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**COUNTY OF GREENE
TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE
PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES
AT SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 MILL STREET PUMP STATION
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PUBLIC HEARING: REGARDING PROPOSAL FOR INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES AT TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE SEWER DISTRICT #1 MILL STREET PUMP STATION was called to order by Supervisor O'Rorke, and, upon roll being called, the following members were:

PRESENT:

Susan O'Rorke	Supervisor
Lisa Benway	Board Member
Barbara Finke	Board Member
Christopher Norris	Board Member

The following persons were ALSO PRESENT:

Mary Beth Bianconi

ABSENT:

Michael T. Meredith	Board Member
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At 6:30 p.m. the Town Clerk stated that a public hearing had been called for this meeting at this time and place to consider the increase and improvement of facilities of the Town of New Baltimore Sewer District No. 1, consisting of upgrading the Mill Street Pump Station, and including land or rights in land, original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required therefore, and pursuant to the direction of the Town Board, Delaware Engineering, P.C., engineers licensed by the State of New York, has completed and filed with the Town Board a preliminary engineering report, entitled "Wastewater System Evaluation" dated December 2012, Revised May 2013, for such increase and improvement; and the Engineer has estimated the total cost thereof not to exceed \$230,808 and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same and for such other action on the part of the Town Board with relation thereto as may be required by law. The Supervisor read, in full, the order calling said public hearing and Town Clerk stated affidavits showing that certified copies of said order had been duly published and posted pursuant to the provisions of Article 12 of the Town Law.

The Town Supervisor stated that the public hearing in the said matter was now open and asked if there were any interested persons present who desired to be heard. The following persons appeared in favor of the proposed increase and improvement of facilities of the Town of New Baltimore Sewer District No. 1:

The following persons appeared in opposition to said proposed increase and improvement of facilities:

- 1-Rich Guthrie, resident of Mill Street, in favor of proposal, lack of action could result in harm to community and to taxpayers by neglect of maintenance, if there were to be failure, a hearing officer would find little sympathy. Pump station has proved vulnerable to catastrophic failures, and has been spared major events.
- 2-Councilwoman Lisa Benway referred to email from Janet Angelis, in favor of proposal
- 3-Janet Brooks, in favor of proposal
- 4-Jim Polverelli, in favor of proposal
- 5-Susan O'Rorke, in favor of proposal

MaryBeth Bianconi had nothing further to add.

The Town Clerk reported that no other pertinent communications had been received by mail with regard to the Sewer District No.1.

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With no opposition, Attorney Wukitch suggested to close public hearing and open the Regular Meeting to read the Order. Councilman Norris reiterated the due diligence the committee has done and the Board, looked at various ways of executing this, asked residents, tried to persuade those to come, believes their absence suggests their support, adding Supervisor O'Rorke and Mary Beth did a lot of work. Supervisor thanked Councilman Norris who, having served on the committee for several years, knows that many avenues have been looked at. Clerk Brooks thanked both for past Town Board meetings where summaries and conclusions were drawn, allowing her to provide interested folks with concise answers and information. Councilman Norris reiterated that regarding Rich Guthrie's comment on lack of action: we have a conscientious operator, if that were to change, we would be 'hot water', and expressed gratitude for all Jim's efforts.

The Town Supervisor inquired as to whether there were any other persons present who wished to be heard. Hearing no further comment, **Supervisor moved to close the Public Hearing and was seconded by Councilwoman Benway.** No further discussion. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

The public hearing was closed at 6:46pm.

Respectfully,

Janet A. Brooks
Town Clerk