

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE **Draft 1/21/16**
COUNTY OF GREENE **Approved 1/25/16**
PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED
WATER RATES FOR WATER DISTRICT #2
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Supervisor Dellisanti opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 PM and read *'The Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 6:45 PM at the Town Hall, 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, NY to hear those members of the public who wish to be heard regarding the proposed water rates for Water District #2. The Regular Board meeting will be held at 7 PM. By Order of the Town Board, Barbara M. Finke Town Clerk'* Also Attending: Councilmen Ruso, Briody, and Irving, Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq, Town Clerk Finke, Tax Collector Jordan, and 3 members of the public who signed the attendance sheet. Absent: Councilwoman VanEtten (illness) and Highway Superintendent Jordan

Supervisor Dellisanti began just so everyone knows, on December 24 we received a letter from the Village of Coxsackie explaining that they are increasing their water rates and they had attached a chart to the letter with all of the areas that they supply water to. The Town of New Baltimore is going up to \$803 for the year, that's the basic rate, and the basic rate that we had originally was \$460. The only good news we have there is that we were able to pay back to the General Fund an overage that we had in the Water rates to reduce our Operation & Maintenance fees from \$34 a quarter down to \$10 a quarter. So the 29 residents will receive at least just shy of \$100 on the Operation & Maintenance. It's also my understanding that the Village of Coxsackie has a \$900,000 problem in the Water program down there. So that's where we are, that's what this is about, the residents know that it will be going up to \$803 from \$460. Any questions gentlemen? The Village also did have a number of Public Hearings on this issue prior to this letter coming out. There were a number of people at their meetings complaining from the Village and the Town. The Town of Coxsackie is also going up to \$803 as well, exactly the same number as ours. We will wait a few more minutes and then I'll close the Public Hearing. Just as an aside, it says that *'the current water and wastewater agreements authorizes the Village to charge the Town of New Baltimore users 1.8 times the Village resident rate. In an attempt to lessen the impact to your residents, we are reducing that factor to 1.5 times for water and 1.325 for wastewater.'*

Councilman Ruso added the only Sewer we have is with the Kalkberg property; we just pass that on.

Supervisor Dellisanti agreed none of the residents have Sewer.

Ellie Alfeld asked do these houses have water meters on them? Is the water metered for use?

Supervisor Dellisanti responded that's part of the problem that the Village has. The Comptroller's Audit Report that came out in 2014 said they had to go to these new types of water meters and they're not going to get to that for probably a decade. It's going to happen over a period of time. They do have water meters, they do go by the amount of flow that goes through, but they're archaic according to the Comptroller's Office and they need to be replaced. It is the Village's responsibility. They did a resolution to do that over a ten-year period, but it's extremely expensive.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso to close the Public Hearing at 6:55 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: VanEtten (Illness)

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke
Town Clerk