

Informational Meeting with Residents of Water District #2 at 6:30 PM

**TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE
WORK MEETING**

December 22, 2014

AGENDA

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Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation by Patrick Manning from Manning Consultants

Reports

Supervisor

- Motion to Accept November Financial Report

County Legislator (Invited)

Town Clerk

- Adoption of Minutes
 - October 27, 2014 Budget Workshop
 - October 27, 2014 Town Board Work Meeting
 - November 24 Town Board Work Meeting

Tax Collector

Historian

Agriculture (Chair Norris/Member Benway)

Ag Fest Liaison (Member Ruso)

Animal Control (Chair Ruso/Member Norris)

Assessment (Chair Dellisanti/Member Norris)

Audit and Control Committee (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)

- Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Make Amendments to the 2014 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)

- Executive Session

Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals (Chair VanEtten/Member Dellisanti)

- Motion to Accept Resignation of Planning Board Member

Seniors and Veterans (Chair VanEtten/Member Benway)

- Resolution to Authorize the Supervisor to Sign Contract with the New Baltimore Senior Citizen Committee

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

- December 25 Merry Christmas
- January 1, 2015 Organizational Meeting at 10 AM
- January 7, 2015 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM If Needed
- January 8, 2015 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- January 12, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- January 26, 2015 22 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

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 7:06 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending: Councilwomen Benway and VanEtten, Councilman Norris, Town Clerk Finke, Tax Collector Jordan, and 12 members of the public who signed the attendance sheet.
Absent: Highway Superintendent Jordan

Supervisor Dellisanti noted tonight we are fortunate to have a guest speaker to help us hopefully down the road in our electric consumption and I would like to introduce Patrick Manning from Manning Consultants.

Patrick Manning began thank you very much Supervisor, Council, Madam Clerk, thank you all. If I may, I have some copies of two of the documents I will be speaking on tonight and one extra one for your Counsel and I give apologies to all for my back if I turn to you feel free to ask any questions. I am here with my colleague Dr. Angela Dievendorf who is in the back with me. We are part of a team of about 105 on our team over seven states who deal with nothing but working with Viridian Energy and now with an exclusive partnership with SolarCity combined to work toward affordable, green, American-made energy for homes, businesses, and municipalities which is the reason why we are here as well. I come from a background of affordable energy with my days working as a state official now retired and realized when I started to find a company like Viridian Energy, a third party provider of energy under deregulation, as you probably all know because you are up on these things especially with the cost of electric, many people still are not and do not realize they have the power to choose under deregulation. But if you do not choose the electric company, in the case of us here Central Hudson, will choose for you. They have to provide you energy one way or another, you want the light to go on even if you don't choose your supplier and what they do is they choose on the spot market. They have to do that, they cannot make a profit and that is the only avenue given to them. So they wind up choosing in essence the most expensive and the dirtiest of energies. We come in as an affordable green alternative and for the last year-and-a-half that my team has been working in this area especially, we saw relative stability in the marketplace whereby a variable rate, which is what Central Hudson offers, we were offering the same thing. A nice variable rate acting like a fixed rate, for months it would stay the same, but again it was relative stability in the marketplace. Why? Because there has been in the last couple of years a major transition between oil and coal usage and the making of electricity moving toward natural gas which you would think is a good thing and in many ways it is a good thing, natural is a lot cleaner and it is American bought. However, because supply and demand and the increased use of it, because the increased popularity of it, because more and more utilities are using it, now well over 50% , but those who now make electric now use it instead of oil and coal. The amount of natural gas that we had as supply has plummeted, couple that with an evil two words -- polar vortex – that we had last year and then the desire to, now the companies that control natural gas, sell it overseas. So they can now export it to Europe who will pay twice as much for it, China who will pay three times, Asia in general. We have to pay twice as much now to keep it in our own Country because we don't own it, we just have it in our Country. Because of all those reasons, natural gas is at some of its highest rates and they are only going to go higher from what we can see over the next seven years. What does that mean? That's when you saw New Baltimore's rates climb substantially during that period of time. It wasn't Central Hudson trying to sock it to you, as much as Central Hudson calling on the proverbial phone and saying how much for New Baltimore this week and someone telling them on the other line well its twice as much and then telling you oh then telling the company okay because they have no other choice. We try to provide a stable choice now and we look to find long term fixed solutions to this supply of both electric and natural gas. So when Central Hudson went up in some ranges of 150-180% during that period of time, our customers

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on a fixed rate went up zero and we are very proud of that and we have several more customers because we were able to show long-term stability, the idea that you can budget correctly. It works for a home, obviously works for a small business, but especially works for municipalities whether it is a small village or a large county and we have both in our portfolios, clients and customers and energy partners. That includes Greene County where we now work with them on their natural gas in 2015 and we will be their supplier of electric, as a third party supplier. And most importantly in 2015 we will be building the second largest solar farm in New York State for Greene County and to benefit Greene County's Governmental Buildings in the Town of Cairo. We are very excited about that and you will be hearing a lot more about that because that is over 17,000 panels and 20 acres of land, but more importantly conservatively over \$4.2 million in savings to the taxpayers in Greene County by choosing a stable, smart, renewal energy source. This costs Greene County to build this farm zero dollars. We will get into that in a couple seconds. That first sheet with my title on it just with snapshot look at your costs during that polar vortex time. I didn't necessarily pick this, the Supervisor and the Clerk gave me some bills and said 'here look at these' and that's what I like. I don't try to cherry pick anything, I try to look at, and it just so happens to be the perfect bills because these are the bills when things are good no one thinks twice about them. When things are bad and as you can see at no fault of your own, and really in the case of Central Hudson, trust me, I didn't have electric at Thanksgiving, but at no fault of their own you were shown rates about high of 19.7 cents for a couple of your bills. But again as you can see, we went from 10 cents to 7.4 cents in a couple places all up to 15.3 cents, 19 cents, 16 cents, you don't need that spiral up and down. Even when things are 6 or 7 cents, which I don't think we are going to be seeing for a long, long time, I think years. I also but the V rate or Viridian rate next to it of what we were at that time and I said for our clients we were looking at fixed rates and I showed three different rates. Well that would be if you had come to me the month before and said what would be March's rate? It was 14 cents for Central Hudson or Hess which is one of the providers you were working with for a couple of bills, but it was \$08.99 for us. When it as 10 cents for you, it was 6.19 cents. Those were long-term fixed rates of one year or two years. We have now found that it makes most sense for our customers, they have asked for this, especially for residential and small commercial, which you fall under because of your usage which is a good thing, a product we call Freedom which is a three-year fixed rate product which is at a certain rate. In this case with Central Hudson it is 9.49 cents this month, but what that also comes with is a price guarantee which no other third party provides, which is we will guarantee because we are purchasing long-term and smarter, a price of 9.49 cents for 3 years with the understanding that, and you will get monthly reports on how much you are spending, how much you are using, what were you using last year versus this year, that usually helps cut costs about three percent. When the Supervisor sees it coming in and says everybody turn off the lights please, that actually helps save. It will give you an idea of tracking your usage, but the biggest point is a price guarantee whereby if we are at any time in that three year period, I should say we show at the end of the three years we were more expensive than the utility in that three year period, we will give back every cent that we were too high plus an extra ten percent as a penalty. Knock on wood we believe very strongly that we will never have to pay a cent because we have always been and continue to be the smarter choice, the more affordable choice. It is not rocket science. If you buy three years in the future and you buy smart, and your CEO is an Actuary, you are going to do better than somebody who calls up every hour every day and says I need some more please. I would recommend this to you. I think it is a wise choice, but more so it is a stable choice where you can budget correctly and if you have a price guarantee at the end. I have many municipalities that work with me and I was never able to give them a price guarantee and now I can give them that. But that is just how certain we are that this is just the beginning of some bad times coming in regards to electric. Do you have any questions on the Viridian?

Supervisor Dellisanti asked the 9.49 % for three years, I just want you to explain to everybody that the delivery charge is still there from Central Hudson.

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Patrick Manning responded that is a very good point and I should have communicated that. We deal in deregulation, there are two separate components. When deregulation happened, pretty much the Federal Government told the utilities 'listen you can't make the energy, sell it to yourselves, and sell it to the consumer. It is a monopoly so what we are going to do is give you the delivery charge.' Actually they were given the choice to choose between the two; they chose the delivery end. You will keep the lines, the meters, the poles, what have you, but we will guarantee you a profit, but you have to have one or the other. So the delivery cost we cannot do anything about because Central Hudson has already announced that they want an 18% increase in their delivery cost coming up in the next year. I wish we could do something about that, but at this point we can't. The Feds did give us the ability, however, to force utilities to have to allow people to choose the marketplace or default back if they don't. So we would not be able to deal with in some cases it could be 45-55 percent of the bill. It's all different, not sure what you percentage is, but it is always different for different utilities and different communities. But one thing you can guarantee is that they are all going up and continue to do so. The supply end is what we can deal with and that seems to have the biggest impact, certainly because it is unregulated in regards to what spot buying utility does. That's what you see the biggest shifts up or down anyway, mostly up because they are stable or it doubles. We don't see major price crashes, because it is just more expensive to create energy. It's not the '30's and '40's where it was easy, shoved coal in the burner and made all the electric you wanted. It is highly regulated and the growth is such and what we use now, it is going to continue to rise.

Supervisor Dellisanti stated the other question I had is about the solar farm that you have.

Patrick Manning explained part two is the SolarCity end. Viridian a year ago worked out an exclusive partnership with the CEO of SolarCity and the Chairman of the Board Elon Musk who is also known for Tesla, created PayPal, SpaceX to create an affordable configuration on both electric and natural gas and solar for again homeowners and large commercial users. They don't delve into small commercial. I just said you are a small commercial, why am I talking about this? We deal with large commercial. I actually also focus now because this is a fledgling relationship, really large commercial only came into being for the last five months between Viridian and SolarCity, and actually our team is leaving the other 13 states we were in and dealing with large commercial, providing opportunities for communities to even lower their costs even more by making their own energy. One of the counties that we went knocking on their door because they were already a customer and had faith in us was Greene County and in the last three months we put together this deal as I said twenty acres and about 17,000 panels. The last page you can get an idea, this is the old farm that they have with the 911 Center is and although this is just a quick sketch of what it looks like, it's almost the Seventh Wonder of the World here because as you can see in the front, that is pretty much what it will look like, only larger. Actually it is a farm just generating sun, but it is done in a way of remote net metering and that is very important and I wanted to give you this presentation that we originally gave to Greene County prior to their decision to move forward. The most important thing I thought was the understanding of who SolarCity was. If you took every other solar company in the country today and packed them all together, they are nowhere near the size and scope of SolarCity. We are the second fastest-growing energy company, Viridian, in the Country right now. SolarCity is the first, because of that and that's important because they are able to do some very exciting things like have \$4 billion in private funding to fund all their projects so they don't have to go out and try to find funding which makes us much more competitive than anyone else. Secondly, also say because we have this capital we are going to do some things that others can't which is they found a panel that was being made that was a better quality and less expensive than the Chinese, which we always hear we can't manufacture at home. SolarCity said I want that company, bought that Company and has now funded the company and is now building a brand new plant, that would be the largest in the Western Hemisphere, in Buffalo, New York. One thousand jobs to create this panel and these are the panels. A Greene County panel will be an American-made panel and hopefully New Baltimore panel. How can a New Baltimore panel be an American-made panel?

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SolarCity is the largest employer of New Yorkers than any other solar company. That being said, after we did this deal where under remote net metering where instead of trying to put panels on everything including the Tourism Center, at one time that was the only thing you could do, we were able to make this farm generate energy there at the farm and then net, take what was created there and use it as a net towards all the governmental buildings, some that are in the shade, some that have a tin roof that you would never want to have a panel on, or some that just don't make sense because of the way the pitch is on the roof. We can do it all in one place and say 'where would you like to have that power? I would like a little bit over here, a little bit over there, take care of all these building.' We are going to do about 90% when all is said and done of the energy for Greene County at roughly 6.4 cents, 6. something, I don't remember if it's 3 or 4, with a 2% escalator. Central Hudson on average over the last 20 years has gone up 1.9 percent per year, but now lately has been going up about 4.5-6.5 percent per year over the last few years shows that old natural gas thing, what's happening in the energy industry. We see that continuing to happen so even with that 2% escalator, they're going to be going up higher so we calculate at them just going up their average rate. If they go up higher than that, that \$4.2 million that we save Greene County could be \$5-6 million right off the bat. They are going to save this coming year over \$160,000 projected and then it goes up to about a quarter million a year with our conservative averages. We made a presentation because we have this idea to promote remote net metering, the explanations is in here. How about we experiment, again SolarCity being their size, they can think big thoughts, and we said in Greene County we have all these little communities. They can't, because they are under the ceiling for their usage. They can't enjoy the opportunity to have solar at no cost, no cost for the panels, no cost for the installation, no cost for the maintenance over 20 years, no cost. If the big boys can do that, why can't a Town like New Baltimore? So we agreed if we could find three or four towns and put them together, aggregate them together, that would be considered large commercial usage. And though you would have your own panels, maybe right on the farm that we are going to be working on or another like the Transfer Station in Catskill, we are looking at a couple different locations, at the beginning of the year we could put three or four towns together as one farm, but you would be, a certain number of panels would be wired to you, a certain number would be wired to town y village x. We would even allow you to have the same benefit as large commercial. They love it. We are going to do it. We have to work with the PSC who surprised us with information that they want to change remote net metering in a couple different ways which probably is not going to charge our price. It will change every solar company's way we do business, but we have to wait until about the middle of January in order to see what those changes are before we can get what is called an indicative price. I was going to come here today and also give you a price for that, what we could see if we could get two or three towns together. But I will wait until mid-January because the indicative price is usually the price so I want to give you real numbers, but today I come to say I'd certainly think that it would behoove you to move forward with at least say we are interested because then I can compile the usage of your town and other communities who might be interested, put them together as one, and then get a price that would be three or four in, get more people in and we have room for it, then could actually even benefit more. So I ask for your permission to at least investigate the price for you in January and do you have any questions on SolarCity?

Councilman Norris asked the panels for these Towns that we are talking about, they are not part of the (unable to understand), these would be new, in place of those two.

Patrick Manning responded that is correct, but it is going to be on a County-owned site. What we can do, doesn't have to be on a county-owned site, I could put, and I'm just throwing towns out instead of saying x and y, let's say Hunter, Cairo and New Baltimore all got together. It could be on any one of your town sites, it could be on a private, site although I never recommend that to anyone, a municipality is going to be around in 20 years, someone could sell a property or lose a property. A municipal site makes sense. Or in our case, I said to the County well you work hand-in-glove with the towns, would it be best to find one site where we can find what we

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need for the proper distribution of the electric when it gets to the pole. Some of the changes we are going to have to make for the County to the poles in order to take all this power, over that \$200,000 that Central Hudson needs to do just to take this amount of power. We said would it make sense to be on the Cairo site or another site that is close to what they need on the poles in order to take this kind of power. It doesn't make a difference, we could do it over in Columbia County, it still could benefit you. That is a bad example since it has to be in the same utility, but we could do it in Coeymans and it still could benefit you. But the point is it is tagged to you and you alone, so we thought a County site would make sense, because we are going to have to bring multiple municipalities together to get that scope and size.

Councilman Ruso asked so the town would own these panels, not you but the town would actually own?

Patrick Manning replied SolarCity would own the panels as a 20 year lease. Your cost...

Councilman Ruso questioned on town land though, is what you said?

Patrick Manning explained it would be on County land, SolarCity would own the panels. They would lease the panels to you for no cost. Your only obligation is to purchase the power at an agreed-to price, whatever power that they make, and they gauge it to your usage. They don't try to make too much or too little, so you get the biggest advantage. What you would do, and we are working this out, you would just lease a piece of the property for \$1 or \$10 a year, whatever you and the County decide and you would have this area that you would lease from the County for that period of time, your panels, your agreement with SolarCity, your panels would be on that site. So it wouldn't necessarily be your panels here and a big space, your panels here. It would still look like this, but maybe these panels right here are New Baltimore panels, these panels are someone else's panels. They are together, but they are wired for the different municipalities. It is just economies to scale.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked could it be a longer term than three years for the electrical program?

Patrick Manning responded now going to the electrical program, three years is the farthest we go out. It is really the longest term that most anyone goes out, but at the end of three years, a couple months before that time, we will then come back to you and say I hope you like what we tried to do as an energy partner. I have intentions to see our faces here on a monthly/bimonthly basis, how are things going, I just want to tell you what I am hearing in the marketplace, so you are not a number. In some places you are not even a number, they don't even know what the name of your town is. We will try to keep a partnership going. About two-and-a-half plus years into it is when I will come back and say we would like to have you as a client again. Here is the rate we can offer you, can we work together again? I hope you have been happy with this, by the way you saved this amount of money. Sorry we won't be able to rebate you any money because you've saved hundreds or thousands of dollars. I've already saved thousands for other communities. As a team we have saved unbelievable amounts of money for some communities. But now we are going to put our money where our mouth is and make that guarantee. Three years, that's the best I can do right now.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked even with the solar program?

Patrick Manning pointed out with the solar program, separate, you are going to on solar. If you decide to join us on the solar program, I think you should be a Viridian customer, because we are saving you and giving you a stable rate for three years. Now as a solar customer, you will be a customer for a 20-year period. It is a 20-year lease, but sometimes that meter is spinning. It is allowing your meter to spin backwards, sometimes at night or when it's cloudy, you are using your credits or it is spinning forward. At that time you are part of the Viridian team and we give you 75% green energy at a rate with a price guarantee. So we are protecting you on both sides.

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You are still on the grid. In essence you are still asking for power, getting it at a good, green Viridian rate that is cheaper, but then they offset you net metering all of this at let's say 6 or 7 cents or whatever it is, so you get that first and whatever you are over, Viridian then kicks in and gives you the difference at a cheaper rate. So you get 100 percent sun, when you are using more than 100 percent sun, you get 75 percent green, both cheaper than Central Hudson and backed by guarantees and contracts.

Supervisor Dellisanti stated last question and I will leave you alone. We have a number of homeowners here tonight. Is there any kind of a program you can do for the homeowners?

Patrick Manning answered I'm happy to be here. Yes, for both solar and for green energy, so affordable energy for your homes. I can leave my card, (to Andrea) why don't you leave your cards and I only say that because we work together as a team and I will continue to work with you folks and answer any questions that you may might have. Now the rates change once a month for the utility; they also change for us. For the last two month we have stayed at 9.49, three months ago we were at 7.99, but it only shows everyone is watching the future. Because you are small commercial, it is a very easy process to change over to Viridian and affordable green. If you are interested, I would love to help you, I would love to do it before the end of the year because I don't know what the rates are going to be. They might go up much higher, they might stay the same for another month. I don't know, I didn't think they will stay the same. That's not to pressure you, just telling you how it works come the first of the year and we start again. So if you give me permission to let SolarCity look at your usage, we will then move to get you a pricing in January and have you as part of the process and moves forward in the next 2-3 months, no rush on that one.

Ellie Alfeld asked are you connected with SolarCity or whatever you are with Owens Corning and that big solar field they have on 32?

Patrick Manning replied that is a SolarCity project, but not anything I had to do with or our team.

Ellie Alfeld continued you just said, I think some of your last statements were, that you would like a decision before the end of the year because things change at the first of the year, I guess. You are asking for a decision on something in eight days from a Town Board. Well, I'm just asking?

Patrick Manning clarified not to confuse the two things. The SolarCity project is going to take some time, it just takes time. On the Viridian end, I've had towns that have taken months to make a decision or I have towns that said yes we have to save money, we have to stabilize our rates and make a decision that night. It is all different and I never pressure anyone. I always tell them I had a couple stories where then a town has came to me and said we are in and I've said rates are a half cent more now, and they say why didn't you tell us and I say because I hate saying something like that because it almost feels like I'm pushing them.

Ellie Alfeld said it is, it is a salesman, who's kidding who here. Next question. You are telling, if I understand this correctly, there's certain panels will be say New Baltimore, certain panels will be Athens, and certain panels could be whatever. I have a passive solar home let's put it that way first, when this power is being generated and they don't use it or need it and it gets fed back to the company, are we getting paid for you to get our power that we are not using?

Patrick Manning explained that's why they size it just right because it is actually the State and the utility that does not allow communities to benefit if more power is created.

Ellie Alfeld continued so we can only pay, but we can't get credit.

Patrick Manning agreed yes, but that's not SolarCity's fault.

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Ellie Alfeld said I'm not saying whose fault it is.

Patrick Manning continued it is just the way. In Massachusetts, residents get a check back if they don't use it.

Ellie Alfeld stated exactly and that's what I was looking for.

Councilman Ruso asked do they give you a credit then, is that what it does? Who does the credit go to?

Patrick Manning pointed out it is allowed to stay in the grid and no one ever gets credit for it. So SolarCity is generating it, you should be the beneficiary of it, neither SolarCity or the Town would benefit from that. So that's why they try to get you right up to what you need. We can generate by law up to 110% of your usage, but if I can't get you back 10 percent, it makes sense, you would think that you are acting as a power plant. So you should be paid for the power that anybody else is creating probably in a dirty way or hearing about capacity charges, FERC and all those things, because there's not enough people generating power in this area so why wouldn't you change that in order for you to benefit. It is not allowed by the State yet, hopefully knock on wood they will someday.

Councilman Ruso questioned this excess power, this is used by someone else?

Patrick Manning noted it is used by someone else and I'm not sure who benefits from it because SolarCity wouldn't and you wouldn't. That's why we try to make sure it gets to as much as you use but not any more.

Ellie Alfeld asked you crossed town lines, do you cross county lines? We just heard a few minutes ago, we can't go to Columbia County because that's something different.

Patrick Manning explained because it is a different utility.

Ellie Alfeld said well I don't know about that, see you said something about going to the Town of Coeymans, that's in another county. So I want to know if you cover or cross over county lines and keep it say Town of Coeymans, and Town of New Baltimore, and Town of Coxsackie.

Patrick Manning responded yes, something like that could be done, because it is in the same utility.

Ellie Alfeld stated only part of the Town of Coeymans is in the same utility, the other is Niagara Mohawk.

Patrick Manning responded it is a very, very small part of it, I know the Town of Coeymans.

Ellie Alfeld said so do I, I lived there.

Patrick Manning repeated a very small part of it.

Ellie Alfeld said depends on where you live. What I am trying to say, as I said, I have done solar energy for quite some time. My house costs me roughly \$450 a year to heat and it's only because when I had my house built, I laid it out to gain the best use of the sun, eastern and southern exposure. When you talk about a farm for these panels, are you talking about a real VanEtten farm, or one of the farms in this town or county or...

Patrick Manning answered it's a term.

Ellie Alfeld continued thank you, that's what I'm trying to get at. It is a solar farm, not a farm farm.

Patrick Manning reiterated correct, just so happens the Greene County site is on an old farm called The Farm, but no it is just at term.

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Ellie Alfeld asked you will be able to provide this town with power that is generated on the farm.

Patrick Manning responded correct, whatever farm these communities would be part of.

Councilman Ruso asked do we have a choice of what farm we are part of?

Patrick Manning answered we are looking to size it up on what is most cost-effective.

Councilman Ruso explained when you said that we pay rent to the county, I start to worry because obviously that adds to the cost.

Patrick Manning clarified rent to the county would be, the examples I used, \$1 or \$10 a year, it's something, a contractual obligation.

Supervisor Dellisanti added it is a lease agreement.

Councilman Ruso noted I'm following you now, I'm sorry.

Patrick Manning remarked it is a lease agreement. You have to either own the property or lease the property.

Councilman Ruso asked the County wouldn't come up with administrative fees?

Patrick Manning observed we are putting this together to help the communities who can't be part. There are other communities that can be, they're over the floor of 600,000 kilowatts a year, but there are some small ones that are not. So we are trying to find a way to do it and not to try to find a way to soak you, to save you money.

Kevin Kemnah asked the large one you are putting in Cairo, 17,000 panels. What is the size of the panel or the total output of the wattage of it?

Patrick Manning answered it is about 5.2 million kilowatts I believe. The size of the panel, I don't have the exact dimensions.

Kevin Kemnah continued I meant put out, 200...

Patrick Manning responded its about 4 megawatts, it's about 5.2 million kilowatts a year.

Kevin Kemnah stated when you said that New Baltimore could go the other way and go with Hunter and another town...

Patrick Manning agreed right and I'm just using those as examples of towns instead of using a, b, and c, I'm not saying Hunter or anyone else has agreed.

Kevin Kemnah asked why would they have to buddy up with another town? What is the ceiling or low point of kilowatt hours to go on your own?

Patrick Manning explained there is a combined total of 600,000 kilowatts per year. That makes it cost effective for SolarCity or other solar companies to look at it as a large commercial project, small commercial projects are not the economy of scale right now. That's why if you can put a couple of these together to exceed that floor, then they can benefit from it. It can be 2 or it could be 3, you could hit that floor with maybe two communities, but why leave other communities out if they can help out as well

Kevin Kemnah continued so a town can't do something like a homeowner can do and say put in 16,000 and I'm going to use 17,000 around there and they can benefit from all the incentives or at least,, Other solar companies I checked into, you get the NYSEDA money and you get the federal, but the homeowner gets to write off the state. But you do a lease agreement.

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Patrick Manning described in some cases you can do that, or some people they get \$0 down, but there is a higher rate, but you can get the NYSEERDA or the Federal tax break or what have you. SolarCity does everything \$0 across the board. They set price. You can decide on a couple different things on escalators or not, but this is what we offer. The most popular one right now, people don't want to put any money out, they just want the benefits without the cost or hassle of maintenance whether you are the homeowner or a large commercial.

Kevin Kennah questioned do you also do where you install it or wherever Town owns the system.

Patrick Manning answered yes we do. There is usually a huge outlay and not as popular because, especially with municipalities, I've found they don't want to spend tens of thousands of dollars for their own set of panels and two weeks later a tree falls on them and shatters one of the panels or it is not working right. It is SolarCity's investment, so SolarCity is watching it 24/7 to make sure it hits the goals it promised the town because they have performance guarantees. If they don't generate the energy that they promised by the panels, they have to pay the town. So they want to make sure that it is at the top performance.

Kevin Kennah continued right now when they do, are they using one large inverter or the smaller digital inverters for each panel.

Patrick Manning answered I believe they are using individual inverters that go to a switch box.

Kevin Kennah inquired if the town decides yes on any of it, could you also work up a price for them what it would be if they purchased our own system.

Patrick Manning replied I could do that if SolarCity was interested in putting that together for a smaller community. I've never had someone ask, but never say never.

Ellie Alfeld said you said something about you watch or you keep an eye. Do you have a security system or a security team or anything like that to make sure that it is safe? We have had park problems.

Patrick Manning noted SolarCity has a security team. I can't give you the details about it.

Supervisor Dellisanti added they are concerned about vandalism as well.

Patrick Manning clarified on vandalism, the agreement between the County and SolarCity is that there are reasonable measures for a commercial project. So there is going to be fencing and signs that say No Trespassing. There might be cameras, I'm not sure. But they make sure no one is fooling around over there. SolarCity doesn't want their investment damaged.

Councilman Ruso commented I just want to make sure I haven't mixed up one product with the other. You are telling me you have a contract with the County right now to provide them electricity through Viridian? Is that correct?

Patrick Manning confirmed we have a contract with the County right now to provide all their natural gas. We will have a contract in 2015 to provide their electricity. Their present contract is expiring and we are going to take over from there.

Councilman Ruso pointed out in terms of our procurement policy, we probably should have this bid out. However, one of the means by which we avoid that, is if you have a state or county contract on which we can piggyback. So I was just trying to think the timeframes that we have, if you have a contract it will go quicker.

Patrick Manning clarified I have shown both Greene County and Columbia County is another good example, because Viridian energy, we are a single source provider. No one provide a 50% voluntary increase of green energy over and above what is required by the state. I was able to

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put together a document to show them, we are under the sole source exemption of the bidding war. However, because the County has a deal with us and I know in regards now also to solar, because we are the preferred provider, NYSAC and deals have already been made through MEGA. That is now, everybody who is a member of MEGA, is able to bypass bidding as well.

Supervisor Dellisanti concluded I want to thank you, Mr. Manning, for your presentation and expertise.

Patrick Manning added I will leave cards if you have any questions or want to throw things at me. Please feel free and because I know it was a lot to chew on in a short period of time. Andrea and I will leave some cards for residents if they have any questions. Thank you very much and have a great holiday.

Supervisor Dellisanti responded thank you, Pat. You too.

Supervisor

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 November Financial Reports seconded by Councilman Norris.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway

County Legislator

No report

Town Clerk

1 Late Fee on Dog License for \$5, 7 Building Permits for \$591, 1 Garage Permit for \$57.60, 1 Certificate of Occupancy Search \$15, 10 EnCon (Hunting/Fishing) Licenses for \$28.32, 14 Dog Licenses \$86, 1 Marriage License \$17.50, 2 Demolition Permits \$150, 2 Minor Subdivision \$120, 6 Certified Copies \$60, 2 Photocopies \$0.50. Total State, County and Local Revenues \$1,654.10, New York State Agriculture and Markets for the Spay/Neutering Program \$15, New York State Department of Health for Marriages \$22.50, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$485.68, Total to Supervisor Dellisanti \$1,130.92.

I had 1 FOIL that has been satisfied for a total of 25 for the year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 27 Town Board Budget Workshop Meeting submitted by Town Clerk, Supervisor Dellisanti moved and was 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, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT: Benway

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The October 27 Town Board Work Meeting submitted by the Town Clerk, Supervisor Dellisanti moved and was seconded by Councilman Ruso. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway

The November 24 Town Board Work Meeting submitted by the Town Clerk, Supervisor Dellisanti moved and was 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, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway

Councilman Norris added just a comment, a lot of work that you did on those Minutes, thank you. There were many pages.

Town Clerk Finke explained it was 70 pages and 39,000 words and unfortunately I tried to get them out as quickly as possible, but Mary Beth bogged me down and some of the terminology was very intense and I had to ask Lou and he and Jim were on vacation. So I did the best I could; so thank you for bearing with me.

Supervisor Dellisanti added you did a great job.

Town Clerk Finke concluded I learned a lot about our Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Councilman Norris continued I can't pull it up on my laptop, but there was one correction and for the record, when we were talking about the bank loans for the sewer, I mentioned Greene County. It's not Greene County, I think it was the Bank of Greene County or the Bank of Cocksackie in the Minutes.

Town Clerk Finke suggested why don't you correct it and send it to me.

Councilman Norris explained I can't pull it up just now, but I noticed that when I was reading it, it said Greene County and I didn't want to be misinterpreted. I meant the Bank of Greene County or Bank of Cocksackie.

Town Clerk Finke remarked if that's all with 70 pages, thank you.

Councilman Norris clarified I think it was more my mistake, than your mistake, I'm pretty sure it was my mistake. I just want to correct it for the record that I wasn't referring to the County. So I want to correct the record going forward, not that it was a mistake, I don't believe it was a mistake, but I don't want the people to read the Minutes and say we were working with Greene County with this. It was actually the Bank of Greene County.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway

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Tax Collector

Property/County Tax I am waiting for the 2015 tax bills to be delivered to me anytime now so I can get them sent out and in your mail box before the first of January. Any questions on 2014 billing will need to go to Greene County at this time. Phone # is (518)719-3530. Sewer District #1 Sewer Bills for District #1 - Any unpaid Sewer bill will be on your 2015 Town/County tax bill you will be receiving in January. Any questions please call me at (518)756-6671 x1. Water District #2 Water District #2 for Scheller Park - I am collecting payments until December 24, 2014. The unpaid bills will go to Greene County for Relevy and I will not be able to collect after the 24th. They will be a Relevy for 2015 year.

Historian

No Report

Agriculture Committee

We met on December 12 at the Kriel Farm. Some of the topics that we talked about was the milk prices, that they predict that the milk prices should be coming down due to a glut of milk on the market, The other thing we discussed was the snow in Buffalo and how that affected the farmers in that area getting product in and out, milk deliveries and all of that. It was a very good meeting, I think there were about a dozen people there. Next meeting will be January 9, Friday at 7 PM at the Kriel Farm.

AGFEST Committee

Have not had a meeting, first meeting will not happen until after the first of the year.

Animal Control Officer

No Report

Assessment

Exemption Mailings The following exemption renewal forms have been mailed out: 48 Agricultural Exemptions, 5 Clergy Exemptions, 8 Religious Non Profit, 12 Disabled Exemptions, 50 Enhanced STAR Exemptions, 4 Parsonage Exemptions, 6 Non Profit Exemptions, 8 Forest Exemptions, 75 Aged Exemptions (low income seniors). A postcard mailing was also sent out for the Enhanced STAR property owners who choose to participate in the IVP (income verification program) renewal with NYS. 122 Yes cards, 23 Undecided cards (requires proof of income), 9 No letters were sent to homeowners whose income was above the required limit. All exemption forms with required documentation needs to be returned by March 1st, 2015. As the first will fall on a Sunday, property owners will be allowed to return renewals by Monday, March 2nd. The Assessor's office wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy and joyous New Year!

Councilman Norris asked as far as the exemptions goes, did the County pass the latest exemption on Seniors. Was that done, did I read that somewhere? I think they do that every two years.

Supervisor Dellisanti answered every other year.

Councilman Norris continued we usually follow suit. I just want to make the Board aware of that, we might be doing that in the near future.

Audit and Control

Councilman Ruso explained we have a number of budget amendments. We are trying to equal out places where we are under budget, accounts where we are over budget. I will read each one.

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**RESOLUTION
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO MAKE
AMENDMENTS TO THE 2014 BUDGET**

RESOLVED that the following amendments to the 2014 Budget are hereby adopted:

| General Fund | Increase Appropriations Decrease-Est. <u>Revenue</u> | Increase-Est. Revenues Decrease- <u>Appropriation</u> |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | |
| A1110.1 Justice Clerk PS | \$5,600.00 | |
| A1220.1 Supervisor's Confidential Secretary PS | \$ 750.00 | |
| A1355.1 Assessor's Clerk PS | \$ 780.00 | |
| A1420.4 Attorney CE | \$6,280.00 | |
| A1670.4 Central Printing | \$ 330.00 | |
| A1989.4 Other Government Support | \$4,000.00 | |
| A6989.4 Economic Development | \$ 100.00 | |
| A7020.1 Recreation Administration PS | \$ 820.00 | |
| A7510.4 Historian CE | \$ 100.00 | |
| A8020.1 Planning Clerk PS | \$ 150.00 | |
| A8160.4 Refuse & Garbage CE | \$ 50.00 | |
| A9055.8 Disability Insurance | \$ 154.00 | |
| Total | \$19,114.00 | |
| A1330.4 Tax Collector CE | | \$ 700.00 |
| A1350.1 Tax Collector PS | | \$ 370.00 |
| A1410.1 Deputy Clerk PS | | \$ 370.00 |
| A1620.1 Buildings PS | | \$ 154.00 |
| A1620.4 Buildings Contractual Expense | | \$1,750.00 |
| A1680.4 Central Data Processing | | \$1,200.00 |
| A1920.4 Municipal Dues | | \$ 200.00 |
| A3510.1 Control of Dogs PS | | \$ 40.00 |
| A3620.4 Safety Inspection CE | | \$ 700.00 |
| A5010.4 Superintendent of Highways CE | | \$ 40.00 |
| A5132.4 Garage | | \$3,000.00 |
| A5182.4 Street Lighting | | \$ 100.00 |
| A7140.4 Playgrounds PS | | \$1,040.00 |
| A7140.4 Playgrounds CE | | \$1,180.00 |
| A7310.1 Youth Program PS | | \$ 490.00 |
| A7310.4 Youth Program CE | | \$ 350.00 |
| A7989.4 Cultural Programs | | \$ 90.00 |
| A8010.1 Zoning Clerk PS | | \$ 70.00 |
| A9010.8 State Retirement | | \$6,700.00 |
| A9040.8 Workers' Compensation | | \$ 390.00 |
| Total | | \$19,114.00 |

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| | Increase Appropriations Decrease-Est. <u>Revenue</u> | Increase-Est. Revenues Decrease- <u>Appropriation</u> |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Highway Fund | | |
| A9901.9 Interfund Highway | \$30,000.00 | |
| DA5031 Interfund Highway | | \$30,000.00 |
| DA5142.1 Snow Removal Personal Service | \$35,135.00 | |
| DA5110.1 General Repair Personal Service | | \$29,485.00 |
| DA5140.4 Brush & Weeds Contractual Expense | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| DA9060.8 Hospital & Medical Insurance | \$13,500.00 | |
| DA9040.8 Workers' Compensation | \$ 280.00 | |
| DA9055.8 Disability Insurance | \$ 550.00 | |
| DA9710.7 Serial Bonds Interest | \$ 510.00 | |
| DA5110.4 General Repairs Contractual Expense | | \$ 9,110.00 |
| DA5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual Expense | | \$ 3,140.00 |
| DA9010.8 Retirement | | \$10,240.00 |
| Total | \$51,975.00 | \$51,975.00 |
| DA3501 Consolidated Highway Aid | \$14,562.00 | |
| DA5112.4 CHIPS-Permanent Improvements | | \$14,562.00 |

Motion from Councilman Norris seconded by Councilman Ruso

Councilman Norris asked the Historian for \$100, do we know for a fact that he is not going to be using the money for the rest of the year or use that money to buy anything?

Supervisor Dellisanti responded as far as we know yes.

Councilman Norris continued because last year he purchased that...

Supervisor Dellisanti clarified he has 8 days.

Councilman Norris said I'm just making sure.

Town Clerk Finke explained the vouchers are done.

Councilman Ruso added anything he buys now will go on the next year.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway

Buildings, Grounds and Recycling

2 Appliances (1 Washer, 1 Dryer) for \$15, 10 Tires To And Including 16' Without Rim \$20, 1 Tire Up To and Including 16' With Rim \$3, 3 Tires Larger than 16" Without Rim \$22.50, For a Total of \$45.50. 60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastic) 26; 55 Gallon Drums of Cans and Aluminum 8; 55 Bundles of Magazines and Phone Books, 57 Bags and Bundles of Newspaper; 10 Bags of Shredded Paper; 25 Boxes and Bundles of Cardboard. Total Received \$60.50

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Building Inspector

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for November 2014 is as follows: 21 Building Inspections; 5 Building Permits Issued; 2 Building Permits Renewed; 5 Certificates of Compliance Issued; 2 Certificates of Occupancy Issued; 3 Commercial Site Fire Inspections; 3 Demolition Permit Applications Received; 3 Demolition Permits Issued; 6 General Complaints; 1 Manufactured (Mobile) Home Permits Issued; 5 New Building Permit Applications Received. Application Fees for November, 2014 \$798.60. Total Fees for Year to Date \$9,124.70.

Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement

I attended the New Baltimore Fire District meeting on December 11, 2014 at 7:30 PM. A number of items were discussed. One that concerned me was a radio contract for the Fire Department and the Town was being renewed at \$200 per month. This was not discussed with me or any Board members this year. A meeting is being scheduled with the Radio Company, the Fire Department, and the Town to negotiate a new contract for 2015. I will report back on that once that meeting has taken place.

Greene County EMS

The regular monthly meeting was held on December 16 at 5 PM in Cairo. There were 8 EMS calls in November for a total of 58 for the year. As of November 30, 2014, there is a projected year-end balance of \$165,000.

Greene County Planning Board

The County Planning Board met on December 17, 2014 and reviewed the following applications: There were two side lot variances in the Town of Catskill that the County Planning Board voted to defer to the local Zoning Board. There was an application for a major development on Windham Mountain for a combination of condominiums, single family homes, clubhouse, restaurant, and ski lifts for slope side access totaling over 230 units. The County Planning Board voted to approve the application with recommendations. There was also a Site Plan application from the Town of Catskill to place a "Dollar General" Store in the hamlet of Palenville. The 9,100 square foot store would be located at the former site of Diamantes Restaurant, which has been closed for many years. The County Planning Board voted to disapprove with comments the Site Plan application. The consensus was that the plan, as submitted, would not fit into the historic Hamlet. Being disapproved from the County Planning Board, the Plan would require a super majority vote from the Catskill Planning Board to move forward.

Grants, Promotions and Economic Development

Shelly and I are meeting on Friday morning to fill out the Greene County Youth Grant application which is due by December 31.

Highway

November 24 to December 17, 2014 Patched holes with winter mix, Patched dirt roads with crusher run, Picked up bags of leaves in hamlet, Greased and washed all plow trucks, Cleaned ditch on New Baltimore Road, Worked on Case IH tractor, painted cab, replaced muffler, Wednesday November 26 started to snow around 11am worked until 12am on Thursday, November 27, Cut trees and branches hanging over the roads, Friday November 28 called in all at 6:30 am light snow, sanded all roads, Replaced cutting edge on 2013 International wing, Replaced exhaust elbow on 1993 International, Painted rims on Case IH tractor, Repaired Sweezey Road where tree fell over and damaged shoulder, Serviced John Deere backhoe, Saturday, December 6 called all in at 7:30 am to sand roads, sleet and freezing rain, Checked over all plow trucks and repaired lights where needed, Tuesday December 9 called all in at 6:30 pm plowed and sanded all roads, Wednesday December 10 snow, plowed and sanded all roads two times, Wednesday, December 10 called all in at 6 pm to plow and sand all roads again,

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Replaced cutting edge on 2012 International 4300, Replaced rear end u-bolts on 1993 International.

Insurance

No Report

Memorials

No Report

Personnel Committee

Supervisor Dellisanti read according to Section 105 of the Public Officers Law, Section F, the medical, financial, credit or employment of a particular person or corporation on matters leading to appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Motion from Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten to enter Executive Session at 8:16 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway

Motion from Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten to return to the Regular Town Board Meeting at 8:36 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway

Supervisor Dellisanti reported the Board reviewed, discussed and approved the Final Notification of Charges involving the misconduct, insubordination and incompetence of an employee which lead to the employee's discipline and dismissal. Due to the confidential employment nature of the matter, no further information shall be disclosed concerning same pursuant to Public Officers Law, Section 105 (l)(f) except that a copy of the above-mentioned Notification shall be appended hereto but not subject to FOIL disclosure pursuant to Public Officer Law Section 87 (2)(a) and (b).

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**RESOLUTION
DECEMBER 22, 2014**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ACTION TAKEN IN CONFIDENTIAL
EMPLOYEE MATTER**

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approves action taken in Executive Session on a confidential employee matter which lead to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person.

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Motion from Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway

Planning Board

The Planning Board met on December 11, 2014 with the following business transacted: Public Hearing was held and completed on the proposed 10-lot major subdivision of the property owned by the Estate of Palmer under contract to Franklin Woods Investment LLC located on South Ridge Road and North Ridge Road at Hillcrest Road. Public Hearing was held and completed on the Dominico Verano Minor Subdivision Application. In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed: The Major Subdivision of the Estate of Palmer property was approved. The Verano Minor Subdivision was approved with condition that the undersized parcel for which an Area Variance had been granted by the ZBA not remain a separate parcel but be combined with the neighbor's property per intent of application. Discussed with authorized representative from J.B. Car Services the annual renewal of their Special Use Permit. Six-month renewal was granted with condition that owner come before the Board to discuss continuing to upgrade the business operation and property. Received Minor Subdivision Application from Paul and Patricia Schiller for the subdivision of a .9 acre parcel from property located on the e/s of Route 9W. Purpose of requested subdivision is to transfer the property to an adjoining parcel. Received Minor Subdivision Application from Paul and Patricia Schiller for the subdivision of a 1.5 acre parcel from property located on the e/s Route 9W. The purpose of requested subdivision is to transfer the property to an adjoining parcel. Received Minor Subdivision Application from Paul and Patricia Schiller for the subdivision of a 4.824 acre parcel from property located on the e/s of Route 9W. The purpose of requested subdivision is to transfer the property to an adjoining parcel. Public Hearings on the three Schiller Applications were scheduled for 7, 7:15, and 7:30 pm on Thursday, January 8, 2015.

Year-End Report for 2014: Regular Monthly Meetings Held 12, Work Meetings Held None, Public Hearings Held 11, Minor Subdivisions Approved 7 (four of the subdivisions approved were to make it possible for property owners to complete lot line adjustments with neighbors), Major Subdivision Approved 1, New Lots Created 13, Annual Special Use Permits Approved 1, Six-Months Special Use Permit Approved 1, Full Site Plans Approved 1. Fees Taken In: December, 2013 through November, 2014 \$1,240.00; January, 2014 through December, 2014 \$1,390.00.

Supervisor Dellisanti read a letter of resignation from Dan Kelly and remarked he was sorry to see Dan leave; he has been an asset to the Planning Board.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Norris to Accept the Resignation of Dan Kelly from the Planning Board

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway

Councilman Norris asked if we are going to replace him, when is his term up?

Councilwoman VanEtten replied he has one year left.

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Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet on December 3, 2014 since there were no applications to come before the Board.

The Zoning Board of Appeals report for the 2014 year is as follows: Meetings Held 5, Public Hearings Held 5, Variance Applications Received 8, Variance Applications Approved 5 (All five Variance Applications approved were for undersized parcels to allow the applicant to complete subdivision process before Planning Board for lot line adjustments), Variance Applications Withdrawn 1, Variance Applications Abandoned 1, Variance Application Adjourned until in 2015 1, Variance Application Fees Taken in \$800.

Seniors

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**RESOLUTION
DECEMBER 22, 2014**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN
AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
NEW BALTIMORE SENIOR CITIZEN COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS the Attorney for the Town has recommended that the Town of New Baltimore enter into an Agreement with the Senior Citizen Committee for publicizing and organizing social events, the remitting of any public donations to the Town Supervisor for deposit into the General Fund for use by the Committee in addition to their Town funding, and the Town's funding commitment for the year.

RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign said Agreement with representative of the Senior Citizen Committee.

Motion from Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway

Councilman Norris asked who from the Senior Citizens Committee signs the agreement?

Councilwoman VanEtten responded there are co-chairs, Ellie is one and Sharon Locke.

Councilman Norris inquired is this similar, the same thing that we did with the AgFest Committee?

Councilman Ruso added I believe the Parks program is similar.

Ellie Alfeld said no, the Ag Committee has its own bank account. We do not have a bank account.

Councilman VanEtten corrected we do not, we only have a contract with the AgFest Committee for the Town to pay the electric. The Senior Committee we give you an amount of money. Any donations you collect is above and beyond that, so this is a Committee saying that you have a paper trail saying that, but it is a contract.

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Ellie Alfeld said I understand a paper trail. What I am asking about is then can we set up a bank account so that we can put our donations in a bank account? As Shelly said, that's what the Ag Committee does.

Councilwoman VanEtten explained the Ag Fest Committee is completely a self-supporting Committee. We get only the electric bill is paid.

Supervisor Dellisanti suggested I will check with the Town Attorney.

Councilman Ruso commented I was thinking it was similar more to the Youth program. You get monies in for that for them. That's the only correlation I can think of.

Councilman VanEtten added it is similar, that's exactly what...

Supervisor Dellisanti noted we just deposited all the donations into the General Fund.

Ellie Alfeld asked are we talking about the firemen's committee?

Councilwoman VanEtten pointed out you put out jugs and people put in money which is donations.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway

Technology/Website

No Report

Town Court

I met with Joe, but I don't have a formal written report this month.

Wastewater Treatment

No Report

Youth, Parks and Recreation

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**RESOLUTION
DECEMBER 22, 2014**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNCILWOMAN VANETTEN AND COUNCILMAN
RUSO TO APPLY FOR 2015 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 2015 Youth Grant for \$3,000 before the deadline of December 31, 2014.

Motion by Councilman Norris seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway

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Supervisor Dellisanti observed let's hope we get the \$3,000.

Councilman Norris asked are you putting a grant into the Bank of Greene County also?

Councilman Ruso explained we did early in 2014, but we have a deadline, I think a couple months on it. This one has to be in by December 31.

Councilman Norris stated the deadline is usually January, I've done three or four for the Farmers' Market.

Supervisor Dellisanti noted they haven't sent anything out to us.

Councilman Norris pointed out you have to do it online, you did it last year. You download the application on line.

Councilman Ruso clarified he filled it out in writing and submitted it and they gave us \$250.

Supervisor Dellisanti added it is better than nothing.

Councilwoman VanEtten commented it pays for materials.

Councilman Norris observed usually the second one is easier than the first one, because the first one you have to do all the research and get all the numbers. All you have to do is amend it.

Councilman Ruso stated just change the address.

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**RESOLUTION
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**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, 2015.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway

Supervisor Dellisanti explained this is the same contract that goes back to 2008. It was better than rewriting the whole thing, just do an extension.

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Public Comment

Supervisor Dellisanti called on Alice Allen to speak on the State Agriculture Fund Application.

Alice Allen began I leased the Schoenborn Farm 5 years ago and I've tried to clean it up for the last 5 years, put a lot of time and a lot of money in that farm, and I have never been treated so poorly in an area than I have in this area. And I am going to let everyone know here and I want it a matter of public record. If I go out that door, it is going to be the same door that I came in. It is going to be the front door. I lived in a nice place in another County. I rescued a lot of these horses, they sent them down to me when they were starving to death. Everyone in this County, I shouldn't say everyone, many people in this County knew what happened to those animals. I cleaned up the mess. I made application to place the farm in State Ag District because it would be a lot easier for me to deal with the municipalities of the state than it would be for locally. I'm here and I'm going to tell you why. It took a lot to walk into this meeting tonight, but I've had enough. A year-and-a-half ago I spoke with Mick Bessire from Cornell. He said to place the farm in State Ag applications because they will help me more agriculturally. I don't have to always go through the municipalities and have an argument of what is or what isn't. So I did that and last Wednesday I get a telephone call, it's the fellow that owns the farm. His name is Joe Pascalone and he says, " Alice, someone made a prank call to me and he said call this number and see who it is. He said they said they were the Sheriff's Department." So I called and it was the Sheriff's Department and some fellow named Sheriff Seeley. He wanted to know and he was calling on behalf of my State Ag Fund application, which is unheard of. It's three or four pieces of paper, that you name your title, what it is used for and he wanted to know if we were involved in criminal activity because the he said there was a Planning Board meeting.

Councilwoman VanEtten asked is this in New Baltimore?

Alice Allen answered the Legislative leaders of the Planning Board meeting in Greene County.

Councilwoman VanEtten noted the County Planning Board Meeting.

Alice Allen continued and they wanted to know if I ever had inhumane treatment of animals and if there was illegal activity and I said Mister you made the wrong call and I said I want to get to the bottom of this and I'm going to get to the bottom of it. And I said by no means does the Sheriff call you up over an Ag Fund Application. Well, we had a complaint over your Ag Fund Application that there was criminal activity. Well, there was no criminal activity on my part and you can look in my background There is not criminal activity, I rescued these horses. I communicate greatly with New York State Racing and Wagering Board, the Agricultural Fund, legislatively I am very involved, but it's an insult. Alice just let it go, don't mention anymore about this. So Friday night Nick Bessire knocked on my door, he is with Columbia Greene County Cornell Program, sat down at my kitchen table and said I need to come in for a minute. It is getting dark, it is 5 o'clock. He said I am embarrassed I have to come here, but I was sent here to ask you if you are involved in criminal activity And he said he was told and called by I thought it was you.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked me?

Alice Allen responded he said Nick and I said okay then I said who said this. I went to the County today to see a Warren Hart and he was out of town or out of his office, they are having a Christmas Party. But I cannot believe to live in an area, abide by the rules, clean up this County's garbage, that someone would go ahead and insult me and insult the owner of this farm and accuse someone of criminal activity. Now I am really kind of shocked at that because it's just a piece of paper. You list your tax parcels and what you do for a living. Now, I don't know how to pronounce your name, I'm not from this area, so I am not a good pronouncer of names,

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but I will just say Nick. I had problems and I came to you with those problems. That hasn't stopped in my world, it has not stopped. I went to a Town to talk about my taxes. There were two trailers sitting on a lot, they had wheels on them. Catskill office asked if I could move those house trailers. Some guys came in, cut up the trailers, hauled the metal out, Guy DeGennaro \$1,900 in garbage I cleaned up off that lot, it wasn't mine. Walked into this office to hear your Code Enforcement Officer say well she really didn't need a permit, but I went ahead and made her have one anyway. I came back to this office and I said look, I've had enough. I said I run a commercial boarding facility, asked your son to put up a fence. I'm telling you this so it won't leave your Supervisor in a bad position. That man went home and told his son, Ed Pebler, who happens to be the Code Enforcement Officer of Cocksackie and they border my property. Our place is here, his is there. I have stallions. By State law you have to keep four board fence for stallions. My fence is up, I just didn't want theirs getting hurt. Mr. Gordon Pebler went back told his son, the son pulled up behind my vehicle and called me everything but white, dared my husband who is an ill man to come out of the barn, told me he'd make it f***ing tough for me. And I came back to you, Nick, and I told you this. You won't deny it in front of everyone.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked who did I speak to?

Alice Allen answered you spoke to Gordon?

Supervisor Dellisanti asked who else did I speak to?

Alice Allen responded you spoke to me.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked who else did I speak to?

Alice Allen replied you called Mr. Hanse. Mr. Hanse calls me up and tells me he's hiding in his Tax Assessor's Office because he doesn't want anyone to know that they are calling me and it still doesn't let up. I called the Police, a young black lady came to my place, and she understood exactly what I was going through. But to have that type of conduct because this Mr. Pebler that works in this Town tells me that he is grandfathered in to hunt on our farm. I've got pregnant mares and foals and I said look where I come from my grandpa is dead and there is no such thing as grandfathered in.

Councilman Ruso and Councilwoman VanEtten both said there is no such thing.

Councilwoman VanEtten asked I just have a question. The farm is part in New Baltimore and part in Cocksackie?

Alice Allen answered yes. So I have filed for a major grant, I wanted all the records. I FOILED for your records, for tax records, because they wanted real property tax transfers. They wanted this for federal land grants and you have to turn in all your paperwork. I get in trouble there, it's an argument at every step, there's a problem. Mr. Nick was very nice to me. But to have someone call you up and ask you about criminal activity and to ask about inhumane treatment of animals. And I asked Mick Bessire to write a comprehensive report. And after I walked off those girls were dumbfounded when I went to Mr. Hart's office today and explained what happened to me. They must have called him because 20 minutes later, Mick Bessire said they had another Planning Board meeting and they forgot to tell him that they were including the land because no one wants to get caught with their pants down. But I will be treated the same way as any person in this community. I don't ask you to like me, I don't care if you like me. I mind my business, I work hard for a living and this community, Cocksackie, Greene County, can't blame me for what happened here because you see the electric company used to stop at my place because I had to have new meters put in because there wasn't electricity there in so long that they had tore the meters off the poles. But the electric company told me they saw dead horses lying

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in the driveways. The neighbors walked down the road and said they watched them bury those dead horses. The Code Enforcement Officer lives on my street and conducts business. So everyone knew what was going on except the man that leased this property to someone he didn't know. And you think if you lease the property to the largest breeder...

Supervisor Dellisanti asked did you also go to the Town of Coxsackie's Board?

Alice Allen said I went to Hanse. What happened was and I will tell everyone here. I received a letter from Louis & Stanzione that I must cease and desist talking of what happened, that I was not allowed to say what happened. I have that letter and they accused me of trying to destroy my own fences. I have that letter. Mr. Pascalone received another letter from Louis & Stanzione prior to Election that they needed to establish boundaries on my farm, on Mr. Pascalone's farm. I should have brought it with me. But I have a survey that Mr. Pebler surveyed part of the property off of the Schoenborn's, filed a letter with the Planning Board that said that Mr. Pascalone gave him permission, and the survey says boundaries yet to be established.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked which Pebler are we talking about?

Alice Allen answered Ed Pebler. I ran Hyatt out of there, not because he was mean. I said don't you survey property. Where we come from we survey by deed. So I've never had these experiences anywhere in my life.

Member of the Audience asked how would the County be involved?

Alice Allen replied I know why, because someone told me exactly they would make it real tough for me. And it's not going to be that tough because they aren't going to outsmart me. How do you come across, go look on your maps. My property markers, I've told you that, Nick, all the notes that are on your cards, your old properties and historic properties, they were all deleted 7.14.2015 and because I know the answers. I have those answers.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked Alice, how can this Board help you? It sounds like you have a number of problems in the Village of Coxsackie.

Alice Allen responded it's not just the Village, Nick. I came here first because you treated me with respect. I am going to go to Mr. Hanse and believe me I am going to go to the County.

Supervisor Dellisanti reiterated you know I called him.

Alice Allen replied I know you did, he hid. When a man tells you that they hide in the Tax Assessor's Office because they don't want anyone to hear the conversation, then you don't belong in your position because you lack leadership and where I come from it's called backbone. I have never been called the names that I was called.

Councilwoman VanEtten added we would like to help you, we just need....

Alice Allen suggested the way a person can help because the one I felt so sorry for is Mick Bessire. To give him a call from Greene County Agriculture and you are on the Agricultural Committee and you let him tell you how embarrassed he was to have to be in my home and hold the position for 15 years and never in his career...

Councilman Norris said I don't believe I know him. I'm sorry, but I don't believe I know him. He's from Cornell Cooperative.

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Alice Allen and he runs the Greene County and Columbia County local offices to help the agricultural, over what's available and what the rules are. I would hope that you would call him and ask him because he said Alice the only way, I feel terrible, he said but the only way that you will be out of this from local governments and local municipalities is to be in State Ag because of how the situations is. He said it has just become a nightmare.

Supervisor Dellisanti remarked I'm sorry you are going through this, Alice.

Alice Allen continued that's why I came here just to go on that record, because if there is a backlash, I want everyone in this room to know that Mr. Nick treated me with respect and he actually tried to help me. And since that day forward, it's been nothing but living hell. I go into the grocery store and their children flip me off and start screaming the fu word. I don't need that, I wasn't born here, I'm not one of the good old boys. People are people and you treat them like human beings. Like them or not, when you are a public official... When they talk about criminal activity, I was never removed from an office for taking vehicles and what I read on line. So when someone makes those allegations about Alice Allen, they better stand tall to see where their past comes from. I would like to know why all these parcels that Mr. Pascalone, that borders, why everything was taken off historical deed notes deleted July 14, 2015?

Supervisor Dellisanti asked is that on the Cocksackie side or New Baltimore?

Alice Allen answered both sides, it borders the reservoir. Because there is just a tremendous amount of discrepancy in land because when Mr. Pascalone purchased the property, he bought Schoenborn Associates. He bought the property when it was in foreclosure and the referee's deed. Mr. Stanzione transferred the property of 289 acres and since that purchase, Mr. Pascalone has never been billed for 289 acres. All land transactions had changed and he would like to know the answer.

Supervisor Dellisanti concluded thank you, Alice.

Alice Allen added I'm sorry if I ruined your day.

Ellie Alfeld began the questions I have concern an audit. Jeff read tonight there were a couple of things that I didn't understand and I'd like some clarification. In October or approximately the end of September, beginning of October, I asked Mr. Dellisanti who his Confidential Secretary was and I believe at that time you told me you had not appointed one. In going over the printout when we were doing budgeting, I saw that there was a listing of \$250 spent between January and September for a Confidential Secretary. I didn't understand that, but I still waited for a Confidential Secretary name. I didn't get one and then tonight I hear \$750. Now I'm old enough to remember that the Confidential Secretary position was created by David Louis who appointed his wife at no cost to the Town. That was followed up by Susan O'Rorke who appointed Marjorie Loux for a fee of \$1,000 which was subtracted from her salary.

Councilman Norris noted Supervisor's salary.

Ellie Alfeld continued I'm sorry Supervisor's salary; Susan O'Rorke was the Supervisor was she not. Now I think there should be some clarification that if we have a Confidential Secretary, they deserve the money. But if we don't have a Confidential Secretary, why did we spend \$1,000. And if we didn't spend \$1,000, it should go back to Nick because that was the arrangement prior to his taking office.

Councilman Ruso responded I can answer that for your, since I'm the one that read it. The first quarter of 2014, Barbara Finke was the Confidential Secretary prior to her being appointed to the

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Town Clerk position. Nick has decided subsequent to that, that he did not fill it, that's his decision entirely. He did not accept the monies back. The \$750 that you heard me read was because it was under budget by \$750. All we spent was one-quarter worth of the \$1,000 that was otherwise earmarked; \$750 is being taken from that account to help supplement some of the other accounts where we are over-budget.

Ellie Alfeld said so in other words even though that money was directed to that particular position, you decided to put it somewhere else, but not to go back in the General Fund.

Councilman Ruso explained it goes to the General Fund. It goes from the General Fund and from the General Fund it goes into the accounts that are over-budget.

Ellie Alfeld continued I understand that, but this is the scenario that I am trying to get to. The next thing I want to question in your audit, have you got a total, and I mean a complete total, of what is spent on the Park program?

Councilman Ruso replied I had it a day or so ago and I don't have it in front of me.

Ellie Alfeld stated it just seems to me that it is adding up to quite a chunk of money.

Councilman Ruso asked Nick, when we sat down I believe we came up to that it had \$275 extra left over.

Ellie Alfeld asked give me the grand total.

Councilman Ruso and Supervisor Dellisanti answered I don't have that.

Councilwoman VanEtten remarked they stayed within the budget

Councilman Ruso agreed that is partially correct. There was a budget and then there were donations and there were grants and the total cost was below the budgeted and the grant money.

Ellie Alfeld asked could I get, by the next meeting, a total of exactly how much went to the Park Program?

Councilman Ruso noted I will have to go back to my records, I just don't have it with me.

Ellie Alfeld continued that's fine. And the reason why I bring this up, and I'm sorry if I am boring some of the people here, but when I first approached David Louis about funds for the Seniors in this Town, after some difficulty, we were granted \$2,500. The following year the Town seemed to have a problem with funding and so the Seniors said we will give back \$1,000 of our money. My whole argument for the Seniors deserving monies for programs was the fact that we have more Seniors in this Town than we have young people. I don't have the exact number of how many kids who went on the Park Program. Shelly may have that because I do believe you have a reconciling of it.

Councilwoman VanEtten clarified I do believe there was quite a few and it changes from each week. I want to say 50.

Ellie Alfeld stated I'll accept even 75, let's go with that number. Then you tell me where the fairness is in your programs when it comes to the Seniors who are now operating on \$1,500 and yet the Parks and your 75 kids are getting in the neighborhood, I'm estimating probably \$4-\$5,000.

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Councilwoman VanEtten replied not from the Town. We are doing the grant work to get the grant.

Ellie Alfeld continued I didn't say the Town, Shelly, I said the total. That's what they are operating on.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked when was your budget cut by the former administration?

Ellie Alfeld answered we've been on \$1,500 I believe now it's two years out of the three. Not to say that we don't use the money wisely, I think we do. And we've had nothing but compliments on everything that we've tried, whether it be the picnic or the Christmas Party. And in fact, the reason why I brought up so much about the donations was because, we use that money to offset what we took from the Town on vouchers with expenses thereby being able to return to the Town some of the monies that you have set aside for our operations. We cut back, we donated, the Senior Committee and I can name you all of the people that are on it, out of their own pocket without any monies given back to them, provided some of the sodas. In fact one year we didn't get paid any of our return. We used donation money to pay for the meats and the rest of it the Board members ate. I'm not saying we should not give you back the donation money, but let's be a little bit give-and-take here. If you are going to take the donation money which we used before, you are going to take that donation money that we had used for door prizes. This year we had to go to you and ask you for the money for door prizes.

Councilwoman VanEtten clarified you are not giving it to us. We are taking it and it is going so you can spent it above and beyond what the Town's budgeted. And the reason for that is because the Comptroller's Office, the State, requires a paper trail for all monies collected by any Town Committee. That's not our rule, that is the State.

Ellie Alfeld continued I'm not looking for rules, I understand the Comptroller, I know how to use red pen. All I'm saying to you is it is one thing for you to explain to everybody how kids deserve all of these programs, Parks that cannot even be operated anymore, and yet Seniors have given, given and so let's give some more.

Councilwoman VanEtten remarked so then what we should do is ask the fire company maybe to do a fundraiser for the Seniors too, but you don't want to do fundraisers.

Ellie Alfeld stated we don't want to ask, we don't believe we should go begging hat-in-hand for anything.

Councilwoman VanEtten explained but the children's program does do fundraisers and the firemen do it for them and that's their choice.

Ellie Alfeld said well I just want you to know as far as the Seniors are concerned, it doesn't seem like we stand in such good stead anymore as anybody else, and that's my assessment. Oh and does anybody on the Town Board know what our balance is as far as not the reserve fund, what our full balance is that we have left that this Town..... I have a letter from David Louis telling me that when he and Arlene left the Town Board and decided not to run again, that there was a \$500,000 balance and the Town was in very good condition. Since that time we have had another Supervisor, I'd like to know now at the end of your year what the balance is in that fund.

Councilwoman VanEtten replied we took \$30,000 out from the reserve fund this year. Last year we took out what, Chris, \$64,000, the year before...?

Councilman Ruso observed I'm reluctant to say because we still have some things that have yet to be paid.

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Ellie Alfeld said we are not looking at big things, come on Jeff.

Councilman Ruso pointed out we can get that for you.

Councilwoman VanEtten asked you sat here through the old Town Board meetings, Chris. What was taken out of the reserve funds when you were in Susan's administration? One year it was \$64,000, the year before it was what?

Councilman Norris agreed there is monies in there.

Ellie Alfeld continued so we as the general public would like to know exactly where this Town stands as far as what monies have we got left. Are we paupers or are we a little affluent, that's the answer I want.

Supervisor Dellisanti answered the Town is financially secure.

Ellie Alfeld added I could be secure with \$20 in my pocket right now, but I don't have it.

Councilman Ruso summarized I will make it a point to get that figure to you, not until the next meeting.

Ann Marie Vadney began I just had a question based on what you were saying, Ellie, because I have issue with any of these little committees focusing on a small group, even a Seniors Committee, I will use that as a good example, with taxpayer dollars. I think that I might start coming to the meetings because I think we should pull together and try and focus on a broader level and open up whatever is being done, say the Seniors, if the Town is giving any money to any group then it should not be limited to a small number. You are correct, there are a great deal of Seniors, when we campaigned, we saw how many seniors. But most of the seniors that I am talking about can't get up and go to a meeting. So if you are going to be fundraising, if there are other avenues where we don't have the taxpayer because the Seniors are already paying taxes. I think that my point in getting up is that it's like the Veterans Committee, we are trying to get the monument for, taxpayer dollars can't pay for everything in our Town. I think it comes down to us getting as many people involved and sharing, and being good neighbors. And I think we have a great Town, but I think we have a long ways to go there. So whatever the amount of money is being given, I have to be quite frank, I would like to use that money in a much different manner and try to expand other avenues for these little committees.

Councilman VanEtten pointed out so what you are saying is do more fundraisers and things like that.

Ann Marie Vadney responded yes. I think the children are equally as important as our Seniors.

Councilwoman VanEtten agreed of course they are.

Ann Marie Vadney thought maybe we should start a comrade program, using that word, where they are assisting each other. I worked in places where that kind of thing works very well. Money isn't the answer to some of the biggest or best ways to resolve loneliness, food, etc. is not always just with the money. So that's what I'm talking about so maybe people can get together to brainstorm and improve our community overall instead of us always saying the money thing all the time. Money is very important, don't get me wrong, but I think we can do better and bigger with some brainstorming.

Supervisor Dellisanti observed as you may know or may not know this year we have been putting together a Commission, called the Friends of New Baltimore Recreation, and there is

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absolutely no reason why they can't expand their fundraising capabilities to any other committee in the Town of New Baltimore. We did that in Nassau County, we've done it in Suffolk County. Our Town Attorney has already filed the 501(c)(3) for that group. We presently have 4-5 volunteers that want to be on this committee and there is absolutely no reason why we can't raise funds for other organizations as well.

Ann Marie Vadney added and a good example, our churches in the community, I have been in contact with all the churches in the last three weeks because of a store full of new items to give to all age groups and it is hard to find people who want to work together and I think the Seniors are very important in any kind of activity such as this. We have some wealthy people and people that don't have money, there are other things they can offer to do these things.

Councilwoman VanEtten added the children might be able to even do lawn work and help out with the seniors. They are not entities onto themselves, we are a whole community. I agree.

Supervisor Dellisanti concluded thank you.

Community Events

- December 25 Merry Christmas to each and every one who that are here tonight. Thanks for coming out tonight. Let's have a Very Healthy and Happy New Year for 2015.
- January 1, 2015 Organizational Meeting at 10 AM
- January 7, 2015 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM If Needed
- January 8, 2015 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- January 12, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- January 26, 2015 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

**RESOLUTION
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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-12-01 to 2014b-12-38, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2014b-12-01 to 2014b-12-38,

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until January 31, 2015.

Motion from Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

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General \$5,556.08, Highway \$19,198.64, Sewer 1 \$728.88, Sewer 2 \$212.74, Total \$25,696.34.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM on a Motion from Councilman Norris seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke
Town Clerk