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Supervisor Louis called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending: Councilwoman McKeon, Councilmen Kuenster, Norris, and Byas, Town Clerk Brooks, and 4 members of the public. Absent: Highway Superintendent Jordan and Tax Collector Stuart.

Supervisor Louis updated the agenda for the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board on February 9.

The proposed Local Law #3 of 2009, a Local Law to establish a new schedule of real property tax exemptions for persons sixty-five years of age or over and persons with disabilities and limited incomes, will be up for adoption and by doing so will allow the Tax Roll for 2009 to be handled accordingly with those exemptions.

The proposed 2009 contract between Ambulance District 1 and Ravena Rescue Squad will be up for vote at a cost of \$18,000, about a \$600 increase year over year.

Supervisor will attend a Greenville School District planning session on Saturday, January 31 and invited the Town Board members to join him.

Supervisor would like to begin working on February, 2011 200th anniversary of establishment of Town Bicentennial. Supervisor has a local volunteer who has come forward, Joyce Schoenig; Councilwoman McKeon and Councilman Norris consented to represent the Board, and will be looking to form a citizens' committee.

Councilman Norris raised the idea of a spiral staircase to access the basement offices, has gotten preliminary figures from a contractor, Karlson. About \$4,000 for the preparation work to be done on Supervisor/Conference Room window (moved to the south and decreased in size), and he has gotten 2 prices (\$2895 is the lowest) for the iron staircase and is waiting for a third.

Ellie asked if the Cocksackie Prison does fabrication in their welding shop/classroom. The unit Councilman Norris is looking at is a 12-riser unit, 30-inch wide, metal, code-conforming, and fits into a 5-foot-2-inch square; the risers are 2 foot 7 inches.

Bernie Jones asked whether a traditional stair with a landing could be considered.

Councilman Norris said the spiral seemed to be the best fit, taking up the least amount of room.

Ellie asked if the \$2800 figure needed to go out for bid; answer: informally, not sealed.

Town Clerk Brooks asked what the weight limitation was; answer: unsure, and Councilman Norris would check.

Councilwoman McKeon asked the installation cost; answer: installation is \$4,000 including everything (cut the hole, frame it, hallway door, sheetrock) but the painting and perhaps a community service or volunteer could be gotten for that.

Councilman Byas commented on page 2 to "check with your local building code";

Councilman Norris had spoken with Senior Building Inspector John Cashin.

Supervisor asked whether there were many people who install these and asked to look in to the what the prison may offer.

Councilman Norris referred to the drawing on handout for illustration of orientation of the spiral; Councilman Byas commented on location of furnace in basement and recommended looking at pre-welded units; this unit comes unassembled.

Supervisor commented this was a good beginning conversation.

Town Clerk Brooks mentioned completed meetingroom renovations: ceiling had been painted, new light fixtures, and new light switch location.

Ellie Alfeld asked for credit to be given for the photo on Newsletter cover.

Ellie asked for an agenda posting on website for the Zoning Board of Appeals meetings; Supervisor clarified that public hearings are posted to the website a week or so ahead, the Zoning Board of Appeals meets to hear appeals of Building Inspector actions, and if an individual is denied a site plan or subdivision by the Planning Board they would go to court under Article 78.

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Hilary Hawk announced she is writing a **Daily Mail** article for the quadra-centennial regarding agriculture and is seeking contacts. It will be published March 14; it was determined she will talk to Rob VanEtten(AgFest), Councilman Kuenster(Farmers' Market and Community Supported Agriculture), and Historian Clesson Bush.

Supervisor Louis stated the Board was approving **vouchers** this evening appearing on the second January abstract.

With no more from the Board or the public, Councilman Byas moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Kuenster.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully,

Janet A. Brooks
Town Clerk