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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 Norris, and Byas, Highway Superintendent Jordan, Attorney for the Town Wukitsch, Town Clerk Brooks, and 11 members of the public. Absent: Tax Collector Stuart.

Supervisor Louis welcomed all attending, adding that at the end of the meeting the Board would meet in executive session for the purpose of discussing current litigation.

BID OPENING

A bid opening was scheduled for 7:15 pm this night for 1) possible demolition of a Washington Avenue property and 2) surplus office supplies/pendaflex folders that have been advertised; no bids were received for either item.

MINUTES

The minutes of the **July 13, 2009 Regular Town Board Meeting** were presented for approval.

Supervisor Louis moved, seconded by Councilman Norris.

Adopted Ayes- 3 Louis, Norris, Byas
 Nays- 0
 Abstain-1 McKeon

The minutes of the **July 27, 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

CORRESPONDENCE

From NYS Department of Health, a notification of violation regarding a report not submitted for microbiological contaminates for New Baltimore Water District 3/Kalkberg Commerce Park. The Village of Cocksackie did submit the required reports for the month of June and all preceding months; the violation is considered corrected as subsequent tests have been reported.

From Mid-Hudson Cablevision, a franchise fee payment of \$18,809.15 for year ended December 31, 2008.

From NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the Town was copied on a letter sent to Joseph Fascenelli for a culvert installation, a notice of intent to withdraw the application that was incomplete as of November 2007, so the notice read that within 25 days of receipt the application will be deemed to be withdrawn.

LITIGATION

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch explained that the law of the State of New York permits a property owner, in this case a commercial property owner, to begin proceeding in NYS Supreme Court to have an assessment on a property reduced (for a residence this is done in small claims court). This proceeds along a normal course in NYS Supreme Court. Attorney Wukitsch reported that 8 separate proceedings have been begun, seeking property value reductions on 9 parcels. The Town Board will be briefed in executive session and the Town Board will decide how to proceed. Some parcels are on the US 9W corridor.

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OLD BUSINESS

Unsafe Building- Determination of Compliance with Notice of Violation

Supervisor read a report from Senior Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector John Cashin:

Mr. McDevitt has continued to clean the exterior of the property. He has replaced broken windows. He has removed the deteriorating ladder jacks and scaffold. I have not scheduled an interior inspection, but I will meet with Mr. McDevitt when I return from vacation. I am satisfied that continued progress is being made. I have not been contacted by any contractors interested in submitting a bid for demolition.

The Town Board offered no objections and, after a follow-up inspection is performed, will consider course of action at the Regular Meeting on September 14, 2009. Attorney for the Town Wukitsch added that there is a Notice of Unsafe Structure filed against the property in Greene County Clerk's office, required by New York State law. If the owner takes action to remedy the situation, the Board will need to take some formal action; Supervisor felt that the notice would be released at that time. Attorney Wukitsch stated that for now it is a cloud on his title.

Sale of Surplus Office Supplies

With no bids received, a price can be set and the items sold by piece; the Town Board did attempt to reclaim the value and the space.

Greene County Youth Fair Funding Request

Supervisor felt that that the consensus of the Board was to contribute towards the need for lumber; Richard Bear contacted Councilman Byas regarding 2'x6's and 2'x10's for animal pen construction. The Greene County Youth Fair will send the Town a bill. Councilman Byas recommended an amount up to \$200 to be spent on lumber.

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR
GREENE COUNTY YOUTH FAIR LUMBER SUPPLIES**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the amount of up to \$200 to be paid to the Greene County Youth Fair for the purpose of purchasing lumber to build or repair animal pens.

Councilman Byas moved, seconded by Councilwoman McKeon.

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

Workplace Violence Program

The meeting with the other interested municipalities (Village and Town of Cocksackie, and Village of Athens) was scheduled in Cocksackie on July 29, 2009, when, unfortunately, 4 inches of rain water was on the ground; Supervisor Louis expects to reschedule the meeting soon.

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Update on NYSERDA Funding Opportunities under Federal Stimulus Program

Supervisor Louis reviewed that he had been seeking federal Stimulus money for energy improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He continued that the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority announced grant proposal parameters; energy upgrades are included but not for Wastewater Treatment applications (rebate programs that are addressed by other funds). When energy audit is completed by Central Hudson other options will be pursued including a Water Quality Improvement grant due in October. Supervisor Louis is certain that savings will be realized from the upgrade but would also pursue any opportunity for cost-sharing.

NEW BUSINESS

LaFarge North America Modernization Plans

John Reagan, Environmental Manager for LaFarge North America, requested to address the Town Board; any questions can be addressed directly to him at 756-5026. He has been at LaFarge for 4 years, 20 years in the industry, lives in the Town of Bethlehem with his wife and children, and as a boy he worked at Powell Minnock Brickworks in Coeymans with his dad.

Concrete is the world's 2nd most consumed material after water. Cement is bonding material that holds concrete together; each year, 2.5 billion tons of cement go into concrete.

Atlantic Cement built the plant in 1962 for location: proximity to high quality limestone and the Hudson River, as 85% is shipped by barge up the coast. Blue Circle came in 1985, followed by LaFarge in 2001, establishing core values of being a safe neighbor of 180 employees who earn about \$20 million in salaries and wages and generate an additional 400 jobs in the region. LaFarge products are being used at World Trade Center. LaFarge Group of Paris, parent of LaFarge NA, has 3 separate divisions: cement, aggregates and concrete, and gypsum wallboard, which employ 80,000 people in 78 countries, in North American about 15,000 and in New York State about 500.

The Plant operates under the authority of permits that are issued, regulated, and enforced by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation: Title V (air), mining, SPDES, and solid waste management permit. Containing numerous requirements, they are condition specific. Regulations change constantly for various reasons: agency development, science and measuring technologies advance for human health, and if challenged in court of law. There are three cement plants in New York State and the Environmental Protection Agency regulates at the federal level. A portion of Mr. Reagan's job is to analyze new regulations and to look at how the plant operates with those regulations.

The architects' modernization rendition is presented in the handouts, with no changes planned for wharf or quarry operations, and the plan is to convert 1962 wet-manufacturing technology to modern dry manufacturing with significant fuel savings. Currently limestone is crushed to make slurry or feed for kilns and a chain in the kiln transfers the heat from the hot gases. The new 5 stage-process requires grinding and makes a dry mix; the dry powder is combined with hot gases from kiln (in 45 seconds the material reaches 1000°F) in a cyclone, the dust falls and hot gas exits upward; the proposed stack is 525 feet, the current stack is 350 feet. In addition to equipment this uses 40% less fuel, thus a reduction in air emissions, and installation of a wet scrubber for sulfur dioxide gases (the first LaFarge plant to have that technology), but, carbon monoxide emissions will increase. LaFarge is proposing to capture waste heat and to generate electricity, offsetting power use onsite. The cost estimate is not final. Construction would last 36-42 months; 800 temporary construction jobs, generating an estimated \$20 million in income to the region. No new infrastructure is demanded of Town of Coeymans or Village of Ravena.

Now, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will address- the construction project and the operation of new facility, and, specifically from public comment- the air emissions, height of tower, and traffic during construction. In handouts, when a doc is

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submitted to NYSDEC, there are 12 locations where they are posted for notice. Go to www.bethlehemchamber.com/modernization. LaFarge began formal NYS Environmental Quality Review process, in October 2008 there was a public scoping session, air permit application is submitted, and hope to submit EIS this month. NYSDEC is anticipated to hold public hearings this fall. After permits are received, there is 36-42 months for construction (2014 or 2015).

If interested, contact John Reagan. On August 11, Bill Germanikos, winner of tv's The Biggest Loser and now a motivational speaker, will speak at RCS High School; LaFarge engaged him to talk about health and achieving goals. Also, the Bethlehem Quadricentennial celebration is August 16 at Henry Hudson Park and September 19 will be the Village of Ravena's Friendship Festival.

Highway Superintendent Jordan asked about Callanan's; answer: LaFarge's contract with them expires next year.

Supervisor repeated that one of his [Reagan's] responsibilities is to analyze regulations and their impact on the operation of the plant, adding that much has been heard about EPA regulations and guests before the Town Board 2 months ago were positive that those regulations were good and worried that the industry would seek change. Supervisor Louis asked what Mr. Reagan's/LaFarge's opinion was. Mr. Reagan said those regulations were open for public comment now, EPA will take comments into consideration, adding that he felt they would be pretty close to what they are today.

Supervisor Louis thought those regulations would take effect in 2011 or later and the modernization would be complete in 2015; as is, is the plant able to meet those regulations? Mr. Reagan answered that the plant would be challenged, the plant is always searching for materials that have lower mercury content and must get approval from the state to use these new materials, too.

Ellie Alfeld asked how much water is used by the plant; answer: water comes from different places, some from the Hudson River and the quarry, mostly from the 3200 acres of stormwater runoff, which is treated and recycled back to the plant. Modernization will consume less water and more will be discharged. Ellie Alfeld read that certain property owners were inviting core samples of their property to determine soil content. Mr. Reagan heard the same, adding that years ago Blue Circle made application to use hazardous waste that put them on a list; EPA has been working to take the plant off that list. Mercury is one of the things that they sought.

Ellie Alfeld asked for the future of the limestone quarry; Mr. Reagan said the permit is up for renewal and there is a quarry reclamation plan and there is an artist rendition of a series of 3 park-like lakes. Ellie asked if that could ever be used for construction or demolition debris; answer: no, LaFarge reclaims 3-4 acres each year, bringing in topsoil. Nils Backlund asked about the material boxite; answer: it is used for alumina [a form of aluminum oxide], which is added to this limestone to make the R product stronger and it reduces the amount of water that the ready mix plants need. Gypsum is received at the wharf 3-4 times each year. Nils asked if the current process produces slurry; answer: it is the primary feed for the kiln. Nils asked what is the waste? Answer: the kilns have an air cleaning device; dust is recycled back, alkalinity is high and once wet it becomes pretty hard over time. The new process will dramatically reduce the dust that is produced.

Authorization of Funding for Greene County Council on the Arts Sprouts Program

Councilwoman McKeon reviewed that the annual Greene County Council on the Arts program for children ages 3-7 occurs at 6 locations including Catskill and annually asks for \$175 support; traditionally the same as our parks program. Cocksackie site is now a week earlier than Town of New Baltimore Summer Recreation Park Program.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR
GREENE COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE ARTS SPROUTS PROGRAM**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the amount of \$175 to be paid from the budgetary appropriation for Cultural Programs to the Greene County Council on the Arts Sprouts Program.

Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Supervisor Louis.

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

Authorization of Application for Grant Funding from Justice Court Assistance Program

Town Justice Joseph Cosenza explained that the Town has applied for a grant of \$25,164 (last grant received was nearly \$15,000) following Office of Court Administration (OCA) security assessment. This grant will propose to update the courtroom, provide 65 interlocking chairs, security cameras for hallway and courtroom, paneling removal from the walls, installation of oak wainscoting 36-48 inches high, and sheetrocking and painting. Town Historian Cless Bush believes there is plaster beneath. One-inch or three-quarter-inch Styrofoam board will be applied for insulation. (BlueGray Construction's bid is in; bids will continue to be solicited.) The court requested 7 burgundy leather chairs and asked for 2 Central Hudson light poles for the security and safety of the parking lot, estimated at \$3500; on March 19, 2009 the deputy sheriff came to 3809 CR51 with a felony suspect in the dark.

From the public came a request for window replacement; Justice Cosenza received the window restoration information after the grant application was filed on August 1; reviewing begins August 19 so he could go back to them toward the grant maximum of \$30,000.

NOTE: The Town Hall is not on the County/State/or National Historic Register as it has been altered so much. It is the last one-room schoolhouse in Greene County.

One estimate not included was to apply oak to the black laminate surface and add raised panels toward the audience. Supervisor Louis clarified that this is 100% New York State money and no local match is required. Councilman Byas clarified that it is to be board wainscoting and not paneling.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING JUSTICE COURT
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore does hereby authorize and endorse the application of the New Baltimore Justice Court for funding under the Justice Court Assistance Program Grant, the purpose of which is to secure funding for improvements to the Town Hall Meeting Room which is used for Court operations, and other items required to improve the operations of the Justice Court; authorization is hereby given for the maximum grant available.

Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Norris.

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

Town Clerk was asked for certified copy for the application. Justice Cosenza added that he will add the windows if he can make any additions before the application is reviewed. Supervisor Louis, speaking for the Board, recommended leaving out dais chairs that could be bought on State contract and concentrating on windows. Justice Cosenza would like to see walls and windows completed as a unit.

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Building Department Request for Policy guidance on Building Fees

Councilman Norris recommends going forward with a fee for smaller sheds acknowledging the cost of time to inspect; sheds up to 144 square foot remain no fee.

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RESOLUTION TO REVISE TOWN FEE SCHEDULE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby revise the Fee Schedule, as last revised on October 9, 2006, by adding the following clarifying language to Building Fees:

Sheds 144 sq. ft. and up to 300 sq. ft.	\$25
Sheds over 300 sq. ft.	\$20 per 100 sq. ft. floor area

Councilman Norris moved, seconded by Councilman Byas.

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

Budget Amendments

The next resolution covers a couple of items. The remaining 2008 Justice Court grant of \$14,560, with some balance yet to be spent, will be appropriated as fund balance. The legislative grants, leftover from last year and the current funds for the 911 signs, and a few contingent items of Workers' Compensation, Unemployment, telephone costs for the Greene County Sheriff substation, and Highway Fund will be addressed in this 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
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:			
A1110.4 Justice Court Contractual	8,200	10,900	2,700
A1620.1 Buildings Personal Service	2,500	3,300	800
A1620.4 Buildings Contractual	18,000	29,330	11,330
A1670.4 Centralized Printing	4,500	6,060	1,560
A1680.4 Centralized Data Processing	1,100	1,300	200
A1990.4 Contingency	5,000	2,326	(2,674)
A3120.4 Police Contractual	0	1,500	1,500
A3310.4 Traffic Control	4,000	11,500	7,500
A9040.8 Workers Compensation	1,400	2,038	638
A9050.8 Unemployment	0	536	536
TOTAL CHANGE	44,700	68,790	24,090
GENERAL FUND REVENUES			
A3089 Legislative Grant	0	9,530	9,530
Appropriated Fund Balance	140,000	154,560	14,560

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TOTAL CHANGE	140,000	164,090	24,090
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HIGHWAY FUND EXPENDITURES:

DA9040.8 Workers Compensation	1,200	1,814	614
TOTAL CHANGE			614

HIGHWAY FUND REVENUES:

DA2655 Sale of Equipment	5,000	5,614	614
TOTAL CHANGE			614

Councilman Norris moved, seconded by Councilman Byas.

Discussion ensued. Ellie Alfeld asked if the last Justice Court grant had a deadline for expending; answer: projects currently underway speak for more than half the money in 2009. Ellie Alfeld asked about the rise in telephone expense (including fax) for the Sheriff substation. Councilman Byas said that Lexington and Greenville paid those expenses. Supervisor asked Sheriff Seeley if other Towns were served from this substation; answer: that New Baltimore was being served. Ellie Alfeld expressed concern that it was the Town of New Baltimore residents shouldering those gradually increasing costs. Councilman Byas said that the State Police haven't been coming hardly at all; Councilman Norris added that the response time is greatly reduced, there are avenues being explored to reduce telephone expense, and there is good value for service rendered. Bernie Jones offered from a source that Sheriff covers Coxsackie and Greenville; Councilman Byas added that the substation coverage overlaps, perhaps at a cost per homeowner of \$.50/year, and a deputy and a car cost the County \$90,000 each year.

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

Supervisor said there is a line item in Gen Fund to transfer to Highway Fund.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS
FROM GENERAL FUND TO HIGHWAY FUND**

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to transfer \$120,000 from the General Fund to the Highway Fund to provide sufficient funding for the Highway Fund in accordance with the current 2009 Town Budget.

Councilman Norris moved, seconded by Councilman McKeon.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Kent said he had run into a surveyor on Jennings Road two months ago, and asked if a resident is going to stop the Town from doing any work on that road again. Supervisor said the Town is aware of the surveyor and an attorney and believes it is the Town's intent to do the planned work on Jennings Road. Ron Kent added that less than a week ago there was a break-in at a neighbor; the Deputy Sheriff responded in less than 5 minutes.

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Nils Backlund feels the Sheriff substation expense concerns are well-taken; the Town is well-covered now and there is no need to go overboard. Nils commended the Highway Department for above and beyond the call of duty for the last 2 storms or torrents. Nils asked how to reach Animal Control Officer; Town Clerk Brooks gave cell number as 857-7515. Nils hopes to maintain the historic flavor, but feels too much has been done to it for the Register; Cless Bush added that the person to talk to lives in the Town. Don Ogden feels that the Town should be grateful for the Sheriff protection we have, nice to see the Deputy car go by the driveway, and all the bad folks do not live in NYC; he has had to wait for State Police to come off the mountaintop. Ellie Alfeld clarified that she is not against the Sheriff substation; she is against fees that "get away" from us. Cless Bush asked that individuals who wish to contribute public comment identify themselves for the recording.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Supervisor Louis reported that vouchers that appear on the abstracts prepared for this meeting were being approved by the Town Board. Also, a statement of revenues and expenditures has been provided to the Town Board. Attempt has been made to reach out to those sustaining flood damage, he has heard from Senator Seward. Supervisor feels that if not request is made, no help will be received.

County Legislator Jim VanSlyke was not present.

Town Clerk Brooks reported hearing gratitude from individuals sustaining flood damage who used the information on the website as a means to contribute their experiences. Also, she reported 1 certificate of occupancy search \$15.00; 6 building permits \$1,025.75; 2 conservation fees \$1.11; 37 dog licenses \$239.33; 2 beer permits \$40.00; 1 vehicle restoration permit \$25.00; 4 park permits \$100.00; 12 certified copies \$120.00; 3 photocopies \$.75; and recycling fees totalling \$16.00 for a total of local revenue to Supervisor of \$1582.94 and non-local revenue of \$73.06. By phone and mail, E-911 sign requests now total 200 and this list has been emailed to Leon Rice and copied to Councilman Norris. Councilwoman McKeon heard about the hunting and fishing licenses rising in price. Town Clerk Brooks reviewed the increases that were covered in her two recent press releases. Supervisor recommended running the release again.

Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan reported for the month of July 2009: Repaired driveway entrances on Alcove Road; Mowed grass along roads; July 1, 2009 very heavy rain State Culvert at 144 and CR 61 plugged and washed out part of Church Street again; Repaired washouts from heavy rain; Cleaned up debris from rain storm; Cleaned up dirt and stone from Cornell Park; Made repairs to Church Street; Repaired storm drain at Bottom of Washington Avenue; Mowed and weedeated around Highway Garage; Patched dirt roads with crusher run; Hand-patched with blacktop; Spread crusher run on Mount Misery Road; Moved 2 picnic tables from District 2/Hallock Park to District 1/Wyche Park; Put gabion back in the ditch on Mill Street; Replaced drainage system on Madison Avenue East.

Wastewater Treatment Plant James Polverelli reported that with the recent rains the operation has been very challenging and has calmed a bit.

Historian Clesson Bush reported that he wanted to publicly thank Liz LoGiudice, who has transcribed audiotapes of notable individuals to digital disks. Clesson plans to have copies here and at Vedder Library.

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Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector John Cashin provided a partial summary of Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer activities for the month of July 2009.

Building Permits Issued- 7; Building Permits Renewed- 1; Car Restoration Permit Applications Received: 1; Certificates of Compliance Issued: 2; Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 1; New Building Permit Applications Received: 8. Building Inspections, Commercial Site Fire Inspections, Court Appearances, and Junk Vehicle Complaints, Stop Work Orders Issued, Code Violation Investigations, and Zoning Violation Investigations will all be provided with August Report.

Application Fees for July, 2009: \$ 1,050.75

Total Fees for Year to Date: \$13,865.60

Newsletter Chair Councilman McKeon set Sept 26, 2009 deadline for next issue stated the current issue

Assessor Gordon Bennett reported: The Board of Assessment Review members will meet on August 4th at 7pm, and October 6th at 7pm if required. There has been one small claims filed.

Photo Review A review of the improved parcels contained in the RPSV4 System is underway.

Phase 1 has been completed and was a search of each parcel to determine if a photo is available in each computerized parcel file. If no photo was available a check was then made and noted if the parcel had a previous id#, as our program does not automatically move the jpg into the new parcel file if a split or merge has occurred previously.

Phase 2 is the review the digital photos that are labelled by parcel id and are saved in a separate file within the computer at the time of download from the camera. As photos are found they will be manually moved into the RPSV4 system.

Phase 3 will be a review of the physical property files as some photos may have been taken in the pre-digital era. Those photos will be scanned into the computer and then uploaded into the parcel file within the RPSV4 program.

Phase 4 will be an ongoing update of any parcels where no photos were found. As the data collector works in the field we will include photo requests as needed for the area in which he is currently collecting data. Our goal is to have the project accomplished by or before Grievance Day 2010.

Agriculture Committee will not meet again until September.

Public Memorial Committee has not met

Citizens' Bicentennial Committee will meet this Saturday, August 15, 2009 at 10 am.

Planning Board Chair Lee Davis reported that the Planning Board has not met since its last report to the Town Board.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Meave Tooher reported the Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet on August 5, 2009, since there were no applications to come before the Board.

Recycling Center Operator Spencer Sebert received 1 microwave oven and 6 tires without rims, for a total of \$16.00. Also, 1 vehicle battery, 32 60gallon bags of plastic, 10 55gallon drums of cans and aluminum; 58 bundles of magazines; 112 bags and bundles of newspaper; 18 bags of shredded paper; 38 boxes and bundles of cardboard; and 3 ton of metal.

Town Clerk Brooks requested the Town Board's authorization to pay for cleaning of the Town Hall for the two weeks that Jennifer Kuder will be unavailable.

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Supervisor Louis moved to authorize Town Clerk Janet Brooks to pay for cleaning of the Town Hall, at the same rate, during the two weeks that Jennifer Kuder will be unavailable. Councilwoman McKeon seconded the motion.

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

Animal Control Officer Joe Tanner had no report.

For **Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement**, Councilman Norris reported that the E911 sign program is going very well, and thanked Town Clerk Brooks for choosing the yellow paper for the responses, first group of signs with next 2 weeks. The next Greene County meeting is Aug 25, and Councilman Byas will attend. On the agenda is discussion of a 5th fly car.

For **Parks**, Councilwoman McKeon reported for Summer Recreation Director, Amy Decker:
This will be our last week of another fun time at the Town of New Baltimore's Summer Recreation program, which ends this Friday, August 14th. This summer's theme has been simply about a colorful world, with a show of talents that help create it.

Kid's have created colorful jewelry and purses and photo frames, painted paper and wood, tie-dyed shirts and pillowcases, caught frogs, played games, and read stories together as well as showing off their talents to one another. They have created and climbed rope jungle gyms as well as jumping rope.

Highlights included Deputy Sheriff McMahon who came our second week to talk about bicycle safety and to check bicycles and helmets. He's a great listener, answering some very good and interesting questions from the participants.

We were challenged by Climb Time's Jim Turrell and his niece Mandy to climb to the top of the 24ft. rock wall that came this past Friday. It was awesome! (I made it to the top this year!) Kids and counselors tested their skills, some overcoming fear of heights to make it to the top or keep trying. There were many smiles and claps of encouragement, as fears were conquered and goals accomplished.

This past week's fun also included a trip to Zoom Flume, enjoyed by 37 kids, 6 parents, and 12 counselors. We have had 60 participants registered this year with a few visitors.

*To end the program this week, we have a Field Day on Wednesday which includes water balloons and a sprinkler, Ravena's Traveling Library on Thursday, and our big celebration with Stewart's ice cream sundaes, a bounce house and slip n' slide provided by Steve Anslow on Friday. We're praying the rains will hold off for us this year. **!!*

Some miscellaneous notes include Art Byas fixing two teeter totters and providing shelves for the supply building in July, two swings being fixed today by a gentleman from DOT, lots and lots of mud and wet ground, such as we've never had in the 7 year span I've worked at Hallock Park, and a request for a cigarette butt holder for people who rent the park. The park has been nicely kept by renters – minus the cigarette butts.

Big thank-you's go out to Janet, Arlene and Dave, Tony Rago and the lovely crew at the Town Hall for their support and back up concerning the park program. I'd also like to thank Diana Van Wormer for bringing her crew and staying and helping with the kids.

Thank you for your confidence and trust in me as Director of the NB Summer Rec. program over the past 7 years, with my one-year hiatus. I believe it is time for me to pass the torch on to someone new who will believe in the kids and counselors as I have and who will come with their own fresh vision and talents to share with the community. It has

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been a gift and a pleasure to direct the program and get to know parents, grandparents and children alike. With that expressed, I would like to recommend Michelle Fortney as Director next year. She has the heart and knowledge and experience to do the job, plus some. As always, I will be more than happy to share information with whoever comes on board. THANK YOU!

For **Promotion/Economic Development** Councilman Norris reported that August 22, 2009 will be Artist Day at the New Baltimore Farmers' Market. Gravel walkway is done.

Grants had no further report to follow Justice grant application.

For **Website and Technology**, Councilwoman McKeon reported the link we have established from the Town website for contributing yard sale information.

For **Town-Wide Yard Sale**, Town Clerk Brooks reported the date as September 19, with a rain date of September 20, publicity is being done now and the link on the website was previously reported. Individuals have begun calling in yard sales to be on the map.

For **Personnel**, Supervisor Louis had no report.

With no more from the Town Board or the public, Councilwoman McKeon moved to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussion of litigation and was seconded by Councilman Norris.

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

The Town Board went into executive session at 9:29 pm; executive session began at 9:35 p.m.

Motion to close executive session was made by Councilman Byas and was seconded by Councilwoman McKeon.

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

Executive session was closed at 10:12 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting was made by Councilman Norris and seconded by Councilwoman McKeon.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully,

Janet A. Brooks
Town Clerk