3620.1 Building Inspection PS	30,200	27,700	(2,500)
A7140.1 Parks PS	2,000	2,547	547
A9050.8 Unemployment	536	6,096	5,560
A9055.8 Disability	200	285	85
TOTAL CHANGE			0

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**HIGHWAY FUND EXPENDITURES:**

DA5110.4 General Repairs Contractual	285,000	306,000	21,000
DA5112.2 Improvements – CHIPS	112,000	91,000	(21,000)
DA5130.2 Machinery – Equipment	0	5,900	5,900
DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual	105,000	90,000	(15,000)
DA5140.4 Brush and Weeds - Contractual	2,000	2,400	400
DA5142.4 Snow Removal - Contractual	91,700	74,200	(17,500)
DA9060.8 Health Insurance	51,200	57,400	6,200
DA9950.9 Transfer to Capital Reserve	15,000	35,000	20,000

TOTAL CHANGE 0

**SEWER DISTRICT 1 EXPENDITURES**

SS8110.4 Administration - Contractual	3,500	4,100	600
SS8130.2 Sewage Treatment Equipment	4,000	4,067	67
SS8130.4 Sewage Treatment - Contractual	26,000	21,533	(4,467)
SS9050.8 Unemployment	0	3,800	3,800

TOTAL CHANGE 0

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

Adopted Ayes- 4 McKeon, Louis, Norris, Byas

Nays- 0

**Future Meeting Schedule**

With no objection from the Town Board, the Work Meeting scheduled for December 28 will be cancelled. Supervisor will be spending time that day with Supervisor-Elect O'Rorke and Councilman Norris on the financial matters of the Town. Supervisor Louis understands that swearing in of new officials will occur on January 1, 2009, at 2 pm, and will be followed by 2010 Organizational Meeting.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

Supervisor Louis reported that vouchers, appearing on the December abstracts prepared for this meeting by the Town Clerk, were being approved by the Town Board; also that the transition is underway, with a meeting last week with Supervisor-Elect O'Rorke, Councilwoman-Elect Finke, and Councilman-Elect Meredith. Supervisor has spent several Saturdays with Supervisor-Elect O'Rorke.

County Legislator Jim VanSlyke was not present to report.

Town Clerk Janet Brooks reported for month of November: 10 building permits \$4,592.35; 10 conservation fees \$46.12; 17 dog licenses \$120.78; 2 demolition permits \$150.00; 2 certified copies \$20.00; 33 photocopies \$8.25; recycling fees \$25.00, non-commercial special use permit \$40.00, for a local total of \$5,002.50 and non-local revenues of \$837.60. For Records Management, part-time Records Clerk Diane Jordan has processed 8 more cartons in the records project involving those court records of justices no longer sitting and under the direction of Office of Court Administration. For E911 sign program, an order has been placed for approximately 150 more signs, a partial order of 42 was picked up, proofed, and handed off to fire districts, and a problem with the August 27 and October 12 orders was identified and request was made for Cocksackie Ambulance to research and remediate the problem.

Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan reported: grader-patched Flatbush Road to Taylor Monument and part of Kreitmeier Road, started work on Jennings Road until the blacktop

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plant closed. Councilman Norris asked how the new sander was working out; Superintendent Jordan said the new sander and the new sand were working out well.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator James Polverelli reported that the spare return sludge pump was good to have on hand and had been used.

Town Historian Clesson Bush reported for November, 2009: Assisted A.J. Gambino with archiving the research materials from his DVD book at the Vedder Research Library of the Greene County Historical Society; Researched for some local residents the background of the people mentioned in an 1879 wedding certificate that was found beneath an old framed picture; Attended the opening of the new exhibit on local schools that was curated by the Ravena-Coeymans Historical Society. The exhibit includes numerous references to, and pictures of New Baltimore students; Attended receptions for the publication of the new book by the Greene County Historical Society, Historic Places in Greene County, New York; Advised people in Windham on the possibilities of purchasing a building for a local history center; Researched some Stanton Hill Cemetery tombstone inscriptions in attempting to determine if those interred had living relatives in the area; Took photographs of the new US Route 9W dentist office and Marshack house construction sites; Consulted with the former Ulster County Historian, the Greene County Historian, and ice house industry researcher Wendy Harris on some current projects.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector John Cashin and Christian Larsen summarized Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer activities for the month of November, 2009: Building Inspections: 28; Building Permits Issued: 5; Certificates of Compliance Issued: 5; Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 3; Court Appearances: 1; Demolition Permits Issued: 2; Junk Vehicle Complaints: 4; New Building Permit Applications Received: 7; Septic Replacement Applications Received: 1; Code Violation Investigations: 7; Zoning Violation Investigations: 5; Application Fees for November 2009: \$ 4,742.35 Total Fees for Year to Date: \$ 23,866.80.

Newsletter Chair Councilwoman announced that the Fall issue had been her last as she is retiring December 31. She has passed on a schedule with recommended inclusions and will be happy to help.

Assessor Gordon Bennett reported regarding EXEMPTION RENEWALS: the aged and enhanced star renewals as well as all other exemption renewals have been mailed out as of December 11th. For DATA COLLECTION 2009: Town Data Collector, Don Daoust is still in the field. For the PARCEL PHOTO SCANNING PROJECT: the project is COMPLETE and photo updates will continue as needed through collection by the data collector. We wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a healthy and joyous new year!

For Agriculture Committee Supervisor Louis reported that three presentations will take place in the spring: women in farming/a remembrance; estate planning for farms, and Assessor Bennett on agriculture exemptions. The Agriculture Committee will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month.

Public Memorial Committee Chair Councilwoman McKeon hopes will continue to function as something that involves and brings the community into the Town Hall.

For the Bicentennial Committee, Councilman Norris reported that Chair Joyce Schoenig has 2 Bicentennial fundraisers in the planning process: a Chicken Barbeque and an Old World cooking demonstration and sale at the AgFest.

Planning Board Chair Lee Davis reported Planning Board has met twice since its last report to the Town Board. At the November 12, 2009, Planning Board Meeting: Public Hearing was held on the Site Plan Application for Dr. Marvin Gertzberg's Dental Office. In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed, the Dr. Marvin Gertzberg Site

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Plan for his dental office was approved with conditions. Planning Board Chair signed and stamped the revised Site Plan for Raj SAI Hospitality, adding the currently existing Manager's residence for Best Western to the Site Plan. At the December 10, 2009, Planning Board Meeting: renewed Site Plan for Jyoti SAI Hospitality (Holiday Inn Express) for the period January 1, 2010, through April 30, 2010, to give them time to complete the remaining work on the building.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Meave Tooher reported for December: the Zoning Board of Appeals met November 4, 2009, and heard the Variance Application request of Stacey Miller to allow her to temporarily have two residences on the property she owns on County Route 51. Necessary Public Hearing on the application has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m., January 6, 2010.

Recycling Center Operator Spencer Sebert received 1 dryer \$7.50; 1 microwave oven \$4.00; 54 tires of assorted size and rim \$132.50; for a monthly total of \$144.00. Also, 31 60gallon bags of plastic, 10 55gallon drums of cans and aluminum, 85 bundles of magazines, 96 bags of newspaper, 4 bags of shredded paper, 44 bundles of cardboard, 1.75 ton of metal. For Town Hall Maintenance, Mr. Sebert reported: cleaned gutters, cleaned catch basin, cleaned off flower beds, lubricated locks and latches on entry doors, changed water filter, and changed UV light tube. On a related note, delivery of heating fuel to Town Hall has been changed from "will call" to "automatic delivery".

Animal Control Officer Joe Tanner reported traveling 598 miles in the last 3 months dealing with 19 dog complaints, 12 cat complaints, and 17 miscellaneous complaints concerned about shelter in the winter season. One case involved the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and taking dogs from someone who could not afford them. Three bear calls between US Route 9W and the railroad tracks in New Baltimore off State Route 144; no problems, just moving around. There are a couple dogs running in County Route 26 area; owner has been found; also had the same on East Honey Hollow Road and in the hamlet. Also a couple of calls on horses on Old Kings Road and shelter problems, livestock only need a row of trees, water, and food. A couple off US Rte 9W in Cementon have been identified who accept stray cats and, with help, they spay and either find homes or keep the animals; 18 cats from one Saw Mill Road home have been delivered there. Other calls concerned dogs barking too long or dogs running on other people's property and disturbing them.

For Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement, Councilman Norris reported: EMS meeting tomorrow night that he will attend. E911 Sign update was reported under the Town Clerk's report.

For Parks, Councilwoman McKeon reported that former Summer Recreation Director Amy Decker came out of retirement and is completing a grant application for Greene County Youth Bureau that requires personal observation; it is due by month's end.

For Promotion/Economic Development, Councilman Norris reported that the Farmers' Market will move to District 2/Cecil C. Hallock Park on CR54, and the time will change to 9-12 noon to get more vendors. Councilman Norris plans to start an Economic Development Committee in 2010. Highway Superintendent Jordan asked whether the Farmers' Market sign should be taken down for the winter; Councilman Norris will call Farmers' Market Board President Chris Kemnah.

Grants had no report.

For Website and Technology, Councilwoman McKeon had no report. Councilman Norris offered that Councilwoman McKeon had done a wonderful job on the website and he looks forward to learning how to keep it up-to-date.



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For Personnel, Supervisor Louis reported that he and Councilwoman McKeon are giving up their jobs on December 31.

Supervisor opened the floor for any other business to be brought before the Board.

Justice Farrell asked if position was denied. Councilman Norris felt the process was not done correctly and would like more input. The Town Justice stated that input from the Town Board for court staff is inappropriate, the Town Court is independent, and there is case law substantiating the Justices' position. The Town Board votes only for the salary and the appointment. Dick Brooks asked if it didn't fall under separation of powers. Attorney Wukitsch stated that under Section 20 of Town Law, the Court Clerk is appointed with the advice and consent of the Town Justice, the appointment and salary setting power rests with the Town Board, and unless the two sides can agree there is no appointment. Most Towns have a collaborative process. Justice did not expect this resignation at the time of a retirement, accelerating the process and handicapping the office. Councilman Byas doesn't understand where it would make sense to appoint for a two-week window; he would understand if it were a retiree or someone with experience who already knew the court. Supervisor Louis understands, in two years, it is the first time something has been sprung on him (Byas), it was a unique circumstance, and would not have wanted it to come about this way. Continuing, Supervisor said looking back over the years no one started with court experience, acquired it over time, and had the benefit of learning from the one who was already there. Supervisor said the Board members don't have to like the timing; can choose not to move forward, or not handicap the court; Supervisor implored reconsidering the opportunity to get comfortable with the recommendation that was made. Councilman Byas is asking for a resume or something, is not a rubber-stamper, and is not convinced the best person for the job has been found. Supervisor Louis clarified, from what Councilman Byas is saying, that given the lack of staffing in the Court, the very short time (less than a week) to react to a resume, that Councilman Byas' preference is to not have anyone rather than to appoint the Justices' recommended candidate. Councilman Byas asked whether the Justices had inquired for a retiree from another Town and stated that he would vote no. Councilman Norris added that he would like as much information as possible in order to vote, and so will also vote no. Supervisor Louis thanked all for comments and, to insure the Court function, strongly suggests that a dialogue happen as soon as possible.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ellie asked to clarify the resignation of Howard Goldson from Planning Board; answer: his term expires at the year's end.

Greene County Legislator Jim VanSlyke stated that the county tax rate was originally going to be reduced by one-half of a percent. Because they didn't want to deplete working capital, the Greene County Legislature determined to raise taxes, a 1.4% rise in New Baltimore. The bridge carrying New Baltimore Road over the Hannacroix Creek is finished. There is a great deficit is coming in this next year; revenues are short \$1.4 million which will fall into 2010. Greene County Legislature learned today Governor Paterson is not paying the County \$175,000 in revenues by Jan 1, 2010. The county's good news, \$14 million for the Court House renovation that should be complete in February, was paid by an anticipation note on which 2.5% interest was incurred for this year. Due to accurate budgeting, the lender lowered this year's note to .5%. The resulting 2010 Greene County Budget caused agency cuts of 10%, instead of the originally-predicted 20%. Councilman Byas asked if the bridge over the Hannacroix, that involved federal Stimulus money, would have any money held up at the County level; answer: no. Councilman Norris asked about the County Public Health home health aides; answer: they were put back into the budget.

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Supervisor Louis said that 96 times in last 8 years he has seen meetings such as this, thankful for such a rewarding experience as this, a discussion like tonight's has been the exception and not the rule, blessed with working with men and women interested in the public good and not politics, and can count on one hand the number of occurrences of dissenting votes. Only history and God will be able to judge what we have been able to accomplish. A lot has happened and a lot of it good. Supervisor continued with high praise for lots of current Town staff, full- and part-time commenting on traits of dedication, professionalism, dependability, team work, personality traits, kindness, friendships, senses of humour, volunteerism, efficiency, trust, respect, involvement, excitement, a giving spirit, mentioning Highway Superintendent Jordan, Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator Jim Polverelli, Town Justices, retiring Tax Collector Diane Stuart, Assessor Gordon Bennett, Animal Control Officer Joe Tanner, Planning Board members and Chair Lee Davis, Zoning Board of Appeals, a professional Building Department, Town Clerk staff, Historian Clesson Bush, loyal meeting attendees like Ellie Alfeld, and all the committee volunteers past and present throughout the Town, at the risk of leaving out someone, looking toward the future. The volunteer organizations that keep residents safe- our fire districts' volunteer fire companies. John Wallner, Donna Degnen, Rich Guthrie, Maurizio Mancini, Kevin Kuenster, Jim VanSlyke, Art Byas, Christopher Norris, and Town Clerk Brooks. To Arlene McKeon, his deputy of 8 years, Supervisor Louis offered a tribute. To his wife of nearly 25 years, Diane, who has survived 11 years of public service and served as his confidential secretary in addition to being his best friend, he offered tribute. While traveling, Supervisor Louis and Mrs. Louis found a metal art piece reminding them of their home town, presented it to the Town, and hung it on the west wall of the meeting room, thanking everyone for the privilege of service to this Town.

Assemblyman Tim Gordon stood, wishing Deputy Supervisor McKeon success and happiness, and presented to Supervisor Louis a proclamation, celebrating a Town Board that hasn't voted in partisan ways, has done what they set out to do, and has set a standard for him and for future Board members. With his thanks and congratulations, he wished Supervisor Louis well.

Councilman Norris took the opportunity to thank Supervisor and Councilwoman McKeon for teaching him so much about service to the community in the last 2 years, being a good policy maker and putting the needs of the Town first. To Councilwoman McKeon special thanks for her work on the parks and the summer recreation program for kids. To Supervisor Louis he gave thanks for attention to detail on day-to-day issues and always having time to discuss issues. To two true professionals and friends, he wished all good luck.

Town Clerk Brooks presented Supervisor Louis and Councilwoman McKeon with baskets of items symbolic of their service, a pothos plant representing strength, color and the ability to thrive in strong and low light situations and all the life they have breathed into the Town, bread- for all the hungry nights of going from day job to a Town meeting without supper break, sparkling grape juice for the thirst experienced after long hours of talking or meeting and for having left a situation a little better by contributing their own "sparkle", and a carving to encourage them to *whittle away* some of their new free time! Councilwoman McKeon asked for the last word- everyone should do this once, go out and campaign, meet the people of the Town, grateful for all the advice and guidance, the great example and accessibility, adding that Supervisor Louis had not only stolen some stories, but also her words. Town Board members deal with issues that involve residents each day- but have also seen her through the births of her grandchildren and her very difficult losses.

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

Motion Carried      Ayes- 4 McKeon, Louis, Norris, Byas  
                             Nays- 0

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

Respectfully, Janet A. Brooks, Town Clerk