TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE WORK MEETING

September 22, 2014 AGENDA

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Pledge of Allegiance

Reports

Supervisor

County Legislator (Invited)

Town Clerk

Tax Collector

Historian

Agriculture (Chair Norris/Member Benway)

Ag Fest Liaison (Member Ruso)

Animal Control (Chair Ruso/Member Norrris)

Assessment (Chair Dellisanti/Member Norris)

Audit and Control Committee (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)

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)

• Meeting on September 17

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

Highway (Chair Dellisanti/Member Ruso)

- Resolution to Authorize the Highway Superintendent to Purchase Fuel Oil from Main-Care Energy
- Resolution to Authorize the Highway Superintendent to Purchase #2 Diesel Fuel and Gasoline from Main-Care Energy

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)

Seniors and Veterans (Chair VanEtten/Member Benway)

• Greene County Department of Human Services Public Hearing for 2015 Plan of Services for Senior Citizens of Greene County, 2-3:30 PM at Town Hall

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)

Public Comment Period/Community Events

- September 24 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM
- October 1 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM
- October 19 Planning Board at 7 PM
- October 13 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- October 22 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM
- October 27 Town Board Work Meeting

Audit of Claims

Adjournment

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

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OPENING REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Dellisanti called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending: Councilwomen Benway and VanEtten, Town Clerk Barbara Finke, and 7 members of the public who signed the attendance sheet.

Absent: Deputy Supervisor Ruso, Councilman Norris, Tax Collector Diane Jordan, Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan

Supervisor

Supervisor Dellisanti reports that the monthly financial reports 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 August financial reports seconded by Councilwoman Benway. .

AYES: Dellisanti, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ruso, Norris

Since our last Town Board meeting, I have sent a detailed email to the Regional Vice President of CSX. As of today, I have not received a response. I have also left a message on his voice mail with no response as well. I did receive an email on August 25, 2014 from Maurice O'Connell that states:

Supervisor,

I am following-up on our recent conversation regarding Independence Lane. CSX Engineering spoke to Dennis Jordan (town highway) several months ago and agreed to repair the damage to the road caused by CSX.

Thank you, Maurice

I called Rene VanSchaack from Greene County IDA for an update on the water park that was on their Agenda last week. The Greene County IDA has given MAR Development with Wolf Management another six-month extension until April 1 when a final decision will be made.

County Legislator

County Legislator VanSlyke reported there are a few things that have happened in the County which are disturbing, but one of the worse ones is they have delayed the implementing of the college chargebacks for next year. Which isn't terrible, but they are promising that they're going to renew and it should be eliminated in 2016. We are in financial problems down there, there's not enough revenue growth to cover the expenses for our health insurance. What was disturbing to me, I was the only one that wouldn't vote for it, I did get one Legislator from Catskill, Mr. Seeley did side with me, because we all agree it is a burden on the Town. I sat on this Town for a long time, there is no revenue increase here, that money that you weren't going to be taxed for was going to help you out so much in your budgeting for next year.

Supervisor Dellisanti clarified especially with the cost of the insurance going up 60 percent, that's just \$38,000 by itself.

County Legislator VanSlyke continued I lost by best ally down in Catskill, he's not himself anymore and that's Wayne. Wayne would have helped me to keep this; I'm sure I could have kept this. But there's different leadership and I couldn't stop it. I will fight to get it back and make sure it doesn't happen next year and that's all I can do. We did pass a bid for propane with Nolan, did you get that?

Supervisor Dellisanti answered we got it and we passed the resolution to take them on already.

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County Legislator VanSlyke added I wished I could get that price. That was fantastic. That was one of the good things that happened. Wednesday of this week, I don't know if you are going, to the Ferguson groundbreaking on Wednesday at 12. We are going to get on a bus, this is what I was told, and we are not going just to the Ferguson site, but we are also going to the former American Tree site where Ross is going to be opening up a new business there. He's building some forms, concrete forms for foundations for buildings, precast type, so he is going to take that building over. Then they are going to take us over to the Ferguson site for the official groundbreaking which they've already started. So that's Wednesday at 12:00. I think was the time that I had was 12:30 and I don't have it nailed down exactly where we are going to meet. It's been a busy summer, but our cash revenue for sale tax revenues are not extraordinarily good, but they are better than I expected, but we're up about \$250,000-\$300,000 for the year. We should end up with about three-quarters of a million by the end of the year of overestimated revenues, but it's not enough to overdo our growth and our expenses

Supervisor Dellisanti pointed out when I got the letter from the Legislature about the community college, I turned around and said who do I write my letter to. You have budget problems and we have budget problems when I have nobody to write a letter to.

County Legislator VanSlyke said Seeley was the only one that stood up for us, it doesn't affect maybe 8 out of the 14 towns don't get affected by it, but unless you are in the valleys up north here. What's surprising is Greenville's representative didn't stick up for me. Greenville gets hit hard, it's amazing, but I fought hard to get that and I don't want it to slip away, but I think we will get it back next year, get it to zero where it belongs. Any questions?

Supervisor Dellisanti commented that was going to be my number one question, but you answered it right away.

County Legislator VanSlyke explained I hope I answered it as well as I could. I know that was going to affect you more than anything else we have done the last six months.

Supervisor Dellisanti advised I wasn't expecting it, it was like being blindsided.

County Legislator VanSlyke said I got blindsided by it and it was a decision they made, they knew I was going to be against it.

Ellie Alfeld asked Jim, I got this retiring notes from the Comptroller's office, and he's talking about possible decrease in the amount of contributions for the county and towns for retirement.

County Legislator VanSlyke said that's correct, we are going to save almost \$400,000.

Ellie Alfeld said so that's going to be a big help.

County Legislator VanSlyke answered a big help, with the increase in the health insurance almost eats that up because it's a big jump in health insurance this year, you see that right? We also have contracts that are increasing. We just signed, I think we have signed, a tentative contract with the Sheriff's Department. It's not a bad one, it's pretty good, I can't you give the details. We are hoping that the rest of them will fall in line now. We have a lot of contracts that are due by the end of this year. It could hurt us in the Town next year and the year after that if we don't get them settled; it all backs up and you end up paying for them anyways.

Ellie Alfeld said this should also help the Town of New Baltimore. I'm just stating this Newsletter, about retirement, your contributions...

Supervisor Dellisanti confirmed our numbers are going down a little bit for next year, not a ton, but a little bit, every little bit helps.

County Legislator VanSlyke added that's the way for us it's just a little bit, but it's nice to see it going down instead of going up and up and up for years.

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Ellie Alfeld questioned but the downside of this, they did this once before many years ago, dropped it, all the Towns went and dropped it....

County Legislator VanSlyke explained we weren't paying anything, there were no contributions from the towns and counties for 10 years.

Ellie Alfeld continued and they hit you between the eyes and said now you have to pay and because it was such a difference from zero to...

County Legislator VanSlyke added we had a bad Comptroller that just let it get too weak, funds got too small, then the market went bad too at the same time, that's what really hurt us.

Ellie Alfeld asked but I am wondering if by us reducing to the level they are talking about, if it will come back and bite us in a succeeding budget?

County Legislator VanSlyke said you have to keep your retirement systems at a certain level, back in the days when we weren't paying anything, nobody was keeping the level up to 92%. What you have there and what you are expected to pay out over the next 30-40 years, you are supposed to have so much money. We got really bad and once you get so far behind you have to make it all up and the markets haven't been very strong in the last 6 years. They have come back now, and that's what saved us in the last year or so. Our market has saved our retirement.

Ellie Alfeld commented DiNapoli seemed to think there was a positive thing.

County Legislator VanSlyke concluded of course there is, it's positive, it's all good, better than the way it was going.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Barbara Finke reports 5 late fees for dog licenses \$25, 9 building permits \$1,001.50, 1 garage for \$112, 2 certificates of occupancy searches \$30, 13 hunting licenses \$75.42 (we actually processed 21, however, some are free), 18 dog licenses for \$120, 2 marriage licenses for \$35, 1 beer permit for \$20, 1 park permit for \$25, 1 minor subdivision for \$60, and 3 certified copies for \$30. Total State, County and Local Revenues \$2,893.50, New York State Agriculture and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program \$22, New York State Department of Health for Marriages \$45, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for \$1,292.58 and to Supervisor Dellisanti \$1,533.92.

A question was raised at the last Town Board meeting concerning the September Abstract and amounts for General and Highway. Residents are always welcome to come into the Town Clerk's office and view any Abstract and that has been past practice for many years. Going forward I will report these expenses, and then verify the amounts with our bookkeeper. We actually have 11 different categories which include General, Highway, Sewer 1, Sewer 2, Water 1, Water 2, Water 3, Lighting 1, Lighting 2, Ambulance 1, and Ambulance 2.

September 2014 Vouchers 2014-09-01-2014-09-40, Paid on September 16, 2014 include General \$6,092.60, Highway \$7,692.44, Sewer 1 \$429.62, Sewer 2 \$30.12, Water 1 \$281.50, Lighting District 1 \$1,714.49, Lighting District 2 \$163.27, for a Total of \$16,404.04.

The 11th Annual Townwide Yard Sale was another success with beautiful weather and a total of 36 sales on the map and many others throughout Town. Maps were distributed at Town Hall, Cecil Hallock Park, New Baltimore Reformed and Medway Congregational Christian Churches, and the Coxsackie Antiques Center. I would like to thank Lynn Taylor and Donna Degnen for their assistance again this year and Alan VanWormer for picking up, installing, and removing the signs.

Beginning in October, the Town Clerk's office will be open on the first Saturday of the month from 9 AM-12 PM until the end of the year.

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Tax Collector

Tax Collector Diane Jordan reports: <u>Property/County Tax</u> Anyone wanting to pay their town/county tax will have to pay Greene County at this time. Phone number to get information on payments is (518)719-3530. <u>Sewer District #1</u> Sewer #1 bills for the Hamlet are coming in steady. There is a 4% penalty fee added to the bill as of September 15th until October 15th. After this date there will be a total of 6% added to late bill. <u>Water District #2</u> Water #2 for Scheller Park – The 4th and final billing will be going out by October 15 for November payment.

Historian

We don't have our Historian's report, Ted Hilscher was doing tours at the old Armstrong property over the weekend, so he will have another report for next month

Agriculture

No Meetings

AgFest

No meetings, we will be having meetings after hay season.

Animal Control

Animal Control Officer Joe Tanner is on vacation.

Assessment

SCARS. This year we have 1 case small claims assessment review hearing. The hearing was held on September 4th at the Greene County Courthouse. The hearing officer ruled in the Town's favor. So the assessed value will remain the same. Enhanced STAR. A mailing of approximately 55 renewal applications was sent out this past week. These are for the seniors who do not participate in the IVP (income verification program with NYS) renewal process for the Enhanced STAR exemption. As with all exemptions, these need to be returned by March 1st of next year.

Audit and Control

The Town Handbook has been sent to our Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea for review, as soon as we get that back with his approval, we will bring it before the Board for approval

Buildings & Grounds/Recycling

Spencer Sebert reports 1 water heater for \$7.50 and 1 Tire up to and including 16' without rim for \$2.00. 21-60 gallon bags of plastic (no hard plastic); 7-55 gallon drums of cans and aluminum; 31 bundles of magazines and phone books; 41 bags and bundles of newspapers; 6 bags of shredded paper; 19 boxes and bundles of cardboard, ½ ton of metal; and 4 tires from the Highway Department. Total income \$9.50.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

Code Enforcement Officer Gordon Pebler reports for August Building Inspections 21; Building Permits Issued 3; Building Permits Renewed 6; Certificates of Compliance Issued 2; Compliance Orders 5; General Complaints 5; New Building Permit Applications Received 4; Code Violation Investigations 3. Application Fees for August \$1,123.50. Total Fees for Year to Date \$5,099.20.

Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement

Chairman Dellisanti reports he asked our Attorney for the Town prepare Intermunicipal Agreements for both the Medway-Grapeville Fire Company and the New Baltimore Fire District for possible snow removal/plowing for the remainder of calendar year 2014. We anticipate a response following their monthly meeting.

Greene County EMS

Chairman Dellisanti reports the regular monthly meeting was held on September 16 in Cairo. Fundamental principles and overview of the company's current situation were discussed. Catskill has rejoined the program and Athens has voted to continue as well. The proposed 2015 budget was discussed and our cost will be \$19,057 based on Greene County giving us the same contribution as 2014 and we have gone from 3.29 crews to 4

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crews complete. Last year our cost was \$19,650, so it looks like a savings of \$600 for this year. I have also received a letter from the Ravena Rescue Squad and their costs for calendar year 2015 will remain the same as 2014 at \$23,300.

Councilwoman Benway questioned the intermunicipal agreement, we are plowing the fire department parking lots?

Supervisor Dellisanti explained we are giving them the opportunity for requesting it and they are going to do in-kind services to repay us for that amount.

Councilwoman Benway explained because that was part of the problem was they both had it in their budgets for plowing and then if we had it in our budgets to plow their parking lots, then residents are getting double taxed.

Supervisor Dellisanti advised I spoke with Marilyn Woodhull and I spoke with Jeff Deso and apparently they did not budget for 2015 so we are waiting to see what their responses are. If that's the same case, we will have a similar situation.

Greene County Planning Board

John Cashin reported a meeting on September 17 and acted on 10 applications, several small area variances and site plans, plus a larger project Mavis Tire has an application to go into TOPS Plaza in Greenville. In our own Town of New Baltimore, there are two area variances from CSX that they need for property along the 144 intersection. We voted positively on 8 of the 10 applications, rejected the Town of Cairo's application to extend 2 moratoriums they have had for over a year, and the Town of Hunter is so busy they are asking for a 9 month moratorium on almost all activity land use. Annually the Greene County Planning Board gives achievement awards and this year we are giving out three --one to the Bank of Greene County for their renovations to the former Catskill Savings Bank, they took care to make it historically what it looked like in 1909; there's a group called Cultivate Catskill who has been working to beautify the Village of Catskill with plantings and flowers and the two slide walkways up to the upper, and the third award is going to New York Springwater for their economic development award for their innovative business and product line and their positive impact on Greene County's employment and Greene County. Any questions?

Betty Kemnah asked where is Springwater?

John Cashin answered the Town of Halcott, they get their water from the Vly Mountain Creek.

Grants/Promotions/Economic Development No report

Highway

Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan reports from August 26 to September 22 handpatched roads with blacktop; cleaned beaver dam from culvert pipe on West Deans Mill Road; mowed along roads; mowed parks as needed; mowed and weed eat Town Hall; took 2013 International to Albright's for inspection; picked up 10 tires dumped on Sunset Hill Road; cleaned ditch at Route 51 and Dugway Lane and flushed pipe with water; mowed and weed eat around Town Garage; put new blades on Agco lawnmower; put rebuilt steering cylinder back on 1980 Oshkosh; picked up debris dumped on Paradise Hill Road; installed 100' of 15 inch culvert at intersection of Roberts Hill Road and Scheller Park Roads; installed 2 replacement driveway culverts on Roberts Hill Road 60' x 12" pipe; cleaned ditches on Flatbush Road; cleaned ditches on Roberts Hill Road; repaired roller on roadside mower; installed "No Parking School Bus Turn Around" sign on Madison Avenue West; patched dirt roads with crusher run; marked dead trees to cut along roads when County bucket truck is available; started to haul in road sand from Callanan; picked up yard sale signs; weed eat around guide rails on New Baltimore Road and Matthews Point; cut brush around bridge on Deans Mill Road; picked up part for roadside mower at Max Wood. Notes: Fuel usage to date for the year: On Road Diesel 7,881 gallons, Heating Oil 1,616 Gallons, Gasoline 2,445 Gallons.

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TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE FUEL OIL FROM MAIN-CARE ENERGY

WHEREAS, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to purchase of up to 1,800 gallons of fuel oil from Main-Care Energy at the contract price offered by Greene County Resolution 152-14 for a one year period from June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman Benway

AYES: Dellisanti, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ruso, Norris

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE #2 DIESEL FUEL AND GASOLINE FROM MAIN-CARE ENERGY

WHEREAS, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to purchase up to 7,700 gallons of #2 Diesel Fuel and 2,800 Gallons of Gasoline from Main-Care Energy at the contract price offered by Greene County Resolution 154-14 for a one year period from August 16, 2014 through August 15, 2015.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ruso, Norris

Insurance

No Report

Memorial

No meeting

Personnel

No report

Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals

Vice Chair Daniel Kelly reports the Planning Board met on September 11, with the following business transacted: Public Hearing was held on the Craig & Norma Albano minor subdivision application to subdivide a five-acre parcel from property they own on Route 54. In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed: Approved the Albano Minor Subdivision; Discussed with surveyor and property owner the proposed re-subdivision of a subdivision completed in 1986 to adjust size of the parcels; Discussed with two property owners' authorized representatives, proposed subdivisions of property. In both instances, applicants were referred to ZBA for Area Variances; Held a preliminary discussion with two gentleman proposing to construct a truck wash at the New Baltimore Truck Stop Plaza.

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Zoning Board of Appeals

Chair Meave Tooher reports the Zoning Board of Appeals met on September 3, 2014, with the following business conducted: Public Hearings were held on CSX Transportation, Inc./Paul Schiller Variance Applications #1 and #2 and recessed until October 1, 2014, for completion of required Public Hearing notification and for response from Greene County on the 239 Referrals.

In the Regular Monthly Meeting following the Public Hearing, the Board discussed a Variance Application that had been held open for an additional 60 days to allow the applicant to provide the Board with additional information. The 60-day period has expired, the information has not been received nor has the Board heard from the applicant. Therefore, the Board deemed the application to be abandoned and directed the Clerk to close the file.

Seniors and Veterans

Councilwoman VanEtten reported that we met and we are discussing the Christmas Party and all is going well. The Expo was a success, and we will start announcing the date for the Christmas Party at the end of October. We are not having a meeting in October.

Ellie Alfeld said I'm reminding you of the Senior program next month.

Town Clerk Finke reported that the <u>Greene County Department of Human Services will</u> be holding a <u>Public Hearing for 2015 Plan of Services for Senior Citizens</u> of Greene County on October 8 from 2-3:30 PM at Town Hall.

Technology/Website

Councilwoman Benway reported the only new thing is that Barb sent me an email that somehow in the Contact directory, things got changed back to what it was last year. so I fixed it again. But if anyone notices that somehow it goes back again, please email me and let me know or call me and I will fix again. It was right at 4:30 today everything looked good today.

Town Courts

No Report

Wastewater Treatment

No Report

Youth, Parks and Recreation

Nothing to Report

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- September 24 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM
- October 1 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM
- October 9 Planning Board at 7 PM
- October 13 Budget Workshop Meeting at 6PM Followed by Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- October 22 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM
- October 27 Town Board Work Meeting

Councilwoman Benway asked if we need a resolution or make a motion to have a Special Meeting starting at 6 PM that day in the Public Notice section?

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman Benway to publish a Public Notice of a Special Meeting at 6 PM on October 13

AYES: Dellisanti, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ruso, Norris

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Audit of Claims

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION AUGUST 25, 2014

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 2014b-09-01 to 2014b-09-30, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2014b-09-01 to 2014b-09-30.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for hold it for public review until October 31, 2014.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ruso, Norris

Town Clerk Finke reported September 2014B Vouchers 2014b-09-01-2014b-09-30, totals to be verified by Bookkeeper, General \$5,879.05, Highway \$14,483.35, Sewer 1 \$943.96, for a Total of \$21,306.36.

Jim Planck asked if he missed a resolution for the Town Supervisor and Town Clerk to attend a workshop?

Supervisor Dellisanti explained we took that off the agenda because we wanted to wait until the other two members were back.

On a motion from Councilwoman Benway seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten the meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ruso, Norris

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara M. Finke Town Clerk