

# City of Newburgh

## Press Release

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### **Charles Emberger Named City Comptroller**

When Charles Emberger became City of Newburgh Comptroller, some would say he started at the worst possible time in his line of work- budget time. Actually, with the 2008 budget process nearly complete, Charles said, in retrospect, he is happy he started when he did.

“I got to learn a lot about the City finances in a very short time,” he said. “It was a real learning experience, and I will be even better prepared for next year.”

Emberger brings 6 ½ years of municipal finance experience to the post, having served as Comptroller in the Town of Poughkeepsie. While there, he took the Town from a \$2,000,000 deficit to a \$3,000,000 surplus.



In addition to his responsibilities as Comptroller, he oversaw all human resources and labor relations functions, including the administration of collective bargaining agreements and negotiations.

His prior work experience includes serving as Plant Accountant for the Lumlite Plastic Corporation, where his duties included managing liability and health insurance and

workers comp and production and shipping. He also worked for IBM as a Bank Administrator, and has a background in bookkeeping for construction companies.

“We are fortunate to have someone with Charles’ background and experience in this position,” said City Manager Jean-Ann McGrane. “His knowledge of the contract negotiation process and human resources will be a valuable asset.”

Emberger’s immediate goals include updating technology and streamlining policies and procedures to improve the way the City does business, including instituting more on-line banking.

“This is an exciting time to be in the City of Newburgh,” said Emberger. “Economically, we are poised to turn the City around. With the upcoming waterfront development, we will see an increased interest from other developers. I want to be an active part of the renaissance.”