

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

MAY 23, 2016

AGENDA

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation by Mary Beth Bianconi from Delaware Engineering

Reports

Supervisor

- Resolution Congratulating Benjamin Boehm on the Occasion of Receiving the Distinguished Rank of Eagle Scout

County Legislator

Town Clerk

- Approval of April 25, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting Minutes

Tax Collector

Historian

Agriculture (Chair Irving/Member Briody)

Ag Fest Liaison (Member Irving)

Animal Control (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)

Assessment (Chair Dellisanti/Member VanEtten)

Audit and Control Committee (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)

Buildings & Grounds/Recycling (Chair Irving/Member Briody)

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

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

Greene County EMS (Representative Dellisanti/Deputy Ruso)

Greene County Planning Board (Member Irving)

Highway (Chair Dellisanti/Member Ruso)

Insurance (Chair Ruso/Member Briody)

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)

Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals (Chair Irving/Member Ruso)

- Resolution Approving Issuance of Second Hand Junk and Auto Parts Dealers' License for J.B. Car Services

Seniors (Chair VanEtten/Member Irving)

Technology/Website (Chair Briody/Member VanEtten)

Town Courts Liaison (Chair VanEtten/Member Briody)

Veterans and Memorials (Chair VanEtten/Member Irving)

Wastewater Treatment (Chair Irving/Member Briody)

Youth, Parks and Recreation (Chair VanEtten/Member Dellisanti)

Public Comment Period/Community Events

- May 24, 2016 Board of Assessment Review Grievance Day from 4-8 PM
- May 25, 2016 Senior Committee at 1 PM
- May 25, 2016 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM
- June 1, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- June 4-5, 2016 AgFest at VanEtten Farm
- June 9, 2016 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- June 13, 2016 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- June 15, 2016 Senior Committee Picnic at District 2 Park at 12 Noon, Raindate June 16
- June 16, 2016 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 7 PM
- June 18, 2016 Greene County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
- June 22, 2016 Comprehensive Plan Committee at 7 PM
- June 27, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

Audit of Claims

Adjournment

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OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Dellisanti opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending Deputy Supervisor Ruso, Councilmembers Briody, Irving, and VanEtten, Town Clerk Finke, Tax Collector Jordan, and 5 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Highway Superintendent Jordan

PRESENTATION BY MARY BETH BIANCONI FROM DELAWARE ENGINEERING

Supervisor Dellisanti: Thank you. We have a presentation tonight, a brief presentation by Mary Beth Bianconi from Delaware Engineering.

Mary Beth Bianconi: It is a brief presentation and it's a good presentation. The kind everybody likes, it's about free money. This is your money that you need to go get back instead of it going to some other community. We have our Wastewater project, now been working on for several years. As folks know we're working towards closing on a 0% interest loan for the project. In the past there was this program called New York State Water grants. We did not qualify for that program in the past. We either would have had to have a very low income, we would have had to have sewage spills, or we would have had to been affected by Hurricane Irene or having our treatment plan flooded or something like that to qualify. Just in May, literally just recently, the State expanded the program and we qualify for the grant now. So what you have is the grant application in front of you. The way that this program works, it's not a bag of money, that would be nice, but this would be if our project has a certain cost, we would go borrow that money on a short-term basis, construct our project. When we went to close on the long-term borrowing, which is what will result in that 30 year, 0% interest loan, they will give us what's called Principal Forgiveness. So say we spent \$2 million and they gave us a \$.5 million grant, we would only close on a loan \$1.5 million, so that's a direct reduction in what people pay for the project over time. So that's how they do it without actually having any cash on hand. It's not a bag of money.

Supervisor Dellisanti: It's all paper.

Mary Beth Bianconi: It's just paper. So I just really quickly wanted to tell you that's very good news for us that we do qualify, obviously there's no guarantees. We also don't know exactly when they are going to announce these grants. The due date isn't until June 20, although they're encouraging as early an application as possible. You were all ready to go, all we had to do was put together this little tiny packet because of the work we did back in March. That's what got us all cued up for this. So what you have is the grant application. One of the things that's interesting about this is you'll note it doesn't actually ask for any particular dollar figure. It does list your total project cost which is \$2.61 million. That is because the grants are offered on a sliding scale and they will let us know if we qualify for the grant. If you qualify for a state grant, they give us the grant, they'll let us know how much they're going to give us. So all we really need is the Supervisor's signature on this sheet of paper and we will send this in tomorrow.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Excellent. Just as a bottom line, this is going to lower the annual rate of for every homeowner in the Hamlet.

Mary Beth Bianconi: That's right, that's how it works. Just remember what people are paying in their sewer rates is a combination of the cost of operating and maintaining the system and pay back debt service. And the debt service is a fair chunk of the cost that we have. This would reduce that debt service portion for everybody because again if we're going to spend \$2.6 million and say they gave us \$600,000 in grants, we would only borrow \$2 million.

Supervisor Dellisanti: That's great, that's excellent. I am going to make a Motion that the Board allows me to sign this application so Mary Beth from Delaware Engineering can put the grant application in for approval, seconded by Councilmember VanEtten.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Mary Beth Bianconi: These are digital submissions, we put them on a pdf form and we click the button. It's very undramatic these days. This is the submission that's being sent in so you

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have a record copy. As Nick knows all too well, you will now subsequently get dozens of emails with all kinds of confusing stuff. We get copied on those.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Which I send you anyway.

Mary Beth Bianconi: Does anybody have any questions?

Supervisor Dellisanti: No, this is great. Thank you, Mary Beth.

Mary Beth Bianconi: Thank you, congratulations.

Councilmember Ruso: When will we know?

Mary Beth Bianconi: June is when they're due. We're thinking that they're going to have to tell people whether they're getting grants or not before October 1. The reason that we say that is that's the start of the next federal fiscal year and so for people who are applying for these grants who are further on in the process, so they have already gone out to construction, they might be building their project now and getting ready to close on that long-term borrowing sometime soon, they will need to know if they're going to have a grant. So we're thinking that that's the timeframe although we can search high and low when and there isn't anything anywhere that tells you exactly when they're going to let us know. But the applications are due June 20. There were already applications due for this back on May 15 and on May 17 which was a Monday, they sent out a notice saying now they're due on June 20 and they expanded the application criteria which worked out well for us. Jeff, as soon as we know anything we will certainly let you know.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Thanks, Mary Beth.

Supervisor

The monthly financial report for April 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 April financial reports, seconded by Councilmember Briody

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement
Greene County EMS

The regular monthly meeting was held on May 17 at 5 PM in Cairo. There were 5 EMS calls in April for a total of 28 for the year and we had 75 calls for all of 2015. As of April 30, 2016, there is a projected year-end balance of \$270,000.

New Baltimore Fire District

The regular monthly meeting was held on May 12. Discussions included EMS Tower; according to Shaun Groden, he is looking for a new location as the owner of the land of the existing tower is backing down on moving forward. Also, the CSX Grant for \$30,000 should be in this week and will be used to purchase the ATV to be used by the second line of the Railroad tracks.

Letter from Ruth L. Pierpont, Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation

Dear Mr. Dellisanti: I am pleased to inform you that the above referenced property was listed **April 26, 2016** on the National Register of Historic Places. As you may know, the National Register is the nation's official list of properties worthy of preservation. Listing on the National Register recognizes the importance of these properties to the history of our country and provides them with a measure of protection. **In addition, owners of income producing properties may qualify for federal and/or state income tax benefits. Homeowners in qualifying census tracts may qualify for state income tax benefits for approved work.** Properties owned by municipalities and not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply for state historic preservation matching grants.

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RESOLUTION 107-2016
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**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING BENJAMIN BOEHM ON THE
OCCASION OF RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT**

WHEREAS Benjamin Boehm, a member of Cossackie-Athens Troop 45, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS the Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony is being held at 2 PM on June 5, 2016 at the Athens Fire House on Third Street.

WHEREAS the mission of the Boy Scouts of America and its members is dedicated to the development of character and leadership in our youth by instilling values of the Scout Oath and Law.

WHEREAS the highest achievement of leadership is the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout and is earned by less than 4% of all scouts.

WHEREAS Benjamin Boehm has been involved in Scouting for many years, has lived up to Scouting's ideals and has attained all of the necessary achievements.

WHEREAS Benjamin's Eagle Project consisted of building a walking path at the Cecil C. Hallock District 2 Park on Route 54 in the Town of New Baltimore. This trail will be enjoyed by many people in the years ahead.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore joins with Benjamin's family, friends, and our community in recognizing his outstanding achievement and congratulates him on this proud and special occasion of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember Irving

Supervisor Dellisanti: I don't know if you've had an opportunity to see the walking trail, he's done a very nice job up there in District 2 Park. Nice young man.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

County Legislator

May has been another busy month. I attended the standing committee meetings, the regular legislative meeting, and 3 additional GC Jail Task Force committee meetings. We have a conceptual design, which will see revisions still, and hope to interview construction management firms shortly. The Ambulance Task Force has opted to run some numbers with 2 different scenarios and will meet again in July to go through them. As May is Greene County Older Americans Month, we awarded several Commendations and Certificates of Merit to seniors throughout the County at the regular Legislative meeting. There is a new Greene County Transit System beginning June 1, 2016. This system is a collaborative effort between Greene County, NYS, and Ulster-Greene ARC. By partnering together to offer increased services, with the consolidation efforts with the Governor who wants the towns and everyone to start doing this, we were able to receive funding for 7 new handicap accessible busses. These busses will hold 14 passengers and 2 wheelchairs, or 18 passengers. There will be 5 routes daily to Catskill, plus Hunter on Wednesday, and Windham on Friday. The one-way trip cost for any route will be \$3.00, and the Catskill Shuttle will cost \$2.00. Anyone who pays to ride one of the routes will be able to ride the shuttle at no additional cost. The ARC website will have more information, as well as a number to call for comments. The system will evolve based on comments received.

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Ellie Alfeld: That bus has been running on my road for over two weeks now. We didn't know what it was. It's just got two initials, GC, and thought it was, we have a disabled person at the end of the road and originally the Center for the Disabled was picking up every day. Then all of a sudden this bus appeared. We had no idea what it was. I'm glad but I hope a lot of people find out about it.

Councilmember Ruso: I've seen this bus as well and I didn't know what it was.

County Legislator Linger: They are literally brand new and there were a couple of busses that were on their way out.

Ellie Alfeld: I can tell you they are right on time, 7:00 in the morning and 5:00 at night. They pick up at 7 and drop off at 5 on my road.

County Legislator Linger: And they will stop if you are out on the route and you flag them down, it will stop and pick you up. I do have a folder that they gave me with some limited information if anybody wants to take a look at it. Right now it's a start for a Countywide transit system which we don't have. So it's a place to start and now going forward it is going to be based on what the need is. There is going to be one bus a week that goes to Hunter, one bus a week that goes to Windham right now.

Councilmember Briody: You have the busses distributed, is that what you are saying, across all the different towns?

County Legislator Linger: They are all based out of Catskill.

Councilmember Briody: But the bus that comes through here, it has to go down and it will come back so it will pick people up at different times.

County Legislator Linger: There's actually a schedule in here.

Councilmember Briody: That's awesome; that's a great idea.

County Legislature Linger: They will go to your house if you need them to go to a house, just call ahead of time and let them know, but they will go off the route. It's a start, but it's a really good start.

Councilmember Irving: Is that seven days, Pat?

County Legislator Linger: I believe it's five days. Monday through Friday. I attended the Cornell Hook & Ladder installation dinner, where I presented Legislative Commendation to Jack Wallace for his 60 years of active membership. The fire company is scheduling a special meeting to award another 60 year award to Bill Finke, as he was out of town. They're both 60 years this year and they're both still active every week on calls. That's pretty impressive. The Stanton Hill Cemetery which was listed on the NYS Register of Historic Places, has now been awarded listing on the National Register as well. The Thomas Cole Studio in Catskill has been reconstructed and is open to the public. Thomas Hoyt of Maplecrest, Town of Windham, has been appointed to succeed Bob VanValkenburg as Deputy County Highway Director. Notable resolutions approved this month: -Bid awarded for the replacement of the Hunter Emergency Services Tower, -Fuel Oil bids awarded 6/1/16 - 5/31/17 Towns will be able to piggyback on this bid at \$1.27 per gallon, -Washed and Crushed stone bid awarded 5/22/16 - 5/21/17, -Quick quotes awarded for paving county roads, including CR 61 from Kings Rd to Cole Ln, a distance of 1.23 miles, at a cost of \$50.02 per ton installed, -Authorization of Distribution of Mortgage Tax, \$47,524.88 to the Town, -Authorized the purchase of a used dump truck - Highway Dept, - Authorized the purchase of 3 new vehicles - Sheriff's Dept. In addition to all that, I have 2 Wayne C. Speenburgh Legislative Grants to present this month. The first I presented on May 21st to the New Baltimore Reformed Church and Fran Matalon-Degni. This grant will help defray the costs associated with the "It's Elementary" program, a documentary of days gone by at the New Baltimore Schoolhouse. This program will move throughout the county and neighboring communities, before finally residing in the Vedder Library in both book and digital recording forms. The second grant I will present tonight to Shelly VanEtten and the Town of

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New Baltimore. This grant will help fund the children's park program. It will help support the roughly 30 families who send children to our park for summer fun and education. With these grants presented, this will bring the total so far this year to \$8,000 that has been brought to our Town to support various groups.

Town Clerk

7 Late Dog Licenses \$35, 5 Building Permits \$390, 1 Garage Permit \$300, 6 CO Searches \$90, 11 Fishing Licenses \$20.16, 82 Dog Licenses \$582, 2 Replacement Tags \$4, 1 Beer Permit \$20, 1 Park Permit \$25, 3 Certified Copies \$30, 25 Photo Copies \$6.25, Total State, County and Local Revenues \$1,959.25, to New York State Agriculture and Markets for the Spay/Neuter Program \$112, to New York State Environmental Conservation for Fishing Licenses \$344.84, Total to Supervisor Dellisanti \$1,502.41.

I attended the New York State Town Clerks Association Annual Conference on Saratoga from April 17-20. I attended educational session from Sunday through Wednesday on Business Automation Systems, Diversity, Birth/Death/Marriage Certificates, Overview with the Association of Towns, Town Clerk Basics, Minutes, Cyber Security, Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Law, and the Opening Ceremony and Business Meeting. In the Columbia Greene Town Clerks Association, there were three new Town Clerks attending -- Bonnie Poehmel from Windham, Tistrya Houghtaling from New Lebanon and me. We carried in the banner at the Opening Ceremony. It has been customary for the banner to be on display at one of the new Town Clerk's Town Halls and I was asked if the Town of New Baltimore would be interested. The banner will shortly be on display. We also were recognized for the Most Spirit at the Mixer. Again, the only reimbursement I asked for the Registration Fee of \$125.

I received one new FOIL which has been satisfied. The one remaining FOIL has been completed was reviewed today by the requestor following notification by letter dated April 1. In total 120 staff hours were expended and an additional 1.75 hours with Tal Rappleyea, Attorney for the Town with an estimated cost of \$1,882. The requestor asked for 24 copies, for a total reimbursed to the Town of New Baltimore \$6. (Pointing to two large stacks) And this is the response to this FOIL.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 25, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting submitted by Town Clerk Finke, moved by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember Briody.

Ellie Alfeld: I have one comment. I believe it was that meeting where our Code Enforcement Officer/Data Collector Officer was appointed. Was it April or was it...? If you review the Minutes, he was never appointed as a Building Inspector. So it just says Code Enforcement Officer and Data Collector.

Councilmember VanEtten, Town Clerk Finke, and Supervisor Dellisanti: That is his title.

Ellie Alfeld: Who is the Building Inspector?

Supervisor Dellisanti: He is.

Councilmember VanEtten: They changed the Building Inspector to Code Enforcement Officer. That's the correct...

Ellie Alfeld: We don't have a Building Inspector per se?

Councilmember VanEtten: The State wants them to be called a Code Enforcement Officer, not a Building Inspector. It's the same thing.

Councilmember Ruso: Same thing, different title.

Ellie Alfeld: I just want to make sure the Minutes are correct.

Town Clerk Finke: That's also Civil Service, Greene County Civil Service.

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The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Tax Collector

Property/County Tax – There is a 4% penalty added to property/county tax bill at this time.

After May 31, there will be another 1% penalty added to the bill. Sewer District #1 – There is a 6% penalty added to this bill as it is after the due date. Water District #2 – Still collecting water payments for the second quarter there is now a 2% penalty added as it is past the due date of May 15. Anyone with questions please call me at (518)756-6671 x 1 and I will be happy to help you any time.

Town Clerk Finke: Can I just add something about the Code Enforcement Officer title? Gordon was also a Code Enforcement Officer.

Ellie Alfeld: I just caught that when I read the Minutes of that meeting; I wanted to make sure it was correct.

Supervisor Dellisanti: That's what Civil Service has categorized that title now.

Councilmember VanEtten: They changed the name.

Supervisor Dellisanti: The responsibility is covered is what you're looking for, but not the title.

Historian

Received a loan of photo negatives from Ron Lane, New Baltimore resident. Ron lives on Route 9W south of the Sterritt house, and found these negatives in the attic many years ago. I had some negatives printed at McGreery's Photo Lab in Albany. The photos – some of them anyway – date from circa 1910. There are many mysteries, but some of the photos are of an old stone house being dismantled on the site of the current Lane home. There are also photos of a large barn which Ron remembers was still there when he bought the place, and oxen being used on a hay wagon. One set of copies were made for Ron and one set for the town files. I appreciate Ron's sharing with me. Citizens of the town are invited to bring to my attention any photographs, newspapers, business or farm records or other items of historical importance that they find in their attic, find at a garage sale, find on ebay. Copies can be made and returned. If people do not want the items returned, they will be given a good home in the town archives or the Vedder Library at the Greene County Historical Society or both. Any items given to me as town historian **do not** become part of my personal collection. I also received a collection of old town assessor records which will also become part of the town archives. I will report on them in more detail in the future. I have been assisting Fran Degni in any way I can in her publication and photo exhibit on the hamlet school. The photo exhibit is currently at the Reformed Church Hall, and will travel to other sites in the county later this summer. Fran has done a tremendous service to our community in the preservation of oral history. Several items from the town archives are being displayed in the exhibit.

Agriculture

Agriculture has changed quite a bit in the last decade or so. I did a lot of research and talked to a lot of farmers, I talked to our County Agriculture Extension Mick Bessire who is an Extension Educator and Agriculture. I had a meeting for about two-and-a-half hours. I compiled some information, mostly state of the state as far as that goes. It's mostly facts and I then have some talking points. Agriculture is important to New York State's economy, and takes place in almost every region of the state. Nearly one-quarter of New York's total land area is utilized as farmland. In recent years the industry has generated billions in sales and employed tens of thousands of workers. While New York ranks 26th in the country in terms of overall agricultural sales, there are several item – such as dairy, fruits, berries, wine, and some vegetables and most recently hops in which New York ranks among the biggest producers in the nation. Farming in New York is primarily done by small, family businesses, but it is a multibillion dollar industry that supports thousands of jobs beyond those on farms. New York State's average farm is

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smaller than 200 acres, or about half the national average. The work is difficult and profit margins are tight – less than 20 percent of farms generate more than \$100,000 in farm income. Many farms supplement their incomes by leasing their land for mining or wind turbines, and recently solar farms or relieve pressure by selling farmland for residential development. Farmers face many challenges. Access to credit, especially today, is difficult; with foreign competition being stiff, regulatory and economic factors that affect farm income. Low wholesale milk prices have cut deeply into profit margins for New York's dairy farmers, forcing many into foreclosure. That's one of my talking points. We are right down to one dairy farm in New Baltimore right now. While farming is an important industry in New York State, it is also a way of life. Growers often come from generations of farmers who have lived and worked in their local communities. In addition, farmers play an important role in protecting our environment, helping to develop new technologies that minimize water usage, prevent soil erosion, and maintain the productive quality of their land. The point is that with farming in our Town and many towns in New York, we are going to have to be willing to adopt to change. Change is the big thing that's moving along as far as agriculture. I mentioned there's only one operating dairy farm left in Town. When you talk to Mick, the County Cooperative Extension Agent, existing products and products that are new such as organic hay is a big money commodity now. Some farmers do it, some don't, but there's information available from the Cooperative Extension Agent on how to meet those guidelines and profit can be extensively higher with organic hay and it is a big market. I've been traveling around Town, there's a quite a few beef farmers that raise more beef and the big thing with those are grass fed livestock and also free range poultry. Believe it or not, I don't have any information on this yet, I was looked at him with a little bit of skepticism because I really don't know enough about it but I am going to look into it and get back to you later, is that raw milk is coming back. I drank raw milk. I went to New Baltimore Elementary School about that time, I drank raw milk strained through cheesecloth at my grandfather's farm. I don't know what the deal is, but I am going to find out more about it why it's a commodity that's gaining in popularity. Utilize the Extension resources available. He said he was from South Dakota originally, but he's got a lot of background in farming and we discussed the grass fed livestock. There's a lot of farmers that raise Angus and another variety he said was, and I didn't write it down, it's actually a better beef than the Angus but the primary thing is to educate raising the livestock and these grass fed livestock is called finishing. That's something I didn't know, there's a particular type of procedure that you need to do to get a better quality beef. Some farmers know how to do it and many farmers don't. It's a good thing to use the Extension Office's expertise and learn how to do that. Also at our AgFest coming up, we have the Agroforestry Resource Center, they'll help supply with wood lot management. There's timber people that are in the market, they're out looking to buy timber and they'll go to a farmer with property and they grade it. Well, there's people out there who will gladly give you a lesser amount. You really have to know how to grade the lumber. There's people that are being taken advantage of. When they come to the Ag Fest, they are going to have a booth set up and they are going to talk to people that have wood lots and show them how to manage them better to get the maximum amount of profit that they can from it. It's going to be a good thing. They are also going to have a nature walk.

Councilmember VanEtten: They are going to do a nature walk across the street from the AgFest and show different kinds of trees.

Councilmember Irving: One of the highest selling as far as profit margin in timber right now is ash and we have the ash borer. It's just a coincidence, but they're actually marketing ash down to about the size of eight inches. They make baseball bats out of them, they make all kinds of millwork. Ash is selling for an extremely high price right now. The last thing is that with the beef sales, grass fed beef, poultry, eggs, other livestock they're finding out in different parts of the state that a lot of the farmers are participating in direct sales, food co-ops, etc. They're doing quite well. We are seeing them start to sprout up, I think there's one out on Rt. 81 and I think there's one endeavoring in our Town, but I am going to look into that a bit more and find out the

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particulars. It can be done well and it can be done less than well. It has to be done well and if it's done in New Baltimore, it should be done well, it should be done right.

Ag Fest Liaison

There's a meeting tomorrow night. Plans are being set. We have a lot of different community organizations coming this year, much more than I think previously. There's a community dinner again usually around 6 PM on Saturday night. Bring a dish to pass.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Are you going to have a Friends booth there?

Councilmember VanEtten: A Friends booth, the Veterans are having a booth there.

Supervisor Dellisanti: A couple of banks are going to have booths.

Councilmember VanEtten: Banks are having a booth, the High School wants to have a booth for their Athletic Association.

Animal Control

I have traveled 305 miles in the last two months. I had 12 dog complaints, 2 cat complaints, 2 livestock complaints. The Highway crew put our spancrete together for the dog runs and put the shed in place. I thank them very much for that. Next is raising the kennels themselves and welding them together. When all done will save taxpayers \$305 a dog.

Councilmember Ruso: Per night actually.

Assessment

Tentative Tax Roll 2016 The tentative tax roll was received. Gordon was available on four defined days to answer questions for any property owner who wished to view the roll.

Assessment Notices As required by law the change of assessment notices were mailed out to individuals who had any change in their assessment. Whether an increase or a decrease in their assessed value. ***ZRZ Lawsuit*** An agreement was reached in April. The 3 parcels will receive a reduction for 2016 as well as 2017.

28.00-3-4 AV 64,000 2016 Reduced to 47,000 AV 2017: 38,000 AV

28.00-3-6 AV 100,000 2016 Reduced to 65,200 AV 2017: 46,500 AV

29.00-2-16 AV 50,900 2016 Reduced to 42,600 AV 2017: 38,000 AV

Grievance Grievance Day will be on May 24th. The BAR will be meeting Tuesday from 4:00-8:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Dellisanti: I also received a letter from Gordon Bennett. Julie has approached me with a request regarding an adjustment to her work schedule. She wishes to pretty much return to what the days and hours were prior to assisting in Greenville last year. Currently she is working Monday-Wednesday 9 AM-4 PM in the Assessor's office and Thursday from 9 AM-11 AM for the Building Department. The proposed change would be Monday-Thursday 9 AM-2 PM for the Assessor's Office. The hours worked would remain the same just spread over four days instead of three. Two hours that she works for the Building Department could then be split or combined as needed over the four days by staying beyond the 2 PM. We would like to begin this new schedule if approved to start the week of June 6. Thank you for your cooperation. Any questions or comments on this?

Councilmember Ruso: We're not talking about an evaluation of the employee, we're just talking about the hours worked.

Supervisor Dellisanti: About the schedule.

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Councilmember VanEtten: So how many more hours does that give her?

Councilmember Ruso: It ends up giving her a half-hour more per week. So as a rough idea about \$350 to the budget. Naturally that's not counting benefit time. Let's add on about \$350 to the budget. There are some other things that are a little complex though. If you work 6 hours or more you're required by law to have a lunch break. But she's only working 5 hours which means she doesn't get a lunch break or she does not need to have one. However, she has those two hours on any given one of those days or one hour on two different days, then she's going to hit the six hours so she needs to have a lunch break which is complicating factors because which day of the week are you working extra hours. I think it needs to be better defined is what I'm saying. If she wants to say 'I'll do Mondays and Tuesday's, I'll do the extra hours on Thursday or Wednesday' would be more helpful as opposed to saying 'I'm just going to spread it out and do it when necessary.'

Supervisor Dellisanti: You're talking about the Building Department.

Councilmember Ruso: Yes, those hours because when she adds those hours, it puts her into a different category. Once you exceed 6 hours; as long as she stays under 6 hours, that would be fine. But she can't do two on one day.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Bonnie already knows that when the payroll is done and someone's over 6 hours, she takes the half-hour for lunch.

Councilmember Ruso: So she just can't say I'll do the 2 hours on Monday or 2 hours on Thursday. It has to be no more than 1 hour on top of what she's already doing. Does that make sense?

Supervisor Dellisanti: If you're over 6 hours, you take a half-hour for lunch.

Councilmember Ruso: I'd still rather be defined better as opposed to loosey-goosey. That's my own opinion.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Anybody else? I will make a Motion that we accept this recommendation, seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten. I will discuss it with Mr. Bennett on Tuesday.

Councilmember Ruso: What about the \$350 in the budget?

Supervisor Dellisanti: I will check, I have the accounts here and I can tell you right now where we are at.

Councilmember Ruso: The plan is to spend \$350 more by adding the ½ hour a week.

Supervisor Dellisanti: We can handle that, I don't have any problem with it. Any other questions or comments?

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

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Audit and Control Committee

During the month we have completed an audit of our Tax Collector's documents and accounts and I'm pleased to say that she passed with flying colors. There are some minor recommendations that she knew about already and a copy of that is on your desk or actually it's behind your desk. Aside from that I attended, I have some other material you and I have already discussed I can share with the Board, a Conference with the State Comptroller's Office a week and a half-ago. I brought back much material. They are going to be sending to me some financial document to help us have a jump start on our financial fiscal stress reporting for the Town of New Baltimore. If you recall I gave us a presentation last year. Our new material won't be out until September, but they're going to give me some early information and we will be able to present that hopefully during June.

Buildings & Grounds/Recycling

This weekend we're going to give the front entranceway an update. We are going to get rid of that crabgrass, we're going to remove some of the sod and replace it with decorative stone and we are going to work on the front steps. We're going to improve those a little bit. I am bringing in some pots for the ladies here in the Town so they can dig up the flowers and replace them later. Shelly and I are going to go shopping for different bushes and shrubbery in the front. Overall I think it is going to be a huge improvement. It's just a small area, but it's going to be relatively inexpensive. Where it's going to save money is it's going to be pretty much maintenance free and it's going to look very nice. I've gotten the go-ahead by most of the ladies for the appearance.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for March, 2016, is as follows: Building Inspections 20, Building Permits Issued 5, Certification of Compliance Issued 12, Certificates of Occupancy Issued 2, Commercial Site Fire Inspections 2, Compliance Orders 1, General Complaints 3, Junk Vehicle Complaints 1, New Building Permit Applications Received 4, Septic Tank Replacement Applications Received 1 Application Fees for March, 2016 \$160, Total Fees for Year to Date \$1,905.40

Grants/Promotions/Economic Development

Councilwoman VanEtten: We just got one from Pat for the Park.

Councilmember Ruso: We have another one from Mary Beth.

Councilmember VanEtten: We have another one from Mary Beth and we do have more that we will be getting.

Greene County Planning Board

Jean Horn: I unfortunately do not have a report because we did not have a quorum and these people didn't bother to call in to say they weren't coming so it was very annoying. Nine people didn't call in to say they weren't coming.

Councilmember Ruso: Who's the Chair?

Councilmember VanEtten: Ed Diamante.

Highway

Highway Report April 18, to May 18, 2016 Swept sand from roads from winter, Removed cab from 96 International that was involved in accident, Replaced cab on 1996 International with all wiring, Picked up 7 tires dumped on High Rock Road, Mowed all parks and Town Hall several

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times, Took plows off trucks and put away, Painted cab on 1996 International, Patched holes with winter mix and crusher run, Hauled item #4 to Mount Misery Road and spread for grader, Picked up orange bags from Town cleanup, Took 1996 International to W&W for clutch adjustment, Cleaned beaver dams from culvert pipe on West Deans Mill Road, Placed concrete slabs for dog kennel, Changed oil on John Deere Backhoe, Replaced front brakes and rotors on 2002 Ford pickup, Had NYS inspection done on 3 trucks, Paved Mount Misery Road, Paved Staco Road, Paved part of Sunset Hill Road, Repaired driveways on Roads that we paved, Grader patched with Blacktop, Repaired damaged Stop sign on Gill Road

Insurance

Councilmember Ruso: I've been in contact with our Insurance Broker Erin Nevins. We're halfway through our current insurance period as of June 1. Our insurance increase for this year looks like, it's not finalized, but the Individual Plan for MVP has gone up by 6 percent which is a better increase than we've had. Now we don't have a final plan for Employer-Sponsored, don't have a final figure, but the 6 percent is generally roughly where that they're given for the Individuals where the Employers will come in. So the 6% increase is better than we've had in the last couple of years. Let's hope it holds out.

Supervisor Dellisanti: That's better than 75%.

Councilmember Ruso: There is also some discussion that we'll have to have come this next renewal as it relates to the offerings for retirees. The retirees that are in the category or less than age 65; the HRA will not be and will no longer be available as per policy and regulation changes. We'll have to sort out and figure out what we're going to do about that.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Is that an Obama care change?

Councilmember Ruso: She didn't say that, but she said the regulations aren't the same as when we first started an HRA back how many years ago, but she said that they're not available or won't be available for retirees. HRAs will only be available for active employees. I don't know how we'll sort that out. We will have to have to have an approved amongst us the approved plan in the event let's say next year someone retirees so they can plug into this other plan. It won't be the same.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Separate plan.

Councilmember Ruso: We'll cross that bridge when we get to it.

Personnel

No Report

Planning Board

The Planning Board met on May 12, 2016, with the following business transacted: Passed resolution renewing annual Special Use Permit for J.B. Car Services for period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, Held initial discussion regarding how Town property owners obtaining property from the New York State Office of General Services through an Underwater Land Grant can properly complete the required deed transfers involved. Discussion will continue at June meeting. Continued discussion on the sample Solar Collection Systems Legislation. This will be further discussed at June meeting. A very brief discussion was held on proposed Zoning changes. Discussion will be continued at June meeting to give Board Members more time to review the proposed changes.

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RESOLUTION 108-2015
MAY 23, 2015

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ISSUANCE OF SECOND HAND JUNK & AUTO PARTS
DEALERS' LICENSE FOR J.B. CAR SERVICES**

WHEREAS Edwin Brockett is the operator of J. B. Car Services, Inc. located at 241 Flatbush Road, West Coxsackie, New York and appeared before the Planning Board on May 12, 2016 for renewal of the Special Use Permit.

WHEREAS the Planning Board recommended the Special Use Permit for J. B. Car Services, Inc. be renewed for a one-year period expiring June 30, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that J.B. Car Services Second Hand Junk & Auto Parts Dealers' License be renewed for a one-year period expiring June 30, 2017.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember Irving

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet on May 4, 2016, since there were no applications to come before the Board

Seniors

The Seniors have a meeting coming up on this Wednesday at 1 PM here on the 15th and their picnic is on June 15 with a raindate of June 16. Everything is going well for that.

Technology/Website

Councilmember Briody: We're working with ITS to figure out an ISP, Internet Service Provider, to be able to connect the Sewer Treatment Plant. We are also in the process of looking at what our options are for a replacement computer for I believe the Assessor.

Supervisor Dellisanti and Councilmember VanEtten: Code Enforcement Officer.

Councilmember Briody: Code Enforcement Officer. So I should have some numbers back probably this week and I'll pass along and we should be good to go. One thing that I do have to do for Joe which I can grab is the physical addresses. I believe that State Tel services us here.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Mid-Hudson Cable.

Councilmember Briody: One of the things he recommended was a bundle. So we'll look at, because the Garage is also Mid-Hudson, we might be able to get a bundled price break.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Every little bit helps. This is what we had to get done at the Sewer Treatment Plant because of the DEC evaluation. That's the only thing that they dinged us on because we don't have computer service. That's every one of the reports filed by a computer.

Councilmember Ruso: Do we have cable tv anymore?

Councilmember VanEtten: Doesn't the Highway Garage have cable tv?

Tax Collector Jordan: Yes they do.

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Councilmember VanEtten: I thought they did.

Councilmember Briody: The Sewer Plant, does it have a computer there? So we are going to need a computer there as well.

Town Clerk Finke and Supervisor Dellisanti: A lot of lessons.

Town Courts Liaison

Councilmember VanEtten: We have somebody who's doing community service and Chuck has contacted them to do some things around here for Buildings & Grounds. In April, Court fees were \$12,181 of which \$7,559 was sent to the State Comptroller and the Town retained \$4,622. Justice Farrell \$8,357 Justice Davis \$3,824

Veterans and Memorials

Councilmember VanEtten: The Veterans are working on having a picnic this summer and we chose August 28 for the date which is the last weekend in August. We are working on the menu and I'll let you know what the menu is and what we volunteered you to make.

Wastewater Treatment

Councilmember Irving: I think we've pretty much covered it, the computers and we talked to Mary Beth tonight. Everything is on target.

Youth, Parks and Recreation

Supervisor Dellisanti: The Program is coming along.

Councilmember VanEtten: It is, it is coming along well. We also got the Grant money. I also do want to mention that this summer we will be having a free lunch program for any children 2 and above. They have to go to the Park to eat it and it will be free provided by a grant through the Cossackie School District, but the kids do not have to live in Cossackie School District and there's no income eligibility or anything like that.

Ellie Alfeld: Was there a breakfast part of that?

Councilmember VanEtten: No that's only in school actually. You can go to the school and do that.

Supervisor Dellisanti: They are doing two meals at the School.

Councilmember VanEtten: Two meals at the School and then they have satellites for only the lunches.

County Legislator Linger: The Fire Company also did bring up and approved to have a chicken barbecue benefit for the park program as well.

Councilmember VanEtten: That would be great because we really need that.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Do you know when that's going to be?

County Legislator Linger: I don't have the date, it's in July. Alan wasn't at the meeting, he will set the date for it.

Councilmember Briody: Do you do it at Gill Road?

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County Legislator Linger: It will probably depend on weather, whether it's going to be on Gill Road or at Albright's.

Public Comment Period

Supervisor Dellisanti: Any public comment cards, I didn't receive any today?

Ellie Alfeld: Could I just make a statement, it's not too much. With the picking up of the bags, there's an individual in our Town who's very upset with the conditions along Kings Road because of all the debris, we have complained for years about it. This individual took a picture of the before what the road looked like and after and it was emailed to the head of the Thruway who acknowledged receipt and the Thruway is cleaning on their side of the fence now as well as the individual who did the other side.

Councilmember Ruso: I had that cleaned last year with one person on community service.

Ellie Alfeld: But you can only do on the Town side. This way we got the Thruway side.

Community Events

- May 24, 2016 Board of Assessment Review from 4-8 PM
- May 25, 2016 Senior Committee at 1 PM
- May 25, 2016 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM (Cancelled, Waiting for Comments Back from the Planning and Zoning Boards. Before we meet we will reschedule that for June which is June 22.)
- June 1, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- June 4-5, 2016 AgFest at VanEtten Farm
- June 9, 2016 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- June 13, 2016 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- June 15, 2016 Senior Committee Picnic at District 2 Park at 12 Noon, Raindate June 16
- June 16, 2016 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 7 PM
- June 18, 2016 Greene County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
- June 22, 2016 Comprehensive Plan Committee at 7 PM
- June 27, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

Councilmember VanEtten: I just want to ask Pat. Even if there is nothing to come before the Board, you're still going to have the ZBA meeting to discuss the changes.

County Legislator Linger: We are having a meeting

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 109-2016

MAY 23, 2016

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 2016b-05-01 to 2016b-05-38, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2016b-05-01 to 2016b-05-38.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until June 30, 2016.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember Briody

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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General \$15,389.23, Highway \$16,763.54, Sewer 1 \$922.61, Sewer 2 \$140.16, Total \$33,215.54

Supervisor Dellisanti: Any other business to come before the Board? Hearing none, I'll accept to Motion to adjourn. On a Motion by Councilmember Briody seconded by Councilmember Irving, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Thank you all for coming.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke
Town Clerk