

**TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE  
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The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Nicholas Dellisanti followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Other Board Members in attendance were Councilman Chris Norris; Councilwoman Lisa Benway, Councilwoman Shelly Van Etten and Councilman Jeff Ruso. Also in attendance were Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan, Deputy Town Clerk Marjorie Loux, Tax Collector/Deputy Town Clerk Diane Jordan and 44 members of the public who signed the attendance sheet. Town Clerk Janet Brooks was absent due to illness.

**Presentation**

Supervisor Dellisanti introduced Greene County Sheriff Greg Seeley. Sheriff Seeley thanked the Board for inviting him and advised all present that he was present to let people know a little bit about what is going on in the Sheriff's Office and to hear the people's concerns. He again wished to thank the Town Board and the three prior Town Boards for allowing a satellite station here at Town Hall. Sheriff Seeley endeavors to visit every Town during the year. He is an elected public official and is available to everyone 24 hours a day. He introduced Sargent Mike Pauls who he brought with him to answer anyone's questions or concerns regarding pistol permits and the Safe Act. Sargent Pauls is the head of the Pistol Permits division.

The Sheriff's Office is extremely busy. County-wide, about 20,000 911 calls were handled last year. That includes State Police, Sheriff's Office, Town Police Village Police, En Con, and Forest Rangers. The Sheriff's Office handled roughly 9,000 of the calls. The Sheriff's Department is adding five Deputies. They are not new positions but they are filling openings created by attrition and officers leaving for other jobs. With the vacancies, the Deputies working out of the New Baltimore satellite were being pulled out of here for parts of shifts to cover other areas in the County because of the shortage. Sheriff Seeley is very adamant that the Deputies stay within their zones; but because of the lack of officers in 2013, it became necessary when emergencies to pull Deputies out of their zones. As soon as the new people are on staff, the officers assigned to New Baltimore will be here at all times as will the officers in other zones. This will speed up the response time greatly.

The Sheriff's Department has two beautiful canine dogs, drug tracking dogs. While they are working dogs, we do like to have them at special events and to get them out in the public. They are nice, gentle, friendly dogs unless given a command by their handlers or if you go by the vehicle they are in. While the Sheriff's Department is somewhat behind on reports, the Town Board will be receiving monthly reports regarding their activity in the Town (i.e. traffic stops, 911 calls). The annual report will be coming out breaking down all the information town by town. There were approximately 500 calls for service in New Baltimore last year (2012). There were 44 penal law arrests. With the presence of the police in 2013, you had half of that. Police presence in the town is going to deter someone from walking in your house, stealing your car or doing something unacceptable which is a positive.

With regard to drugs, there is a major issue whether in Greene County, in the State or across State lines. Greg Sager, who recently retired from the Catskill Police Department is now working with the DA's office. Through cooperation with the Sheriff's Office, the State and a couple of local PD's, the drug world is being attacked. However, the police take one drug dealer off the road; and within five minutes, there is another in his spot which is most unfortunate. The police are tackling it. It is a major issue. This heroin, which is one of the cheapest drugs, is one of the nastiest drugs out there. The kids are getting into it. We have to get to the schools. There are issues in the schools, on the streets and all over.

All present were urged, if they see the obvious going on, to call the Sheriff's office. Your call will be strictly confidential. When you call, have all possible information, license plate number, etc. so the police know what they are looking for. The Town's residents are the Sheriff's eyes. The way the laws are currently written, they protect the people doing things wrong, the drug dealers. The police hands are tied in a lot of instances. They cannot just walk up to a car, even though knowing there are drugs in the vehicle, and tell the person to get out of their car. That is why the canines are so valuable. They hit on a vehicle, then that gives the police the legal right to get in the vehicle.

An individual present commented that she had a suggestion. When her children were in school, the local police agency showed a film in the schools on what happens to the kids that are on drugs—showing them in the hospital, showing the effect it had on them. The movie had a lasting impact. Sheriff Seeley responded that the State Sheriffs' Association is currently putting together a slide show or video of exactly what she had explained. The kids have to be educated; the parents have to be educated, to be aware of the signs they should be looking for—the glassy eyes, slurred speech, not wanting to communicate.

Sheriff Seeley pointed out he was aware of the residents concern regarding the trucks on Route 144. There will be a Sargents' meeting coming up this week. He requested more specifics with regard to time the truck traffic is coming through so the officers in the New Baltimore satellite can be there. He understands it may be or is an issue but he cannot guarantee anything can be done because there may be

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no violations in what is being done.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked for a 30 second update on the Safe Act. Sargent Pauls advised that there is a Federal court case in western New York that struck down the seven-round limit and said that civilians, at least in that court district, can carry up to ten rounds in a ten-round magazine. The thing about that court case is it is a western district case and it is only binding on courts in that District so the State Police have come out and said they are not enforcing it state wide because they are a state-wide agency; but other law enforcement agencies throughout the state are still free to enforce it, which doesn't really leave anyone any safe harbor as far as carrying ten rounds in a ten-round magazine. He continued if I were a civilian, I would probably stick with seven.

A couple of other things that came out of that case...Two provisions were struck down. One was there is language in the Safe Act that says that a semi-automatic version of a fully automatic weapon is illegal. Non one knows what "version" means. 90% of the parts are the same. Model # is the same. Manufacturer is the same. Shape is the same. Color is the same. What does "version" mean? That was struck down and said that there was no such thing as a semi-automatic version of a fully automatic firearm. Then there was muzzle brake. Muzzle brake was thrown out because "brake" was spelled wrong in the law. It was spelled like coffee break rather than like jake-brake. That will probably be fixed so he cautioned that no one go out and throw a muzzle brake on the end of their rifle because by the next legislative session, it will probably be spelled correctly. Those are the only changes in the Safe Act that are of concern to civilians.

They did change some things in the Legislature to correct the fact that they left law enforcement out of the exceptions. So as of the date the Safe Act took effect, all of the Sheriff's weapons were illegal even for the police until they fixed that. Ammunition sales background checks has been postponed indefinitely because the State Police have not gotten together a background check system for ammunition sales.

Question was raised have you seen a rise in gun permits in Greene County? Sargent Pauls responded 300 to 400%. In 2011 and 2012, we did somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 new licenses for the year. In 2013, we did 400 plus; and one day last week, we sold 15 applications in one day. It was felt that this year's numbers will be higher than the 400. As far as amendments and gun sales go, that is through the roof; and there is no slow down in sight. I don't care what you read in the newspaper. We

try and get everyone in and their business done in less than two weeks as far as amendments on the pistol permits go. New pistol permits are probably running two to three months, maybe four depending on how fast the Judges turn them around; but in Albany County, it takes in the neighborhood of six months to put a gun on your license. In Sullivan County, it is around six months and not known for Ulster and Delaware.

Sheriff Seeley pointed out Sargent Pauls is a one-man show and he is working around, two months versus six months. We are trying to accommodate people as best as we can. There is a lot to it with all the background checks which is a good thing and he has to do it all himself. . If you call down there and there is a little bit of a wait, remember he is a one-man show. Town Resident Ellie Alfeld advised she set up an appointment, went down and she was taken care of in 15 minutes.

Sargent Pauls further advised we have a new telephone system and probably 75% of the messages are dead air so people are thinking I don't call back. I call back everybody where I hear a phone number. I may not call back the same day but I call everybody back if I hear a phone number. Most of the time, most messages, and I am talking about taking a day off and coming in to 100 messages the next morning. Seventy-five of them will be dead air with no names, no phone numbers because people are not speaking loud enough. You have to speak up for this answering service.

Question was asked have there been many violations and arrests to do with the Safe Act? The response, no, there haven't. For the most part, there is a lot of compliance. There is something out there on the web called the Guide to the New York Safe Act which was published by the New York State Police. This is actually a pretty good document. One of the things in there is there is really no probable cause to ask the lawfully armed citizen how many cartridges are in a magazine. So unless there is a reason for that weapon to come in the lands of Law enforcement in the ordinary course of our business, there is no way for us to know and the same thing with the assault weapons. What people have in their homes is in the privacy of their homes. There is an obligation to register by April 15 though and that has not gone away for all of you. It is very important for you to be familiar with the definition of what constitutes an assault weapon under New York Law because I do anticipate that in the event of a house fire, in the event of a burglary, in the event of traffic accidents where those weapons are found in the course of a vehicle inventory, in the course of a burglary investigation, there could very well be arrests.

The sad part about that is how a lot of people are going to get caught up in this because, and this is only

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feedback, a lot of people are not going to register their weapons because they feel that it is against their constitutional rights to do it. With that said, how these people are going to get caught up with today's society, I am looking at the people sitting here in this room. Back in your day, if you had a little squabble with your wife or son, you took care of it and didn't call the police. Unfortunately, the kids today, they have a little squabble with their better half, the sheriffs are involved. We end up coming to your house or to the road side. Someone is mad at someone; and if they have an assault rifle in their residence, it is going to be told. He has an assault rifle. He never registered it. Now, you are putting it to the law enforcement. What do I do with this? Someone is going to lose an \$80,000, \$90,000 a year job because he just wants to do nothing and walk away and God forbid something happens but that is one of the key issues that is going to—you wait and see after this all unfolds of how a lot of these things are going to unfold because Mike is 100% right. We have no right to pull you over and start checking your weapons for no reason. You have to have a probable cause. The same with coming to your house. We have no right coming in, barging through your door looking for your weapons unless we have a warrant in our hands. It is an unfortunate thing. We will have to see how it goes; but no, to answer our question, thank God there has not been.

Sargent Pauls continued I would recommend if anyone has an interest in firearms, get a copy of this, available on line and familiarize yourself with it because it is a pretty good summary of what is in the law. Another technical point that I just learned a couple of weeks ago, the restriction on magazine capacity does not only apply to detachable magazines. So, for instance, a Winchester 1873, Jimmy Stewart's rifle in the movie by the same name, Winchester 73, holds 15 rounds of 32. That is an illegal ammunition feeding device on a lever action rifle. It is a tubular magazine. It holds about 15 rounds. That magazine is illegal in New York even though it is permanently attached to a non-semi-automatic weapon. So those guns would have to be plugged. Take one of those to the range in New York State and fire it where there may be ATF or other law enforcement agencies watching who is shooting what at a large range would be inviting arrested. So there are a lot of technical provisions in the law that anyone who shoots and collects firearms really should familiarize themselves with so they don't inadvertently get caught up in.

Question was asked in addition to the April 15 highlighted date, are there any other things in the near future that individuals should be aware of? Sargent Pauls responded not that I am aware of off the top of my head. There was the January 15 ammunition background check and that has been postponed. There is a requirement that all currently outstanding pistol permits be re-certified, all pistol permits be re-certified every five years. Failure to re-certify under the law does result in automatic revocation. It has been put on the State Police to provide a means by which every pistol permit holder in this State can re-certify. You are not going to renew. They are not calling it an expiration; they call it re-certify. There is no fee involved; but some time before the end of 2015, according to the people spoken to in Albany, every pistol permit holder in New York State will be contacted by the State Police and instructed how to re-certify. It is believed they will be using DMV records as their source of contact information. So as long as your driver's license or pistol permit address is up-to-date, you should be contacted. If you do not hear from anyone by the end of 2015, you should check in with Sargent Pauls who should have some more information available at that point.

Supervisor Dellisanti questioned does that include retirees as well? Sargent Pauls responded law enforcement retirees have the right to carry pistols outside of the pistol permit process; but yes, our permits are going to expire as well. They are going to be required to be re-certified after five years as well. We are not exempted from that provision. Change of address, it is very important that it be updated if you want to keep your license.

Sheriff Seeley advised if anyone has the old paper permit, you are entitled to keep it, that is all right or you can come down and get the plastic card, just like the driver's license. Sargent Pauls added if you make any changes, your paper license will be transferred to a plastic license. There is a \$10.00 one-time conversion fee plus what other fees apply, \$3.00 for amendment; \$5.00 for duplicate, whatever it might be. You can expect to wait two or three weeks.

Mr. Dellisanti thanked the gentlemen for being present. Sheriff Seeley added if you see anything with my Deputies or in the Sheriff's office that is of concern, let me know. If I don't know about it, I can't straighten it out. I want you to be proud of them because they work for you. I know there is a lot of farmland up here and there are ATV problems. We have ATV's to take care of it and we want to utilize them. Please call us. I can send them up here whenever. These kids or grown-ups should not be destroying your property. He again urged to please call us.

### **Minutes**

It was moved by Dellisanti and seconded by Van Etten to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2014, Regular Monthly Meeting as presented.

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AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, Benway, Van Etten

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

**Public Comment Period**

**Marjorie Loux** – Mrs. Loux advised our immediate past supervisor **Susan O’Rorke**, do to a work commitment, could not be here this evening but she did want to have some comments passed on to the Board and all present. I shall read them as follows:

As the New Baltimore Town Supervisor from 2009 through 2013, I had the privilege to serve with Town Clerk Janet Brooks. Prior to election as Supervisor, I campaigned with Janet. Visiting town residents with Janet gave me a glimpse to what Janet’s service meant to the residents of New Baltimore. From one house to the next, Janet’s presence on their doorstep was met with smiles, hugs and stories recounted as to how Janet had helped members of that household, their family, their neighbors or their friends. Quite often the assistance that Janet provided went above and beyond her duties as Town Clerk.

After election as Town Supervisor, I saw firsthand Janet’s commitment to the Town and its residents. Janet always went above and beyond to serve the public. Janet was the HR Director, the accounts payable/receivable clerk, Town receptionist, facility coordinator, secretary to sewer and highway departments, the list is endless. The words “not my job” were not part of Janet’s vocabulary. Janet always found a way to take on more tasks and duties from those who were in need, regardless of political background or status of the one needing assistance. Her first concern was always the Town residents and its employees. When residents had no idea where to go for help, they sought out Janet. She always knew where or who to go to for assistance for them.

During my tenure as Town Supervisor, I was frequently in Town Hall working at night and on weekends. Often I was not alone, as it was not unusual to find Janet there after hours as well. She might be coming in to check a dog license number for a missing dog, to do a marriage license for a couple that worked during the day, or sadly to meet with a funeral home director for a death certificate or for any other number of resident’s needs. I remember one such Saturday, after working several hours on a project, she left Town Hall to go to the bank and then was rushing on to visit her mother in rehab. She returned a few minutes later with a young family. The young couple upon leaving the building stopped at my office to thank the Town for having such a dedicated clerk. The young man was a soldier shipping out on that Sunday and had some paperwork that needed to be notarized for his family. He had gone to the bank and couldn’t find a notary; Janet, after over hearing their plight, approached them and offered to come back to the Town Hall to take care of the Notary need. The couple couldn’t believe someone would go out of their way to help them on their day off; however, that was what Janet did on a daily basis.

For over 15 years, I have attended the annual NYS Town Clerk’s Conference. During my term as Supervisor, I had the chance to attend the Conference with Clerk Brooks. Janet was admired by her colleagues; and many were in awe of the additional duties she took on in her office. This was often met with comments such as “How do you have time to get the business of the Town Clerk done when you do all that “extra stuff”. Janet’s reply would be “When it’s important to the Town, you just get it done.” I was thrilled to be in the audience the day she received her Registered Municipal Clerk’s accreditation at the annual conference acknowledging her dedication and commitment to the position.

There was one area in which Janet did not excel; that was promoting herself. She took on all these extra tasks at no additional pay or recognition. After years, it was just assumed it was part of her job. She also never learned how to say “no” and so the work kept piling on. Everyone has a breaking point. For Janet, after ten years of adding one task after another, it finally happened.

I’m grateful for the four years I was able to serve the Town with Clerk Brooks. She taught me so much about our residents, town government and what it **truly** means to be a public servant.

....And again these were remarks from our former Supervisor, Susan O’Rorke.

**Arlene McKeon:** Today the Town of New Baltimore grieves. A wonderful person who embodies the description of a true public servant has submitted her resignation as Town Clerk. Janet Brooks ran the Clerk’s office with compassion, caring, understanding and commitment that we all seek from our elected officials, and which is rarely returned to us. We know that Janet holds all the credentials needed. She has a management and marketing degree, and previous employment experience that made a

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difference every day in the delivery of all the services provided by her office. Janet saw her job as complex, her profession as noble, all with the belief that helping others is the best way to spend your life serving humanity. I probably need not to say more, but I proceed....

The office of Town Clerk is just a name, a space, a title on a placard on the door of an elected official. But, Janet, as in the same way as her predecessor, Barbara Weeks -- who we knew well, and loved deeply, and whose memorial sits on the grounds of this Town Hall -- performed her job well, went the extra mile, and showed us how she cared for the Town of New Baltimore and each and every one of us. Barb was the Town Clerk's office and the same is true for Janet. They took the title of the office and made it their own and we were better for it

Very few, and I mean almost nobody, knows the 1,000 different things that a Town Clerk has to do, and the immense knowledge, time and talent it takes to make it work. Both Barb Weeks and Janet Brooks calmed us with their confident manner and always gave us a smile and a moment to listen and help. We trusted Barbara and we trust Janet. We still grieve the loss of Barbara and we grieve for the injustice done to Janet.

Not only does Janet have the education and experience to do the job well, all of us know that Janet is a true Christian, a teacher and a selfless giver to her friends and community. And it reflected in the votes that were cast for her each time she ran for office -- receiving the highest votes of any elected official in her last two elections. Janet is real. She does not try to put on fancy clothes, jewelry or outlandish hats to get attention -- for it was never attention that she sought from us but respect. Well Janet, you have our respect -- you have earned it.

I will close by saying to Janet -- Janet, we applaud you for a job well done, good and faithful servant. We will miss you. And we grieve for our loss.

**Eileen Vosburgh:** Good evening Supervisor Dellisanti and members of the Town Board. My name is Eileen Vosburgh and I am a resident of the Town of New Baltimore for 44 years. I am here to speak on behalf of Janet Brooks and her recent resignation. Janet has worked as a dedicated public servant for the past 9 ½ years for several Supervisors and Town Board members. She is a respected member of our community. She has repeatedly been re-elected to this position and works as a person who is always willing to find ways for mutual understanding for our community. She is selfless, honest and pure of heart. She has been the 'face of New Baltimore' and done the job well for our community. Until recently, she has been falsely scorned and ridiculed for which she does not deserve, nor do her co-workers.

I believe that there exists a hostile work environment created in the last 3 months, which attributes to Janet's resignation. I ask you, Supervisor Dellisanti and the Town Council, to look into these issues. Resolve them so that these good public servants can continue to do their good work. We all have choices in this world, one of them is to ignore an injustice or to take a stand and ask for a resolution. I believe I am not the only person in this room who has these views. Let us keep our Town government working for the betterment of our community. Thank you,

**Sharon Locke:** My name is Sharon Locke. Thank you for this opportunity Supervisor and Town Board Members. Since I moved to New Baltimore eight years ago this coming June, each time that I had business in the Town Hall of any kind, Janet was "the go to person" for information. Who should I see about this? How do I handle this situation? She was extremely compassionate at the time I had to drop off my father's death certificate when he died in hospice at our home. The first thing she said was may I give you my condolences please. I always found Janet to perform her duties with the utmost of integrity and professionalism. Janet and the two Supervisors that she worked for, David Louis and Susan O'Rorke, were honest and worked across party lines as a team. Janet was approachable and more than accommodating. As someone else said, she went above and beyond. She was committed to good Government for the citizens of New Baltimore and I will miss her in that role.

**Kevin Kemnah:** This is a recommendation or a suggestion. We have a website that you put the minutes of the meetings on. I would like to suggest that you put the minutes of the meetings of the Zoning Board and the Planning Board so if we cannot make the meeting you can be caught up and brought up to speed on all of them.

**Diane Louis:** Just two comments. I want to add that Janet Brooks was wondrously hard working and diligent as our Town Clerk. She served us very well for nine and a half years and I think this administration let us down. Janet was systematically badgered and bothered and it took a toll on her health. Shame on you. Also, it needs to be noted that a recently published vitriolic letter penned by someone who campaigned last fall with the current administration

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included outright intimidation demanding that council members stay in line. I am outraged that anyone would suggest that any elected official is obliged to follow the majority especially when the elected official has a principle reason to disagree. That is what democracy is about.

**Bill Burns:** I am here to find out why the Town cannot pick up a dead animal along the road. This morning there was a dead doe at the end of Hannibal Road and 9W. The only concern I have is that dogs can smell them from a long ways off. Once they get a taste, they don't stop there. I called the Town garage; they said call the State. I called the State twice. Finally one, two o'clock they did come and pick it up. I want to know if there is a rule that the Town can't pick it up. Superintendent of Highways Jordan explained it was on 9W and the State wants to pick up their own deer. The same with the County; they have to pick up theirs. Everyone picks up their own; we have to pick up ours. Mr. Burns responded that he didn't agree with that. Mr. Jordan further explained they don't want to come and pick up ours in our roads so everyone picks up their own. Mr. Burns continued it is just like me living on the 9W and questioned what do I get out of the Town of New Baltimore? Nothing. I ask for one thing and they can't do it. Something is awful wrong someplace.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked that Mr. Burns call him and he would make the call to the State on behalf of Mr. Burns. Mr. Burns further questioned I still want to know why the Town can't do it. Supervisor Dellisanti questioned what is the rule on it. Mr. Jordan responded I wish we could; but we would be doing it from here to Coxsackie and that is all we would be doing so everybody takes care of their own. It was noted that it was a jurisdictional matter. Supervisor Dellisanti responded that I understand your concerns and appreciate your coming.

**Rodney Krzykowski:** He indicated that he did not submit a card.

**Ronald Locke:** I yield my time. I agree with what has been said about Janet. I would like to know the specific charges that have been made by some, allegations of the spending of hundreds of thousands of dollars illegally. Is that felonious assault or is it a misdemeanor or is it an oversight? Mr. Dellisanti responded I am missing your question. Mr. Locked responded that it was more of a comment.

**Unidentified:** Why did she leave? **Another Unidentified:** Because the Town asked her to work the hours that are listed on the Town website and she [Several spoke at once.] Mr. Dellisanti pointed out that he was speaking with Mr. Locke and Unidentified responded I am a member of the Town.

**New Business**

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**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SUPERVISOR'S 2013 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
UPDATE DOCUMENT SUBMITTED TO THE STATE COMPTROLLER AND ON FILE IN  
THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION**

**WHEREAS,** New York State law requires that the Supervisor shall submit to the Town Clerk, within ninety (90) days after the close of the fiscal year, a copy of the Annual Financial Report to the State Comptroller, and that the Town Clerk shall place a notice that the report is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, to be so published within ten (10) days after receipt thereof, in a form approved by the State Comptroller, and in the official newspaper of the Town of New Baltimore.

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** that the Town Bookkeeper has completed such Report, submitted same to the New York State Comptroller and that the Town Board has reviewed and hereby accepts and approves such Report, and it is further

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Clerk shall place a notice that the report is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, to be so published within ten (10) days after receipt thereof, in a form approved by the State Comptroller, and in the official newspaper of the Town of New Baltimore.

Moved: Dellisanti  
Seconded: Norris

Councilman Norris commented that it was very detailed; Supervisor Dellisanti responded it was an excellent report. Our bookkeeper, Bonnie, did a terrific job. The report is 66 pages long. Question was raised was it going to be posted? Deputy Town Clerk advised notice is posted outside and inside and notice will be in the Daily Mail tomorrow that a copy is filed for public review in the Town Clerk's Office. Councilwoman Benway offered to try and post it on the website but feared being 66 pages long,

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it would lock up people's computers. It was noted that it has not been placed on the website in the past. Councilman Norris commented that on Page 56, he had gone over the funds we have in checking, savings and CD accounts and that he wanted to clarify something since there may be some misinformation out there. This is the balance as of December 31, 2013, the total balance of monies in the bank is \$941,282. The Town is solvent in my opinion. Mr. Dellisanti responded we have almost a million dollars.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, Benway, Van Etten

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADVERTISEMENT FOR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM  
DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, AND COUNSELORS**

*WHEREAS*, the Summer Youth Program has been provided to children who reside in the Town of New Baltimore for many years and the 2014 program is tentatively scheduled for July 14-August 8.

*WHEREAS*, the Summer Youth Program annually advertises for a Director, Assistant Director, and Counselors to administer this recreational and educational program.

*RESOLVED*, the wording for the advertisement has been approved by the Attorney for the Town and following approval from the Town Board; the advertisement will be submitted to the Town Clerk for publication in The Daily Mail for three days in the public notices section. Additional copies will be forwarded to the Cossackie-Athens Central School, Grapeville School, Greenville Central School, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School, and post offices within the Town of New Baltimore.

**TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE SEEKS SUMMER RECREATION  
DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AND COUNSELORS**

Director, Assistant Director, and Counselor positions are available for our annual summer recreation program from July 14-August 8, 2014 from 8:30 AM-12 Noon Monday-Friday. The Director will need to fund raise, plan and manage the program with an Assistant Director and Counselors. Please send cover letter/resume for Director/Assistant Director and applications for Counselors are available at [www.townofnewbaltimore.org](http://www.townofnewbaltimore.org) under "Parks" or at Town Hall and can be submitted to Councilwoman Shelly Van Etten, 3809 CR 51, Hannacroix, NY 12087 by 4 PM April 15.

Moved: Benway

Seconded: Ruso

Councilman Norris questioned the Counselor from last year doesn't want to do the job this year? Supervisor Dellisanti responded we were told to advertise for the positions. I am sure she will. Councilman Norris further commented that he had a question about the dates that were decided on since she picked the dates that she wanted to have the Program. Supervisor Dellisanti responded that is why it says "tentatively scheduled". Councilwoman Benway will post the advertisement on the website.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, Benway, Van Etten

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

**Executive Session**

At 7:55 p.m., it was moved by Supervisor Dellisanti to enter Executive Session pursuant to Public Officers' Law Section 105 F. for the purpose of discussing the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation for matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Seconded by Councilwoman Van Etten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, Benway, Van Etten

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

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ABSENT: None

At 8:07 p.m., it was moved by Supervisor Dellisanti and seconded by Councilwoman Benway to go back into Regular Session.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, Benway, Van Etten

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

Supervisor Dellisanti advised the Board took no action during the Executive Session so there is nothing more to add. I will accept a motion to:

Post the position, create an ad and publish it in accordance with the Town policy for the title of Town Clerk.

Moved by Van Etten

Seconded by Benway

The Board proceeded with discussion. Councilman Norris commented the length of time we are going to run the ad, the wording of the ad and it has to be a Town resident. Councilwoman Benway added they are going to have to fill out paperwork for a background check. Supervisor Dellisanti questioned what the Board's pleasure was on the length of the ad? Councilwoman Benway questioned words or time-wise? Supervisor Dellisanti responded how long do we want to post it for? Councilwoman Benway responded for at least a week. Salary probably should be negotiable depending on experience, kind of background education. Question was asked would it be posted on the website and noted it would be just as soon as the attorney approves it.

Councilman Ruso commented I would like to have the attorney approve it. I am still not sure about the salary issue. I am not sure if that is set by Board resolution from November. Let him decide that. If that needs to be what it is, that is what it is. Councilwoman Benway explained it is an appointed, not an elected, so in November. Supervisor Dellisanti added it becomes an elected official as of January 1 of next year. Councilwoman Benway continued correct but as of now. Supervisor Dellisanti continued for the duration of the year, you are talking about an hourly wage. We will talk to the lawyer about that too. Councilwoman Benway continued I do think the entire Board should be involved in the decision. Councilwoman Van Etten added and the interview. Supervisor Dellisanti questioned how do we do the interviews all at the same time? Councilwoman Van Etten responded we are going to have to do them two and two. Supervisor Dellisanti questioned how about if we have the resumes go into everybody's box? It is the most logical way to do it and then we will decide who is going to meet with you. The resumes will be put in sealed envelopes in the Board Member's boxes. We will then discuss who is interviewing with whom.

Town resident Janet Angelis commented that she knew she was not to speak at this time but that she was having trouble hearing and a hearing impaired person had left because she could not hear what was being said. Supervisor Dellisanti reiterated question was raised who will be receiving the resumes. The resumes will be returned to Marjorie. Councilwoman Benway pointed out it will not be done in a week obviously. It will be in the Daily Mail for seven days. Town resident, Ellie Alfeld, questioned is there a deadline for submittal? It is posted for a week but you need a deadline that they be in by. Councilwoman Benway pointed out we have to have it approved by the attorney before we can even post it. It can't even be approved until the work meeting so it can't even go in the paper until after the Work Meeting when it is approved there. So hopefully as soon as the attorney approves it and the Board approves it on the 24<sup>th</sup>, hopefully the 25<sup>th</sup>, it can at least hit the website if it doesn't get to the paper that quick. It was noted that would take it to the second week in April.

Town resident, Janet Angelis questioned what is the duration. This is an elected position so you are posting to hire until when? Councilman Ruso responded December 31, 2014. Town resident Ellie Alfeld question don't they have to stand for election? Councilwoman Benway responded they don't have to run for election. This person can just be applying for the job and just want a job until the end of the year. This may not be a person that wants to run in November.

Supervisor Dellisanti continued **the appointment is good until the 31<sup>st</sup> of December; return to Marjorie, length of time in the paper will be five days, one week.** The newspaper reporter present advised it only prints five days. Supervisor Dellisanti continued it has to be **a Town resident.** There will be a **background check.** **Salary based on educational experience.** **It will be posted on the website and resumes that do come in to Marjorie will be put in sealed envelopes and in all the Board Member's mailboxes.**

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Moved by: Supervisor Dellisanti  
Seconded by: Councilwoman Van Etten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, Benway, Van Etten  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None

Councilman Ruso advised that there was an opening for a part-time Justice Clerk. The part-timer who was with us resigned.

**COUNTY OF GREENE  
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RESOLUTION – MARCH 10, 2014**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADVERTISEMENT FOR  
PART TIME JUSTICE COURT CLERK POSITION**

**WHEREAS**, an opening has occurred in the Justice Court for a part time position and Justice Farrell has submitted the advertisement for this position.

**RESOLVED**, the wording for the advertisement has been approved by the Attorney for the Town and following approval from the Town Board; the advertisement will be submitted to the Town Clerk for publication in The Daily Mail, for three days in the public notices section.

**PART TIME JUSTICE COURT CLERK POSITION**

The Town Court of New Baltimore is seeking to hire a part time (25 hours per week) court clerk. Duties include but are not limited to: Assisting Town Justices in processing cases from initial filing to final disposition. Excellent computer, organizational, office skills are necessary along with the ability to interact well with the public. Applicant must be a USA citizen. Obtain application and submit application to: Dawn Palmateer Court Clerk, 3809 CR 51, Hannacroix, NY 12087 (518-756-2079, Ext. 5) by March 25, 2014.

Question was raised regarding the hours and it was noted previously it was up to 25. Councilman Ruso suggested the ad be amended to include “up to 25 hours per week”.

Moved by: Benway  
Seconded by: Norris

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, Benway, Van Etten  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None

Councilwoman Benway advised that the courts do provide their own background checks. The Town Board has nothing to do with that.

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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TAL RAPPLEYEA, ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN TO  
SIGN STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT WITH CROWN CASTLE**

**WHEREAS**, in December 2013 the Town Board adopted a resolution authorizing David Wutkitch to sign a stipulation of settlement to end the Town’s case with Crown Castle. Due to Tal Rappleyea becoming the Attorney for the Town on January 1, 2014, Tal Rappleyea is authorized to sign the stipulation of settlement to settle the case with Crown Castle.

Moved by: Dellisanti  
Seconded by: Norris

Town resident Ellie Alfeld asked for clarification of who this is. She was advised it is a telephone tower.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, Benway, Van Etten  
NAYS: None

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ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None

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RESOLUTION - MARCH 10, 2014**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO PAY AUDITED CLAIMS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has audited claims 2014 03/01-84,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2014 03/01-84, and

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

Moved: Dellisanti  
Seconded: Norris

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, Benway, Van Etten  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None

**Upcoming Meetings**

- March 13, 2014 Planning Board Meeting
- March 13, 2014 Agriculture Committee at 7 PM at the Kriel Farm
- March 24, 2014 Town Board Work Meeting (Gordon Bennett Presentation)
- March 26, 2014 Rabies Clinic at Medway-Grapeville Firehouse 6-8 PM
- March 31, 2014 Presentation by Tal Rappleyea for Town Board Members and Department Heads on the Procurement Policy at 6 PM and Discussion on Environmental Assessment Form for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals at 7 PM
- April 2, 2014 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
- April 10, 2014 Planning Board Meeting

**Public Comment Period/Community Events**

**Anne Marie Vadney** – Good evening to the Board and everyone in the audience. I just wanted to say that there is an extreme amount of anger that I heard in the comments tonight; and I want to say since I ran for Town Clerk, that at the beginning of the campaign I wished my opponent well. I also congratulated her when she won; and at this point, it is my understanding that she resigned because of medical reasons. I think that everyone in our community wishes her good health and I don't think that there is anyone on the Board, in this room, that would ever not wish Janet well. I think that some of the comments made tonight--I think maybe that if you have questions about any of the individuals involved in our Town government or in our community, that we should be able to speak to each other; and if we do not understand what someone is saying, to ask them instead of making all these insinuations, not basing them on facts or attacking people personally.

We are all in the same boat here. We want to better our community; and maybe it is time that the smirks and the laughing stopped. I think that also everyone in our community, whether you are a Democrat, a Republican, an Independence party member, a Conservative, we all share similar views and we all share similar principles; and if we don't, at least have the courtesy to respect each other and talk about it. Yes, we all get a little bit hot under the collar some times; but let's get with the program and start working together. Stop hurting each other all the time and saying nasty things. Everyone that was elected this time around; and in the previous election, sometimes change is difficult to get used to but everyone that is voted in is voted in by the people. I think it is up to us to work together and join together and support those individuals that are on the Board, in any of the offices in our Town. It doesn't mean that we won't be asking questions, trying to improve things and maybe saying things that they don't want to hear or maybe some of you don't want to hear; but again, this is a republic and we all should be involved in our local government. We should be able to make people understand each other and respect each other. Thank you.

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**Janet Angelis** – I just want to let people know that this Wednesday, at the Medway-Grapeville Fire Company, a young man who has been studying both the kind of plants we have in this area and how the Native Americans, who lived in this area, used them what they did with them. The he Program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

**Ellie Alfred** – The monthly luncheon, corn beef and cabbage this month, at the church in the hamlet, the New Baltimore Reformed Church will be at noon this Wednesday. Reservations helpful but not necessary. It is open to the public, no age limit, donations appreciated.

**Question** – Question was raised does the Town Clerk have to be a Notary? Response was it is not necessary. A class has to be taken and State exam as well. The class is given during the Town Clerk Association's annual state meeting. Holding the position of Town Clerk does not automatically qualify you to be a Notary. It was further noted we are fortunate to have several Notaries, on the Town Board and otherwise.

**Statement** – Councilman Norris commented that he could not agree with Ms. Vadney more. She is 100% correct. However, before someone puts something in the newspaper, a letter to the editor, I think it best if that person, any person, at least call the Town Board and get the information directly from the Town Board Members. I have been on the Board for six years. I will take any calls; never not taken a call. I will answer questions. If I don't know the answer, I will get the answer. If I am not sure of the answer, I will talk to the Supervisor or the Committee. If you have any confusion about any topic, I am sure anyone on the Board will take your telephone call and get an answer for you.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Benway and seconded by Van Etten to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, Benway, Van Etten

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

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