Public Hearing for Residents of Water District #2 at 6:45 PM

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE
WORK MEETING

December 28, 2015
AGENDA

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

Pledge of Allegiance

Update with Mary Beth Bianconi from Delaware Engineering on Wastewater Treatment Plant Project

Reports

Supervisor
- Motion to Accept November Financial Report

County Legislator (Invited)

Town Clerk
- December 14 Town Board Work Meeting Minutes

Tax Collector
- Resolution to Establish Water District #2 Operation and Maintenance Charge for 2016
- Resolution to Set Public Hearing on 2016 Water Rates for Water District #2

Historian

Agriculture (Chair Norris/Member Benway)

Ag Fest Liaison (Member Ruso)

Animal Control (Chair Ruso/Member Norris)
- Resolution Authorizing Supervisor to Execute Agreement with Columbia Greene Humane Society

Assessment (Chair Dellisanti/Member Norris)

Audit and Control Committee (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)
- Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Make Amendments to the 2016 Budget.

Buildings & Grounds/Recycling (Chair Ruso/Member Norris)

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement (Chair VanEtten/Member Benway)

Fire, EMS & Law Enforcement (Chair Dellisanti/Member VanEtten)

Greene County EMS (Representative Dellisanti/Deputy Norris)

Greene County Planning Board (Representative Cashin)

Grants/Promotions/Economic Development (Chair Ruso/Member VanEtten)

Highway (Chair Dellisanti/Member Ruso)

Insurance (Chair Benway/Member VanEtten)

Memorial (Chair Benway/Member Norris)

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)

Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals (Chair VanEtten/Member Dellisanti)
- Resolution to Accept Resignation from the Planning Board

Seniors and Veterans (Chair VanEtten/Member Benway)

Technology/Website (Chair Benway/Member VanEtten)

Town Courts Liaison (Member Ruso)

Wastewater Treatment (Chair Norris/Member Benway)

Youth, Parks and Recreation (Chair VanEtten/Member Dellisanti)
- Resolution Authorizing Councilwoman VanEtten and Councilman Ruso to Apply for 2015 Greene County Youth Grant
- Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Execute a One-Year Lease Extension for Hannacroix Preserve and Hudson River Interpretive Trail Parking Area

Public Comment Period/Community Events
- January 1, 2016 Town Board Organizational Meeting at 12 PM
- January 6, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM
- January 7, 2016 Veterans Committee at 10 AM
- January 11, 2016 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- January 14, 2016 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- January 21, 2016 Veterans Committee at 10 AM

- January 25, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

Audit of Claims

Adjournment

****** Agenda Subject to Change******

OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING
Supervisor Dellisanti opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending Deputy Supervisor Ruso, Councilwoman VanEtten, Town Clerk Finke, Tax Collector Jordan and 4 members of the public who signed the attendance book.
Absent: Councilwoman Benway, Councilman Norris, and Highway Superintendent Jordan

Supervisor Dellisanti began thank you all for coming; I hope you all had a healthy Merry Christmas. Our first order of business tonight is Mary Beth from Delaware Engineering to give us an update and some good news.

Mary Beth Bianconi agreed this is good news and frankly a lot of years from everybody. Our Wastewater Treatment Plant continues to age just like everything else. We've been taking for some time about necessary upgrades to extend its useful life. And as we've talked about over the years, our issue is more that no matter what, there's certain improvements we have to make, we just don't have a lot of people sharing the cost. That makes the costs very high. We've been chasing now for some time now low-cost financing for this project and up until this year, we've been really challenged. How you get low-cost financing is you compete on an environmental basis and you compete on an economic need basis and we have been hovering right around being qualified for low-cost financing, but we've never really gotten over the bar until now and how we got over the bar is a couple of things. One is some folks here spent some time a little over a year ago preparing an Income Survey. You may remember Candace Balmer from RCAP Solutions was here, we had volunteers, people did some really, really hard work and that benefitted us tremendously. While in actual fact it didn't drop our income tremendously, that $55,000 MHI combined with a program change that is brand new for this year, it says that if your Median Household Income based on either the 2013 Census or an Income Survey that qualifies, which yours did, is less than $58,003, you qualify for Hardship financing which is 0% interest. In addition, because our income is below that $58,003, we got 10 extra need points which put us over the bar. We are literally one project over the bar. Yours is the project that is at the bar. The project that is below the bar is also my project. They are not very happy. I'm with them tomorrow. What I handed out, basically what I'm saying is this is our opportunity to advance this project. We are never going to get better than 0% financing; it's not going to happen. The likelihood of us qualifying for a grant is unfortunately somewhat low. You'll note if you can't sleep tonight and scotch doesn't do it for you, if you read through all this nice stuff I gave you which are excerpts from the program documentation, you'll see that in order to qualify for a grant, your median family poverty rate has to be greater than or equal to the statewide poverty rate which is 11.7 %. So that's families living at or below poverty in your area. You are at 4.2% which is good, people here have jobs, but is also means that you don't qualify for a grant. So I trust that you want to move forward with the project at this time. The way the program works is this is a one-time deal, we qualify, the Supervisor got a nice, very brief letter saying congratulations you qualified, please provide us with a bunch of stuff. If we don't do this, we go back into competition for next year and there's no guarantee that there will be the same level of funding, you don't know who you are competing against, you don't know whether will be, you are literally at the line and I gave you a copy of you being at the line here, there you are at the line. So my suggestion is we move forward with this project at this time. So what does that mean? The other part of your packet, which is the second paper clipped thing, which is a resolution, you've done this a million times before. This is a SEQRA resolution stating that you want to act as Lead Agency for your Wastewater Treatment Plant project. That's the only thing we need to do tonight is adopt a resolution that says we want to act as Lead Agency for our project. Folks in my office will do a circulation among the involved agencies which in this case is very few. DEC primarily, you don't need a lot of approvals or permissions or permits from anybody. You have an existing plant, all of the work you may recall from our little picture is being done on the plant site proper in areas that were previously disturbed so we don't need a lot of approvals or permits from anybody; pretty straightforward project. What we would do is we would adopt that resolution tonight; we'll do a circulation for Lead Agency. At your February Board meeting we will declare ourselves Lead Agency because trust me nobody will want to be Lead Agency for your Sewer project; we have to adopt a Bond resolution which I will coordinate with Chris Chale who I am assuming she's still your Bond Counsel. We also have to do something that's called an increase and improvement. We did that before, we did that for the Mill Street project. It's a resolution that says we're a Town, we have a Sewer Plant, we spend a certain amount of money on it today, we intend to spend more money on it and you have to notify the public that you're intending to do that. So it's an increase and improvement resolution. I'll coordinate that with her. We adopt a bond resolution; we notice that resolution, we fill out some forms which we'll bother Barbara about, some paperwork that we need from

her. We send all of these goodies in before March 1st. A couple months later, usually because they get hundreds of these on March 1st, you'll get another letter which looks shockingly like the first one, but this list will be different. It will say thank you for sending us a bunch of stuff, now please send us more things and there will be a list of more things to send.

Supervisor Dellisanti inquired you are going to send the stuff in that's needed here.

Mary Beth Bianconi confirmed we will do that, yes. One of the things that we need to do and I gave you a check list as well towards the end of that first packet. The checklist is kind of long, but all we're doing at this time is the first page of the checklist. One of the things that we have to submit is an Engineering Agreement so we will come back to your next Board Meeting with an Engineering Agreement. You need something in the works to show that you are intending to move forward with this project. So we will do that. After you get the second letter back, we will compile all the goodies – usually that takes around a month to do or so, we're usually into April timeframe by then. You will eventually be notified that you have a complete application. The State has a multi-tiered process as you might imagine from the State. There is a loan committee that meets once a week. If we get everything done, we go to the loan committee. After the loan committee says yes, everything is all square, it goes to the EFC Board which is a consent agenda that happens once a month. It goes to something called the Public Authorities Control Board, also a consent agenda that also happens once a month. That process is normally about three months. Sometimes depending on the schedule, you get it all to happen in two, it all depends on when the meetings fall. Your objective will be to close on this financing and have funds available before September 30 of this upcoming year. And here we sit, it's not even January 1 and I am already talking about September. That's going to be our timeframe. We will be closing probably sometime into September because that nice Public Authorities Control Board does not meet in August and you need their approval. So it either happens in July or it happens in September, usually September. So that's our overall process; once that's all done, a couple other things. So then we will have access to what is called a STIFF, its Short Term Interest Free Financing. So that is our funding that allows us to go forward with engineering and construction at no cost to you; you're using someone else's money and not paying interest on it which is a pretty good deal. You get through construction and at the end you know all of your costs, you will close on long-term financing and that will be your 30 years at 0% interest. The Mill Street Pump Station, you may remember we did a project there because we couldn't wait for all the rest of this to happen. That was about a $300,000 project. We took out a BAN, we've been paying on that BAN, we constructed that BAN so that it could be rolled into this financing. So that is something that I will talk to Chris about, she will know all the ins and outs, the mechanisms of how that happens, but that was our intent was that it would become a long-term borrowing since there's no interest, it's certainly a good thing to do. One thing I have to address with her is timing, we did that as a statutory installment bond, you're allowed to hang onto it for five years, so we have to figure out how we sequence it, but I will talk to her about that. Overall you would have funds available in the fall, design and approvals would happen through the fall and winter of '16 into '17, we go out to bid in '17, construction in '17, done towards the end of '17 or early '18, it's a fairly straightforward project. The one thing that we will have to do eventually not immediately, but you may remember we had a couple of different options, we had different opportunities to take in this project. We could make use of a couple of different kinds of disinfection systems that had ways and balances in terms of costs and operational issues and those kinds of things and we could also for very, very, very little additional cost expand the plant, make it a little bit bigger certainly large enough for anything you would ever envision doing in the community and the cost was very, very inexpensive to do that. So we'll have to make those decisions as we go down the road, you don't have to do anything about them right now. You may remember the engineering report had a little bit of a Chinese menu in it. We did that so that when we got to this point any of those options would be eligible for financing so you didn't have to pick at the time, but we will have to choose and we'll go back over what they all mean cost-wise at that time. That is pretty much it, this is very, very good news. As you know we have been hanging out. I didn't realize, but it's been actually a long time that we've been here. I lose track. It's been a long time that we've been working on this. You may recall we got a grant to do the engineering report which was also critical to this; you couldn't get to this juncture if you didn't have an engineering report. So far it's been a really good project. I think this is our opportunity to do this as low a cost for the users as we possibly can. The other thing for those of you who are watchers of the financial markets, you know that our best friend Janet Yellen increased the interest rates a little bit. It's going to be awhile before that rolls forward into things that we see in our world, but it will happen. We can guarantee ourselves 0% interest financing. So that's my recommendation that we move forward. Tonight we would adopt the

Resolution for Lead Agency which you want to be Lead Agency for your own project. We'll conduct the circulation out of our office, make it simple, get you all the records that you need, and then Lindsay in my office, she's been here a couple different times, she will coordinate with Barbara to gather all the information that is necessary for the application.

Supervisor Dellisanti observed that's excellent. Lou, do you have any questions on this. Are you happy?

Louis Betke replied yes, very much so. I see that Plant every day; I know what's going on. I'm very excited.

Ellie Alfeld said one question Mary Beth. You said the Lead Agency, but you are going to wait until February?

Mary Beth Bianconi explained you have to. Lead Agency, the way the statute reads is you have to give the other involved agencies 30 days. We're going to actually end up probably being a few days short of 30 days, but it's going to be fine. There's kind of a notice process for projects like this. So Lead Agency is simply the agency that conducts the environmental review and they're supposed to be conducted the same regardless of who Lead Agency is, but with this program we have to conduct this type because this program starts with federal dollars. We fortunately do not have to comply with federal requirements for this project which is single audits which are $10,000 annually. We don't have to do all that, but the State takes care of it for us, but in return, we have to jump through certain other hoops. This is one of them.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked for any questions.

Mary Beth Bianconi continued by the way, all the costs, cost got us, Bond Counsel, all that is eligible costs under the program. So the way that it works is you will accumulate those costs and when you close, you'll be able to go back and say I spent x dollars of eligible costs, write me a check and that's actually a direct deposit. You get the money back on a going forward basis.

Councilman Ruso pointed out the existing Bond for the Mill Street Project, our payment is due next fall. It doesn't seem as though this would be able to be rolled into this project in time for that next payment. Am I right on that?

Mary Beth Bianconi answered probably not because the roll would happen at long term closing which would be 2018 probably. The way that it works is we're going to get bridge financing so like if you are building a house, you go to a bank and you say I don't have the house yet, but I want you to give me the money to build the house so that I can collateralize the loan with the house and then I'll sign a 30 year mortgage using the home as the collateral. So this short-term financing you get, this STIFF financing, is that bridge loan. You spend that money on project costs. When you get finished you say I now have done the project, I know what my costs were, now I want to go forward. I believe the way it is going to work with the BAN is that whatever is remaining, you have made Principal and Interest payments on that BAN, there will be a net calculation what is outstanding on whatever day you close on long-term financing on this project, you would get that amount of money. So it was $300,000, say we've paid $100,000 randomly by the time they close, we will say our outstanding amount is $200,000, you will get a wire transfer from the State for $200,000 and will turn around and write a check to the bondholder that's holding the BAN for $200,000 to pay them off. The BAN is now gone, it doesn't exist anymore, that cost because you've paid Principal payments and whatever that remaining amount of Principal was plus Interest for the part that you paid already, it would get rolled into this long-term financing. The one thing I have to check on is how many payments have we made. The State Finance Law allows you to make a certain number of payments and I'll check with Chris and she'll be able to say we made x payments and that will help us figure out when we need to make that long-term closing. We may need to make it in '17 and we can do that, there's a lot of different ways to do this, we just need to schedule it so that it fits. I think we took that on 2013.

Supervisor Dellisanti confirmed we made two payments on that loan.

Mary Beth Bianconi observed you made two, so you made '14 and '15 so then we're okay. I think you can make five so we should be okay, but we can figure this out. One of the things that we can do, we can actually close on long-term financing and continue to draw on the program

even if we aren't finished with the project if we needed to if for some reason. We've done that before. There's a certain amount of time you can keep these things open and then you have to make a decision, so we just make sure we coordinate all of that. And obviously our objective will be to eliminate or reduce as much of your interest payments as possible. Why pay interest when you can have it for free? So we'll coordinate all of that, that will be a down-the-road thing, but we'll make sure it's all reflected in this. I'll be back so you can ask me more questions later.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked any other questions? Let's go through with the resolution.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 182-2015
DECEMBER 28, 2015
RESOLUTION TO DECLARE LEAD AGENCY UNDER SEQRA ON MILL STREET PUMP STATION & WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES

WHEREAS the Town of New Baltimore, Greene County, New York (hereinafter the "Town") has established the public benefit to the Town residents of upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant (hereinafter the "WWTP") and the Mill Street Pump Station; and

WHEREAS the WWTP is in need of improvements to ensure the public safety and protect surface waters and the environment; and

WHEREAS the Town has conducted various studies of the condition of the system and the means for improvements; and

WHEREAS the Mill Street Pump Station was in need of improvements to ensure the public safety and protect surface waters and the environment; and

WHEREAS the Town passed a Resolution on August 26, 2013 authorizing the bidding for the renovation of the Mill Street Pump Station; and

WHEREAS the upgrade work on the Mill Street Pump Station has been completed as of June 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS the action of improving the Wastewater System is an Unlisted Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), but must be treated as a Type I Action due to requirements of the NYS Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund; and

WHEREAS Part I of the Long Environmental Assessment Form (hereinafter "EAF") has been completed by the Town Engineering Consultant, Delaware Engineering,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Baltimore Town Board proposes to act as Lead Agency in the coordinated review of the Wastewater Improvement Project and shall distribute the attached Notice of Intent, Part I of the EAF, and project description and map to all potentially involved and interested agencies.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso

Town Clerk Finke suggested can we make that Resolution 182.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Benway, Norris

Supervisor Dellisanti concluded thank you, Mary Beth for all you hard work, I appreciation it.

Mary Beth Bianconi added you will see me again.

Supervisor Dellisanti noted we like seeing you, especially with good news.

Mary Beth Bianconi concluded this is really exceptional, it's a long-term plan, lots of steps so this is really terrific. We will coordinate and we will see you at your February Board meeting. I will also get in touch with Chris and make sure you are all in the loop with all of her stuff.

Supervisor Dellisanti said thank you very much. Have a great healthy New Year.

Supervisor

The monthly financial reports for November were forwarded to all Board members. Has everyone had a chance to take a look at them? I would like to make a Motion to accept the November financial reports, seconded by Councilman Ruso
AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Benway, Norris

Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement

Greene County EMS

Calls for November were 8, totaling 71 for 2015. There were a total of 67 calls for all of 2014. The projected year-end balance is $275,000.

New Baltimore Fire District

They did not get the Federal grant for the Air-Packs that they applied for. The CSX grant for the ATV vehicle was approved and should be received in January.

Correspondence

Thruway Authority 'Dear Supervisor Dellisanti: By letter dated November 16, 2015, the New York State Thruway Authority (Thruway Authority) reached out to potential involved agencies stating that it was considering lead agency status pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) in connection with the review of an application submitted to the Thruway Authority from Pilgrim Transportation of New York, Inc. (Pilgrim) to construct, operate and maintain two pipelines from Linden, New Jersey to Albany, New York (Project). After careful consideration of the responses received from potential involved agencies, a review of Pilgrim's application to use and occupy New York State Thruway (Thruway) right-of-way, and a request from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to serve as co-lead agency, the Thruway Authority, pursuant to this letter, is declaring itself as co-lead agency with the DEC for the Project.'

Supervisor Dellisanti explained with the resolution we had made before along with a number of other towns and villages in the state, it appears that we do have the DEC as co-lead agency on the project.

Letter from the Supervisor of Orchard Park 'Dear Supervisor Dellisanti: As you know we are trying to coordinate a grass roots effort to encourage the Governor and state officials to revisit the tax cap legislation in light of the fiscal difficulties it is generating for local communities throughout New York State. Presently a state assembly member is arranging a date to hand deliver them to the Governor's office.' He's asking for us to write a letter also asking the Governor to review the tax cap proposal.

County Legislator

No Report

Town Clerk

2 Late Dog Fees $10, 5 Building Permits $840.00, 1 Garage Permit $80, 3 CO Searches $45, 10 Hunting/ Fishing Licenses $31.34, 26 Dog Licenses $156, 1 Replacement Tags $2, 1 Marriage License $17.50, 1 Demolition Permit $75, 1 Excavation Fees Culvert Under Driveway $35, 2 Minor Subdivisions $60, 1 Certified Copy $10, 1 Photo Copies $0.25, Recycle Fees $40, 1 Commercial Zoning Fee $200, Total State, County & Local Revenues $2,188.25, to NYS Agriculture & Markets for Spay/Neuter Program $26, to NYS Department of Health for Marriages $22.50, to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation $537.66, Total to Supervisor $1,602.09.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion to approve the December 14, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes submitted by Town Clerk Finke was made by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:

Tax Collector

Property/County Tax – 2016 is almost here just a few more days left and I have the town/county tax bills to confirm it. I will be mailing out the 2016 tax bills tomorrow the 29th. Yes they are coming. Sewer District #1 – will receive their bills by January 15, Payment will be due by February 15, 2016 without penalty. Water District #2 – Billing for the water district will be sent out in January as well and you will receive these bills by the 13th, to be paid by February 10, 2016 with no penalty. Village of Coxsackie has sent a letter to the town of New Baltimore explaining the new amount on the water bills coming out in January. This letter will be sent to every water district resident explaining the new water bill amount. I hope everyone will attend the public hearing for this water bill and get all your questions answered. Have a great New Year everyone. Anyone with questions please call me at (518)756-6671 x1 and I will be happy to help you any time.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 174-2015
DECEMBER 28, 2015

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH WATER DISTRICT #2
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE CHARGE FOR 2016

RESOLVED that following the Public Hearing held at 6:45 PM on December 28, 2015, the Town Board does hereby establish the following fee in accordance with the 2016 Budget for Water District #2:

Operation and Maintenance $40 Annually

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso
AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Benway Norris

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 175-2015
DECEMBER 28, 2015

RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING ON 2016 WATER RATES FOR WATER DISTRICT #2

WHEREAS the Town Board received the Village of Coxsackie's water rates for 2016 on December 24, 2015, and the Town Board recognizes the concerns of residents in Water District #2 about the proposed water rates.

RESOLVED a Public Hearing will be held on January 11, 2016 at 6:45 PM to hear the concerns of said water district residents**.**

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten
AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Benway, Norris

Historian

November: Received a call from Alan Bedell, who wanted dates of birth and death for his maternal grandfather Henry A. Rose. Along with Bernie Jones, I met with the new owners of the Lawrence Bedell/Adler farm about preservation of the lime kiln. Responded to an email from John E. Searles, who is interested in his ancestors in New Baltimore, I directed him to the Searles Family Cemetery on the north side of Route 51. December: Met with the owners of the hamlet school. Fran is developing a photo display of former students and a book based on her photographs. I spent time organizing files in Historian's office, and researched the vertical file on the hamlet school. The 2016 slide show will be *FSI: Hannacroix, Farm Scene Investigation*, Sunday February 21 at 4 o'clock. We will be looking at and interpreting rural and agricultural features of our landscape that we routinely pass by without a thought.

Agriculture

No Report

Ag Fest Liaison

No Report

Animal Control

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 176-2015
DECEMBER 28, 2015

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBIA GREENE HUMANE SOCIETY

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to execute an agreement with the Columbia Greene Humane Society/SPCA for the period January 1-December 31, 2016 for shelter services, at a base rate of $305.00 per day**.**

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

Supervisor Dellisanti explained Joe Tanner is in the process of acquiring some kennels that will be put in the Highway Garage area in the back. We have plenty of land. Denis is making it available to Joe and we are just waiting for a shed that is going to be donated for the purpose of having the dogs in there. Hopefully, Joe says we get two dogs a year approximately. Having it over here we should be able to save us $300 per overnight stay.

Councilman Ruso noted there will be some ancillary costs, feeding and so forth, but not $305.

Councilwoman VanEtten added this is a lot of money though.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Benway, Norris

Assessment

EXEMPTION RENEWALS All renewable exemption applications have been mailed out as of the first week of December. March 1ST is the deadline for all applications to be returned. The Assessor's office wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Healthy & Happy New Year!

Audit and Control

Councilman Ruso pointed out I have my material ready for the Audits of all the Departments in January including certainly the Supervisor's Office, the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Town Courts amongst others. So that happens in January so be ready, I'll set a date with you.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 177-2015
DECEMBER 28, 2015

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2015 BUDGET

RESOLVED that the following amendments to the 2015 Budget are hereby adopted:

		TO	FROM
GENERAL FUND			
Line	Description		
A1460.1	Record Management Personal Service	$ 440	$
A1410.1	Town Clerk Personal Service – Deputy		440
A1330.4	Tax Collector Contractual Expense	793	
A1410.4	Town Clerk Contractual Expense	720	
A1420.4	Attorney Contractual Expense	918	
A1620.4	Building Contractual Expense	11,300	
A1910.4	Unallocated Insurance	1,587	
A1920.4	Municipal Dues	300	
A3510.4	Control of Dogs Contractual Expense	1,582	
A5182.4	Street Lighting	1,439	
A7310.4	Youth Programs Contractual Expense	345	
A7989.4	Cultural Programs	260	
A8020.4	Planning Contractual Expense	35	
A9010.8	State Retirement	1,744	
A1620.1	Buildings Personal Service	339	
A3620.1	Safety Inspections Personal Service	2,000	
A7140.1	Playgrounds Personal Service	404	
A7310.1	Youth Programs Personal Service	873	
A1989.4	Other General Government Support		1,000
A1991.4	Education		850
A1680.4	Central Data Processing		4,000
A99019H	Interfund Transfer – Highway		18,000
A8160.4	Refuse & Garbage Contractual Expense		789
		$25,079	$25,079

HIGHWAY FUND

DA51101	General Repair Personal Service	$44,436	
DA51421	Snow Removal Personal Service		33,343
DA51104	General Repair Contractual Expense		43,058
DA5112.4	CHIPS – Permanent Improvements	1,585	
DA51424	Snow Removal Contractual Expense	30,380	
		$76,401	$76,401

INCREASE THE FOLLOWING LINES

DA3501	Consolidated Highway Aid	$23,708
DA51124	CHIPS – Permanent Improvements	$23,708

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten
AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Benway, Norris

Buildings & Grounds/Recycling

8 Tires Up to & Include 16" Without Rim $16, 8 Tires Up to & Include 16" With Rim $24, 60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastic) 26, 55 Gallon Drums of Cans & Aluminum 8, 35 Bundles of Magazines and Phone Books, 70 Bags & Bundles of Newspaper, 11 Bags of Shredded Paper, 30 Boxes and Bundles of Cardboard. Total Income $40

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement

Building Inspections 12, Building Permits Issued 4, Building Permits Renewed 1, Certificates of Compliance Issued 2, Certificates of Occupancy Issued 1, Demolition Permit Applications Received 1, Demolition Permits Issued 1, General Complaints 4, Junk Vehicle Complaints 2, Manufactured (Mobile) Home Permits Issued 1, New Building Permit Applications Received 5, Stop Work Orders Issued 1, Code Violation Investigations 2 (1 Being a Fire & Safety Violations), Zoning Violation Investigations 1. Application Fees for November, 2015 $955.00, Total Fees for Year to Date $9,587.00.

Greene County Planning Board

The County Planning Board (CPB) met on 12/16 and reviewed four applications: -Site plan from the Town of Prattsville for the construction of a snow sports facility on County Route 2 The CPB voted to approve with a comment on shielding the lighting from surrounding neighbors. -An area variance from the Village of Coxsackie for placement of a 60'x120' building at 257 Mansion Street . The CPB deferred to local decision with a comment that the local building inspector review the placement for NYS building codes -An area variance from the Town of New Baltimore regarding the placement of a silo structure at Package Pavement, 14554 Route 9W The CPB voted to approve with a comment of adding additional landscaping and screening. -The Town of Cairo's Town Board wants to repeal the moratoriums on permits related to the conversions of resorts to other uses and the establishment of junkyards The CPB voted to approve.

Grants/Promotions/Economic Development

Councilman Ruso reported as part of a resolution that's coming up, we put together a grant for Greene County for the Youth Program.

Councilwoman VanEtten added we are also finishing up the rest of the paperwork that we just got for the playground equipment grant.

Highway

November 30-December 24, 2015 Picked up bags of leaves in the Hamlet each Monday, Sucked leaves from ditches in Hamlet, Put plows on trucks and checked over, Put mower tractors away for the winter, Replaced brake light on 85 Oshkosh, Replaced leaking rear seal on Samsung

Excavator, Cut brush and limbs around hamlet, No heat in Samsung Excavator, replaced thermostat works good now, Did Workplace Violence and Sexual Harassment Annual Training, Repaired stop sign at Hillcrest Road and North Ridge Road, damage due to an accident. Replaced rear brakes on 2002 Ford pickup, Cleaned debris from culvert pipe on High Mount Road, Patched dirt roads with crusher run, Graded Staco Road to remove ripples, Patched pot holes with winter mix, Took leaking steering cylinder off grader and had rebuilt, cleaned gutters at Town Hall, Cut trees and brush on Mount Misery Road, Replaced air cleaner on Samsung Excavator, Cut limbs on Honey Hollow Road and New Baltimore Road, Took tires from Recycle to W&J, Leveled ground where dog kennels will go behind Town Garage, Picked up several paint cans dumped on Sarles Road, Had Green County Highway take Samsung excavator to Vantage Equipment to check it over for electrical and hydraulic problems, Cleaned ditch on Staco Road, Replace front brake pads on 2012 Ford pickup, Cut dead trees along roads, 1980 Oshkosh plow truck has steering issues, trying to locate parts to make repairs.

Insurance
No Report

Memorial
No Report

Personnel
No Report

Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals
The Planning Board met on December 10, 2015, with the following business conducted: Public Hearing was held on the Blosser Minor Subdivision Application. In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed: Approved the Blosser Minor Subdivision Application. Immediately following the meeting, Board Members viewed the Workplace Violence video as is required periodically.

Year-End Report for 2015 Regular Monthly Meetings Held 12, Work Meetings Held None, Public Hearings Held 12, Minor Subdivisions Approved 9** (** Three of the subdivisions approved were to make it possible for property owners to complete lot line adjustments with neighbors.), Major Subdivisions Approved 0, New Lots Created 4, Property Line Adjustments Made Through Subdivisions 5, Annual Special Use Permit Approved 1, Site Plans Approved 3, Fees Taken In: December, 2014 through November, 2015 $1,470.00, January, 2015 through December, 2015 $1,260.00.

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on December 2, 2015, with the following business transacted: Received Variance Application from Package Pavement for a height variance to allow for construction of two 87-foot silos at their 14554 Route 9W location. The silos will be necessary for proper storage and dosing of raw materials, as they wish to increase production of their current product line. Required Public Hearing on application is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., January 6, 2016. Discussion was held regarding the minute format the Board wishes to see for the future and decision reached that the minutes should be summary with Environmental Assessment portion verbatim. It was the decision of the Board to continue to hold meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

The Zoning Board of Appeals report for the 2015 year is as follows: Meetings Held 4 (February, March, April, and December), Variance Applications Received 3 (Brandt, McCarty, Package Pavement), Public Hearings Held 2 (Brandt, McCarty), Variances Approved 1 (McCarty),Variance Approvals Pending 1 (Brandt), Variance Application Fees Taken in: $400.00

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 177-2015
DECEMBER 28, 2015

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM THE PLANNING BOARD

RESOLVED Charles Irving Jr. has tendered his resignation as a member of the Planning Board effective December 31, 2015 due to being elected as a Town Councilman and the Town Board accepts said resignation.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso
AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Benway, Norris

Supervisor Dellisanti said thank you, Chuck, for your service.

Seniors and Veterans Committee

Councilwoman VanEtten reported the Seniors I haven't heard anything about a meeting date yet. The Veterans, we are meeting on January 7. We are going to have a Veterans luncheon on Valentine's Day at Gill Road. Anybody who'd like to volunteer to help, we are taking all volunteers. Also, I've been trying to get ahold of Veterans' organizations which is not easy, they don't call back, to see if we can get together service packets to have available for them that day. If anybody has an in, I've called, I keep getting a machine, I keep leaving messages, they don't call back. I can't imagine what the veterans who actually need the services go through.

Supervisor Dellisanti suggested maybe we'll touch base with Dan and ask him if he has any special contacts.

Councilwoman VanEtten added he's working on other things too.

Technology/Website

No Report

Town Court

No Report

Wastewater Treatment

We just had an update on that.

Youth, Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman VanEtten observed other than the grants that we just went over, they have been working on them, the dugouts are up.

Supervisor Dellisanti reported the dugouts are being built as we speak, another donation to the Park. The scoreboard is installed and the electric has been hooked up from the scoreboard to the gazebo. The walking trail is completed by our Eagle Scout. I think you signed off on that last week.

Councilwoman VanEtten agreed I did, he has a little bit more to do.

Ellie Alfeld asked where is it?

Supervisor Dellisanti responded it's in District 2 Park. It goes through the parking lot and through the wooded area. He's going to eventually put up, in the spring, some signs that show you which way to go.

Councilwoman VanEtten added and the trees, what they are, specific.

Supervisor Dellisanti noted what type of trees they are.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 178-2015
DECEMBER 28, 2015

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNCILWOMAN VANETTEN AND COUNCILMAN RUSO TO APPLY FOR 2016 GREENE COUNTY YOUTH GRANT

RESOLVED that Councilwoman Shelly VanEtten, Chair of the Youth, Parks and Recreation Committee, and Councilman Jeff Ruso, Chair of the Grants/Promotions/Economic Development Committee, apply to the Greene County Department of Human Services for the 2016 Youth Grant for $2,500 before the deadline of December 31, 2015.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten
AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Benway, Norris

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 179-2015
DECEMBER 28, 2015

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE A 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 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 31, 2016.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

Councilman Ruso began I think I should make a question. I'm not a big fan of this and I think I should tell you why. The Open Space Conservancy, being a fine organization has assets of $280 million and as of 2014, their annual expenditures are $38 million and I do not understand why they don't plow their own driveway and parking lot. I just don't understand that. If they were able to plead poverty and all of those things, I might be a little bit open-minded, but nevertheless it's still the Town providing and having a lease for the sole purpose of plowing the parking lot not for usage that I can see. I wish someone was here from the Conservancy to perhaps provide guidance or more information that will benefit me with my thoughts on this. I just thought I would point that out, that's all I have to say.

Supervisor Dellisanti pointed out this contract was started back on the 8th day of December 2008 just so you know.

Councilwoman VanEtten added and it's with the Conservancy.

Councilman Ruso noted this is with Open Space Conservancy.

Supervisor Dellisanti reminded there is a Motion on the Floor, all in favor…

AYES: Dellisanti, VanEtten
NAYS: Ruso
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Benway, Norris

Motion is not carried.

Public Comment Period
None

Community Events
- January 1, 2016 Town Board Organizational Meeting at 12 PM
- January 6, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM
- January 7, 2016 Veterans Committee at 10 AM
- January 11, 2016 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- January 14, 2016 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- January 21, 2016 Veterans Committee at 10 AM
- January 25, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 180-2015
DECEMBER 28, 2015

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO PAY AUDITED CLAIMS

WHEREAS the Town Clerk has presented claims to the Town Board for audit and review, and

WHEREAS the Town Board has audited claims 2015b-12-01 to 2015b-12-25, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2015b-12-01 to 2015b-12-25,

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until January 31, 2016.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten
AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Benway Norris
General $21,777.95, Highway $321.36, Sewer 1 $2,165.90, Sewer 2 $163.38, Water 2 $20.47, total $24,449.06

Supervisor Dellisanti asked if there was any other business to come before the Town. Before we close the meeting, I just wanted to thank Councilwoman Benway and Councilman Norris for their dedicated service to the residents of the Town of New Baltimore and I'd like to wish them luck in their new future endeavors. I hope everything goes well on their behalf.

Motion by Councilwoman VanEtten seconded by Councilman Ruso to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.
AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Benway, Norris

Supervisor Dellisanti concluded thank you all for coming and have a healthy and happy New Year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke
Town Clerk