

**AGENDA**  
**TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE**  
**TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

**May 9, 2016**

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Presentation by Frank Desorbo**

**Presentation by Randy Squier, Coxsackie-Athens Superintendent of Schools**

**Presentation by Robert Libby, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Superintendent of Schools**

**Presentation by Tammy Sutherland, Greenville Central Superintendent of Schools**

**Public Comment Period**

**New Business**

- Resolution Appointing Summer Recreation Program Staff from July 11 to August 5, 2016
- Resolution to Amend the Employee Handbook to Require Employee Resignations to be Directed to the Town Clerk
- Resolution to Approve Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board Minutes to be Included on the Town Website
- Resolution to Authorize the Tax Collector to Attend Training
- Resolution to Authorize Purchase of Special Events Liability Insurance for AgFest
- Audit of Claims

**Upcoming Meetings**

- May 12, 2016 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- May 19, 2016 Veterans Committee Meeting at 10 AM
- May 19, 2016 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 7 PM
- May 23, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- May 25, 2016 Seniors 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 Van Etten Farm
- June 9, 2016 Planning Board at 7 PM
- June 13, 2016 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- June 15, 2016 Senior Committee Picnic at 12 Noon Hallock Park
- June 16, 2016 Senior Committee Picnic Raindate
- June 18, 2016 Greene County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
- June 27, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

**Public Comment Period/Community Events**

**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 Irving, and VanEtten, Deputy Town Clerk and Tax Collector Jordan, and 8 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Councilmember Briody, Town Clerk Finke and Highway Superintendent Jordan

**Presentation by Frank Desorbo**

**Frank Desorbo:** The Veterans' Organization is really not a veterans' organization; it's doing nice things for veterans. It's called Patriot Flight; it's an honor flight. It's Capital District Patriot Flight. I'm the President of that. I'm also the President of D-day Revisited where I put on an event for five years for the veterans of the Normandy Invasion. So I hope I'm going to keep your interest. I have a little list here and the reason I have a list is veterans here know what S.O.S. is, Save our Ship, or you used to eat the stuff if you were in the Army or Marines. I'm going to try and stay on subject and be short on speech because I know I only have a few minutes. I have to say the Honor Flight that I run now, I am the third President. The original President started back in 2008, second one in New York State. He started it at 83 years old. He's 91 now, I speak to him every so often. He's as sharp as they come. He was a veteran in World War II, stayed at home here in America, felt obligated to give something for the people who've gone overseas. So he hooked up with some people in Rochester, had his first flight in 2008. Now there's nine hubs in New York State. There's one you may have heard of that covers this area, we don't like it but we do what we can. They come from the Leatherstocking Region. You may have heard about them. Basically I always thought it was regional, but apparently it's not. Since I took over in 2014 and Bill Peak had run it since 2008 we put on flights in 14, 15, and this year. And the flights have covered as many as 102 passengers. We had a special flight last fall for strictly Vietnam veterans. We try and do things differently and we do do things differently and there's a few people in this room, Chuck (Irving) is one, Don Winne is one that has gone on our flights. Don went on our special one that was for Vietnam veterans, strictly Vietnam. We had a couple special guests on it. One of them in particular was a 95 year-old veteran of Iwo Jima and he was a Lieutenant; had a 100% casualty of the 53 members of his unit. He was wounded, he saw the raising of the flag. He doesn't know if it was the first or second raising. The stories that you hear and the people that you meet are phenomenal especially when they reach that age and they can tell stories. You develop a rapport, they love talking among themselves. The flights when we put them on, the camaraderie is really, really something. We represent seven counties around Albany, think in terms of Greene County and Columbia County. I tell you I worked in Greene County for almost 14 years. If I was talking and laughing because in the neighboring district of Coxsackie and Greenville, I happen to know Tammy, Leslie. I remember the name and it's a long story, long time ago. I left the school districts in 2000, went to work for a computer company for four years, and you never know what you're going to do for retirement. Do you think I was going to someday be doing this for veterans? I have two veteran brothers, they were both in Vietnam. I called almost on a daily basis my World War II buddy. He's going to be 91. He is so unique I can't believe in all the veterans from the applications over the course of doing this and since I do the stuff for the Normandy Invasion, he was part of the Normandy Invasion, second wave. I said 'what was the difference,' I guess there was no difference, especially the way he described it. Fought in the battle of St. Lo. He cursed the airplanes as they decimated the City, cursed the pilots again when he fought in the Battle of the Bulge because he was front line infantry. Then he crossed the Remagen Bridge. Every veteran that I've talked to have yet to see a guy who had that kind of a vacation in World War II. Great guy, some people would recognize the name as Picarazzi, lives up in Selkirk. Phenomenal guy. I talk to him all the time. I met him from betting horses and I guess a lot of veterans in one way or the other whether they shot crap or played cards, they occupied their time. Bill Peak I was talking about briefly, he started in '08. Someday I am going to have a party for him, a get-together because he is such a phenomenal person. How I met him, I had heard that the Patriot Flight had gone low key so I did a little investigation. Because I had done the D-Day stuff, I knew how to track down veterans and I called him on the phone and I said 'Bill, what happened to the Patriot Flight?' He said 'I'd like to know too, it wasn't doing much.' He said 'I would really like to talk to you about it anytime.' I said 'anytime, how about now, I'm outside your house.' And I was, he invited me in. I spent three-and-a-half hours with him. When I left, I didn't realize that the first half-hour he interviewed me, interviewed what makes you think you can do this, what's your experience. I can tell you that doing this really I think I have the knack for it being I was the Assistant Superintendent for Business, even filled in in Catskill as the Superintendent, did

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consulting work afterward, one person said ‘why don’t you go Downstate and be a Superintendent,’ and I was the Clerk of the Board for ten years. So I think I have the organizational ability. I really have to say it’s been a challenge, definitely a challenge. We work off donations; doesn’t come free. Southwest is the leader in terms of airline tickets. Why? It just happened to be a direct flight from Albany to Baltimore is about an hour long. You go on a flight, you get a nice reception in Baltimore, bus ride into the World War II Memorial, have lunch on the bus, go to the different Memorials – Vietnam, Korea, Iwo Jima, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the World War II Memorial. It’s a full day, then we give them dinner at the Golden Corral, a few jokes on the bus, and the camaraderie is something else. It’s really a very pleasant day. We give them a little surprise gift at the end. I don’t like to ruin it in case anybody else wants to go. We have a flight this Saturday and one of the things since last year we have a send-off ceremony for the veterans and this one here is unique because it’s all women. All women veterans, one World War II woman, a couple Korean War, quite a few Vietnam, a few other post-Vietnam veterans, 4 Gold Star Mothers, 4 Blue Star Mothers. So we do things as I said earlier different. I’ve even put on a different presentation. We have videos, we have things that would really excite you. We do a whole host of different things. I want to invite you by the way if you want to come 5:45 AM on Saturday, get a free breakfast up at the Marriot and see what we do on a send-off. Put the date down and the time. I think you’ll really enjoy it, happens to run by fast, that’s the saddest part about it because there’s timelines. We have to take a bus over to the airport, but it’s pretty impressive. The kind of different stuff we do. We meet every Friday. Don here is a regular at the Gateway Diner. It’s called TGIV, Thank God It’s Veterans. Every Friday morning from 8 to about 10:30-11 AM. You come on in have coffee, bagel, have your breakfast. We do different things at times, we have a TV in there, talking. Also this past weekend we had a little pool of money on the Kentucky Derby and they all got a kick out of it and two of the veterans won. They have to share the \$70, \$35 apiece. That Thank God It’s Veterans has been going on about a year-and-a-half. It’s grown from 3-4-5, regular now is about 22. And when I say 22, it’s like the old Dean Martin Show, you never know who’s going to come through the door. Somebody comes and won’t come for about 4-5 weeks. I also write and I think I’ve handed out some articles for *The Spotlight* newspaper, it’s called the Veteran Next Door and I really got the idea when I got to know veterans and when I got to know them, they’re just ordinary people. Some of them won’t say a word to you. The ones that wear hats are very proud individuals, but you’d be surprised who lives next door to you. Normally a veteran makes a good neighbor. As I said I’ve got two brothers, I think they’re good neighbors, they’re good brothers. I also write the lead article for the *Blanchard Post*, the American Legion Post. I’ve been doing that for over a little over I think it’s two years now. It keeps me going. The one article I wrote was about the veteran train. We are looking to do some different things because the older veterans, even the Korean War veterans are getting up there in their 80s. The Patriot Flight is a long day. It starts somewhere around 6:00 for breakfast; you don’t get home until 10:00 at night. It’s really nice for the younger veterans, but I can see where it’s taxing on the older veterans. The other thing I do, I do a public access TV out of the Library up in Bethlehem, sometimes out of Colonie. Bethlehem gives me scheduled dates and I’ve done quite a few of them. It’s really like doing an oral history for the veterans. It’s really interesting to get them there and let them open up and we chit chat and you know what public access TV is. What I’ll do is that will lead me into a situation I was involved in and I did one, you can only do it with three people on the camera, so I did one with the Normandy Invasion veteran and another veteran who was in the Battle of the Bulge. And the person in the Battle of the Bulge I’m always asking ‘tell us something humorous and human interest.’ So he says ‘you know when I fought in the Battle of the Bulge, I got wounded. I got shot in the rear end.’ And he’s on camera and he says ‘I still got the shrapnel, it’s about this big.’ And I start laughing. Luckily the other veteran from the D-Day and he was there on June 6, he starts laughing and I go ‘wow’ and he says the Medic pulls his dog tag and he says ‘what are you doing?’ and he says ‘you are going to get a Purple Heart because you got wounded.’ He says ‘are you going to tell my parents how I got wounded?’ ‘No, we don’t tell them.’ And I started laughing again because I’m figuring that he didn’t want his parents to know that he got shot in the rear end. Time goes on and he gets wounded again. And the humorous thing is the second time he gets wounded he goes to grab it because he knows what they are going to do. He says ‘no, I don’t want another one. You’re not going to write home to my parents and say I got wounded for the second time. And they don’t even know where I’ve been wounded.’ So it went from humorous to human interest. He gave me a document that he did, this is his document, this is his life and it’s World War II as I saw it. Do you know what his name is? Bill Butts. It isn’t like this is made up. Along the way I’ve run

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into people like this. And some of the stories that they tell you and some of the things you ask. Last summer myself, a Korean War vet, and a World War II vet, we went to Pontiac, Ohio, on Lake Erie. They do a reenactment of the Normandy Invasion and what it is is they have 1,700 reenactors dressed up, Germans, Australians, French, Americans, some hardware, they tell you the 88s going off on the hour, don't be near it. This year we rented 16 rooms. We have 9 people going already. The veterans who went get to sit up on the hill and they get to see this reenactment on a Saturday that draws 30,000 people. It's really just a great view to sit there and talk about reflections and what not. Something that we're trying to do and I have to work into, we're talking about on Friday mornings, is we are looking to go down to the Purple Heart Museum in Newburgh, New Windsor, it's near the Washington. We went there last year with three veterans, they loved it, on an Autumn day. I'm trying to get people who got Purple Hearts to register. We went down and looked on the computer, it's a small museum, but it's set really nice, very pretty. We're looking to do that in conjunction with getting some of the veterans who fought on French soil with something that is called a Legion of Honor. I made contact with a person out of New York City who's got an organization called The French We Will Never Forget. My goal is to go from England to France and travel some of the back roads because I know a person who did it and they say when you do the back roads of France they appreciate it. Those people appreciate the Americas. I subsequently found out with the Korean War vets that South Korea will pay part of the cost for Korean War vets to go over to Korea. That goes to show we currently sit amongst ourselves and say 'what do we do?' Think about what the other countries are doing. I think that's about it I looked down my list. If you have any questions, I'm more than glad to answer them and I thank you so much for having me.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Thank you, Frank, very much. Good luck Saturday. Now we are going to get into some of the school presentations. I know Randy's not here. Leslie, are you going to...

**Leslie Copleston:** Yes, Randy is sorry he couldn't be here; his father passed away last week.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** I'm sorry to hear that.

**Leslie Copleston:** For us, it was a relatively quiet budget season. We didn't have a lot of controversy. Thank goodness for the Gap Elimination Adjustment and that funding that came through. For us also we had the fortune of having the Ferguson Pilot kick in this year so we actually have a tax decrease that we are going to the voters with next Tuesday and we had a .55% tax decrease or \$90,808 is what our tax levy is going to be reduced. Our overall budget is up 1.57%. We had a lot of things that came together that helped get that number lower than where we started in the budget season. We had five staff people retire. We have a regulation in our teachers' contract that if they are planning on retiring and getting some of the benefits that they get into retirement, they have to let us know by February 1<sup>st</sup>. So that really helps in the budget planning, so that saved about \$240,000 in our budget planning. Every time we have someone retire we really look at those positions especially in the last seven years to see if those positions are needed, is there something that we should be doing differently as we move forward to fill those positions or not fill them or restructure things. All of these positions for people who retire are going to be refilled come July 1<sup>st</sup>. We also have a custodian that's retiring and a clerical person that's retiring mid-year so sometime in December of 2016. They will also be replaced at that time. Overall there's no reductions in staff which is one of the reasons why our budget season was so quiet this year and wasn't much controversy. One of the other things that helped with our budget and I think other Districts will have the same issue or the same benefit is Teachers' Retirement and Employees' Retirement contributions. Those rates went down significantly again this year, they went down last year also, so that helped in the budget planning and provided some savings. One of the things especially with Greenville and now with Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk and the audience, we really worked together to try to reduce our costs, we worked cooperatively. We bid transportation for some of our students. I know there was a meeting today to try to collaborate to see if there's anything we could do together to reduce our costs for transportation. Tammy and I are both involved very heavily with the RCG Health Insurance Trust which is a cooperative of districts, 23 member districts plus our BOCES to shop for lower cost health insurance. That's been very successful. We also are part of the Workers' Compensation Trust that Tammy and I both belong to. In terms of cooperative bidding, especially with Greenville, Cairo-Durham, and in some cases Catskill, we bid out electricity services, diesel fuel, ink and toner to a small degree, and then again

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transportation. One of the things we enacted this year is we sold some IT services to the Village of Coxsackie. They were looking at making some redundant server access and backups and things like that so rather than go out and purchase their own servers, they purchased their servers from us. So that's bringing some revenue into the District and it's saving the Village of Coxsackie some money too. I don't know if there's any specific questions, this is kind of an overall, but again our budget is up 1.57% and our tax levy is down .55% or almost a \$91,000 reduction in the tax levy.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** How did you make out with the ball field renovation program that you had there, the baseball field?

**Leslie Copleston:** With the capital project? There were three different propositions on that project. The largest of all \$15,636,000, that one passed. The other two propositions which were artificial turf and the Library and the expansion. There is going to be a small Library addition; this was going to be expanding the Library to house the Senior High Library as well. That was defeated. So now we're in the planning stages of getting those specifications together to submit to State Ed. We expect some work to occur next summer hopefully and then probably more work to occur the summer of 2018.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Thank you very much.

**Leslie Copleston:** One other thing I wanted to mention is we talked to you about the summer food service program. So that is moving forward with the Town of New Baltimore so we will be providing lunches to the kids that are attending the program up here at the Town Park. Our plan is to have the lunches delivered at about 11:00. There are some hoops we have to jump through in order to get that underway, but we are looking forward to it. One other thing that I wanted to mention about that is that any child from the age of birth through 18 that shows up on our Coxsackie campus can walk in and get a free meal, either free breakfast or free lunch up until 12:20 in the afternoon. There's no paperwork; there's no prequalification. It doesn't matter where they live or what their circumstances are; they can walk in and get a free meal.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** During summer?

**Leslie Copleston:** During the summer. The dates of the program are July 5-August 5, Monday-Friday.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** July 5<sup>th</sup> you said?

**Leslie Copleston and Supervisor Dellisanti:** Yes.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Very good. Thank you, Leslie, thanks very much.

**Leslie Copleston:** You're welcome.

**Ellie Alfeld:** Leslie, was that offering for the food for both breakfast and lunch or breakfast or lunch?

**Leslie Copleston:** For what we are delivering here, it's going to be for lunch.

**Ellie Alfeld:** No, at the school.

**Leslie Copleston:** Breakfast and lunch.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** So they can go for both meals.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Very nice.

**Leslie Copleston:** Yes. Last year we didn't have a mechanism for parents to buy a meal, but we will have that this summer.

**Ann Marie Vadney:** What time does the serving of the meals begin?

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**Leslie Copleston:** The breakfast is from 8:30-9:30 and the lunch on our campus is from 11:20-12:20.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Thank you very much. Next we have Superintendent Libby from Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk.

**Superintendent Libby:** Thank you. If you don't mind I would like to ask Joanne Moran, the School Business Manager, to come up quickly. Since I'm no longer a business official, I don't carry the card where I can talk about budget without help. Like Leslie, it seemed to be a fairly quiet budget season. We'll find out a week from tomorrow. If it remains quiet and again like Coxsackie-Athens found out, the Gap Elimination Adjustment was fully restored and that made our work a whole lot easier. It's why there are fewer reductions in staffing; it's why I think we had a fairly quiet season. I think a little bit of what's going on at RCS is we're seeing a declining enrollment so we are trying to carefully through attrition as much as possible right size our staff so that we don't maintain the kind of staff we had when we had 2,200-2,300 kids and we're down to 1,800 kids. So we're slowly but surely doing that. I am approaching my first anniversary with RCS. Joanne is approaching her...

**Joanne Moran:** Seventh month mark.

**Superintendent Libby:** So that's another reason why we're doing this slowly and carefully because we don't know what might be hiding someplace. We want to be prepared for that. (To Joanne) Would you like to talk about the numbers?

**Joanne Moran:** Sure. We have a 2.92% budget-to-budget increase which is about \$1.2 million and most of that, one of the large pieces of that expense is due to special ed. tuition payments. We've had a challenge at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk given a high turnover in my position. Over the last several years I think we've had about ten different Business Managers which makes it a challenge because you don't get to build up that history. So we build a budget this year based on historical spending trends, things like that. We are facing, as Mr. Libby said, declining enrollment. One of our challenges is we're in the process of a \$30 million capital project. We have some debt scheduled to come off of our expenditures next year, but we have to put some debt back on so that remains level because we're going to be doing that building project in two phases. The first phase is going to be a considerable amount of asbestos abatement in the Middle School and both the Elementary Schools and that will allow us to, we're going to have that ready for next year. We are going to be able to maintain that debt level so the taxpayers don't have huge spikes, increases and decreases, in their spending trends. Again the revenue was nice, but again we did go out to, we didn't exceed our tax cap, we left it at 1.63% because of that \$30 million capital project and where we need to be. Again, it's seven months in, next year it will be a little bit better I think. Both Mr. Libby and myself will have been there now a little bit longer and we'll know what's up. We have several contracts that are still under negotiation that we had to allow for. So we have a lot of work to do over the next year. Any questions?

**Councilmember VanEtten:** I actually have one. In the paper it said that you were going to hire a Data Collector for \$85,000. What is that for and what would they do?

**Superintendent Libby:** So the title is District Data Coordinator. The State Education Department now has many requirements for turning in things like Student/Teacher Data Linkage. If I have 25 kids in front of me as an elementary teacher, they have to be linked to me as Mr. Libby and all of their test scores reported to State Ed. I'm a High School teacher with say 110 or 120 kids, same thing needs to happen but it has to happen with every teacher. We also have to turn in obviously the test score results. And this year for the first time ever we have to upload teacher attendance to the State Education Department. If you didn't already know it, Big Brother is here.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** So other than the teacher attendance, wasn't everything else typical information that would have had to be reported?

**Superintendent Libby:** So in RCS we only have a person who is wearing multiple titles doing the District Data Coordinator work. She is also the Middle School Principal, District Data

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Coordinator, and the 3-8 Testing Coordinator. No Assistant Principal in the building. It's not possible to do all three jobs.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** And there's no Assistant Principal at the Middle School? It seems like that would just all be on the computer easy to...

**Superintendent Libby:** It isn't because the amount of data verification that needs to be done. You upload it to State Ed, they turn it back to you and say something doesn't look right, you need to review this. So that's the process.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** So this person would have a Master's Degree. Is that what you're looking for?

**Superintendent Libby:** Yes. They could be a teacher. This is either a Civil Service position or a State Education Department position.

**Ann Marie Vadney:** Are these additional requirements as a result of Common Core limitation?

**Superintendent Libby:** No, it's the other nasty word.

**Ann Marie Vadney:** Which one's that?

**Superintendent Libby:** CAPPR

**Ann Marie Vadney:** There's so many.

**Ellie Alfeld:** This person that Shelly referred to \$85,000 you said, is that just that person or are they going to have an assistant incorporated into that \$85,000?

**Superintendent Libby:** We are looking at the potential. We have a vacancy in our Registrar position so we're looking for these two positions to team up with each other.

**Ellie Alfeld:** So you are going to put two hats on one person again?

**Superintendent Libby:** No, we're going to have two people. One who is going to be the Registrar and Assistant District Data Coordinator and the other is going to be the District Coordinator. If one of them goes on vacation, they should be able to fill in for each other so there's no loss of services to an incoming family. But the other part is there's so much work to be done in getting the data accurate and working with Principals and working with teachers that the District Data Coordinator was really going to be out in the schools working closely with the Assistant Superintendent helping teachers understand the data needs and how to produce those data needs.

**Ellie Alfeld:** My full question is is the ceiling going to be \$85,000 in order to bring this person into that job and get the job done?

**Superintendent Libby:** It's going to be \$85,000 for the professional and in the vicinity of \$40,000...

**Ellie Alfeld:** And travel for going to the schools and everything else?

**Superintendent Libby:** Yes.

**Ellie Alfeld:** So it's going to be more than that.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** And \$40,000 for the Assistant.

**Superintendent Libby:** \$40,000 for the clerical support.

**Ann Marie Vadney:** That's without benefits.

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**Councilmember VanEtten:** That's before benefits.

**Ann Marie Vadney:** I was just curious as to whether or not any of our students could be assisting and that could be a training program?

**Superintendent Libby:** Unfortunately it's all privileged information, confidential data so it cannot be done by students.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** Private. I just have a question. Our son got his Master's and when he was in college getting his Master's, he worked for the Connecticut State Department of Education. He did Data Collection. So you can't utilize any Grad School students?

**Superintendent Libby:** In schools today, it's now a data team and it runs from everybody inclusive. A month ago we had a meeting where the Northeast Regional Information Center out of the Capital Region BOCES came in and said 'look you need to bring all these people' and I'll name by title. We had Middle School Guidance Counselors, High School Guidance Counselors, Middle School and High School clerical staff for the Guidance Office, Middle School and High School Main Office staff, Principals from all four buildings. We are all part of a data team and we all own bits and pieces of making sure that we send data to a central clearing point and that's what this District Data Coordinator is going to be. He or she will have to be somebody who knows 'oh wait, on my checklist I haven't got these things from Libby or Moran or Diacetis, so I better get to them because it's due next Thursday.' So it's very complicated and it has to be approached systematically or you're going to get pushback from State Ed. Now all of this is stuff New York State Ed. needs and much of it needs to be forwarded on to the Federal Government. So it's a situation that all of us have found as being lacking. I was talking before the meeting started. I enjoyed several weeks of retirement out of the Cohoes City School District before coming to RCS. We had a similar situation in terms of staffing there and it's a similarly-sized District. We were just ahead of the curve in getting ourselves organized. And I blame that not on people here, the fact that we did as much information correct and uploaded as we do, is credit to the good work of those people, but it isn't perfect and we need to be.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** Now I'm assuming this information will help us get grants into this school?

**Superintendent Libby:** Absolutely.

**Ann Marie Vadney:** How much state and federal funding is contingent on this information coming back into schools?

**Superintendent Libby:** Really in many ways it's all of them. Certainly all of the federal monies because most of them are connected to Title I, which is free and reduced price lunch. From the state perspective of where incorrectly reporting student enrollment or student attendance, we're not going to get the kind of money we should be getting. Leslie picked up on several things that I think we too do at RCS in an attempt to keep costs down for everybody. We have a technology Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of Ravena where we supply them with a network engineering advice and assistance. We are not members of the RCG Health Insurance Trust, we're across the River, part of the Capital Area School Health Insurance Consortium Trust and a member of the Schoharie Workers' Comp Trust. We are looking into joining the NYSMEC, New York Schools and Municipal Energy Consortium, run by the Oneida-Madison BOCES. I don't know if you folks have facilities other than this and the Town Garage, but both electric and natural gas were available through NYSMEC. Cohoes has been part of that for about 20 years so we want to look at that. Joanne sponsored a Transportation Cooperation meeting today. Some folks are already in it, we're looking to expand the circle a little bit. We're trying to find those places where we can save money in some areas in order to put the money where it needs to go in other areas.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Very Good.

**Superintendent Libby:** Thank you.

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**Rob VanEtten:** So you get close to a 3% increase, so what does that translate into the tax increase in the Town of New Baltimore (unable to understand)?

**Superintendent Libby:** Actually for New Baltimore residents that are within the School District.....

Many talking about the Chalkboard and that it hasn't been delivered yet.

**Rob VanEtten:** I really don't know and everybody's asked us and we don't know and the budget vote is next week.

**Superintendent Libby:** We'll check with our Communications folks. We've got it.

**Joanne Moran:** Based on a \$150,000 home, you're increase would be about \$61 for the Town of New Baltimore.

**Rob VanEtten:** What's the percentage increase?

**Superintendent Libby and Joanne Moran:** It's a 1.63% right now.

**Superintendent Libby:** That's independent of what goes on with assessment.

**Ann Marie Vadney:** What about Coeymans.

**Superintendent Libby:** Same thing, 1.63%.

**Joanne Moran:** \$46.44.

**Rob VanEtten:** This year snow removal costs, all your overtime for that, fuel for your buildings...

**Superintendent Libby:** So if you'll let us answer one by one.

**Rob VanEtten:** I'm just making a comment. Fuel for your buildings, heating costs way down for a year-and-a-half now, transportation likewise, you got an increase in state aid and still you are looking at like a 2% increase to the taxpayers. We used to have a taxpayers organization that would meet with the Administrators every year. It finally got so discouraging that we gave up on it. This is what we faced all the while. You've got money saving this year and right away and you've got a, it sounds like a \$200,000 increase in staffing. It just goes on and on and on.

**Superintendent Libby:** Well we didn't talk about the Physics position that we eliminated We didn't talk about the retirements. We are not through attrition, but through layoff, laying off three teacher assistants. But we are trying to get to that right size. You can't do it all at once.

**Rob VanEtten:** I understand so what you're telling me is staffing costs overall after these positions (unable to understand) level out for this year?

**Superintendent Libby:** They are going to be neutral. But the other thing that we found ourselves faced with I had the very good fortune for 22 of my 30-odd years as an Administrator of not having transportation going back into transportation at RCS. Our fleet is behind schedule on being updated and we're trying to carefully update without spending too much too soon.

**Rob VanEtten:** Well, that's all your bus purchases on the Proposition.

**Superintendent Libby:** But it's still part of the mix in trying to understand what the budget is doing.

Many speaking at once.

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**Rob VanEtten:** But that's been reflected in the 1.6% tax increase.

**Councilmember Irving:** You said there was a decline in your enrollment.

**Superintendent Libby:** We're down now to around 1,800 students.

**Councilmember Irving:** Did Greenville mention the enrollment, is it on the same?

**Many Speaking:** Cossackie-Athens.

**Councilmember Irving:** Yes, Cossackie-Athens, I'm sorry.

**Leslie Copleston:** We're down around 200 students in the last two years.

**Councilmember Irving:** The 1,800 is down how many?

**Superintendent Libby:** Very similar, 1,800 is down by 200 over the last five years. We actually had a what's called a Cohort Survival Analysis done by CASDA, Capital Area School Development Authority, this year and it looks like that number is continue to decline and stabilize somewhere around 1,700 in the foreseeable future.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** I realize you're both new, but do you have any kind of a committee, there used to be a Building Leadership Team of community members and things like that?

**Superintendent Libby:** There is still Building Leadership teams in all four buildings, the District Leadership Team that brings it all together at the top.

**Ellie Alfeld:** I have one last question. With, as Robby said, this increase, do you have a reserve fund and is some of this money going into that reserve fund for future needs? We have a reserve fund in the Town.

**Superintendent Libby:** I would hope everybody in municipal government that can, has something called Evolar, post-employment costs whether it's insurance or retirement.

**Ellie Alfeld:** I think you're misunderstanding what I want to know. I want to know if you have a certain amount of money set aside that you try to add to for any future catastrophes.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** Sort of like a savings account.

**Superintendent Libby:** Unappropriated fund balance.

**Ellie Alfeld:** That's your name for it.

**Superintendent Libby:** What do you call it now?

Many talking at once.

**Ellie Alfeld:** I know there's a name for everything.

**Joanne Moran:** One of our larger expenses is post-employment retirement benefits. What we try very hard to do is to fund that. We fund that, again we try to be conservative, and keep 4% out that we can spend for an emergency. But we also try to fund that post-employment benefit because that's an extremely high expense for the District and one we want to be always prepared for so that doesn't fall down in the current year.

**Ellie Alfeld:** So what's that fund up to now? That's what I'm looking for.

**Joanne Moran:** I don't know, I don't know the answer to that question, but I can find out. I think it's like \$3 million, but I'm not sure.

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**Ellie Alfeld:** So that's set aside for these specifics, \$3 million.

**Joanne Moran:** Yes, and we have unemployment reserves and we have workers' compensation reserves and things like that.

**Superintendent Libby:** We have an ERS reserve.

**Joanne Moran:** We are going to be putting Thatcher Street up for sale this year.

**Councilmember Irving:** Have you realized a significant savings on the energy for alternative energy that's been two years?

**Superintendent Libby:** With the solar panels, I don't have an answer for that. Our architects have been analyzing our electrical use. I bet I can get some information from them and get it to you if you'd like it.

**Councilmember Ruso:** I heard you mention some numbers, I just maybe didn't hear them right or would like some clarification. You suggested that the cost for a home of \$150,000 in New Baltimore would go up by about \$61. Did I hear that right?

**Many Speaking:** Yes.

**Councilmember Ruso:** And I think you may have said, the lady in the middle, that similar property in Coeymans goes up \$46.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** It's always been that way.

**Superintendent Libby:** It has to do with the equalization rate.

**Councilmember Ruso:** They are trying to make up for it in New Baltimore by, I'm not following this.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** It goes by our assessment amount of our total Town.

**Councilmember Ruso:** A \$150,000 home is a \$150,000 home.

**Ellie Alfeld:** No, it's not.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Not assessment-wise.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** It goes on the assessment of the home. I'll explain it to you later.

**Superintendent Libby:** I'm sure Ellie will take you to school about assessed value and equalization rates and how they differ between villages and towns and towns and towns.

**Ellie Alfeld:** I have to commend RCS for finally coming to one of our meetings because as I've said to you before when we only had 50 kids or less going to your school and we're giving you over \$1 million a year, I want to know where my millions are going so thank you.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** We thank you for coming tonight. Thank you for the information, we appreciate it. Tammy Sutherland from Greenville.

**Tammy Sutherland:** I'm from the Greenville Central School and our School District encompasses three counties, Greene and Albany and that's the majority and we also have a small portion of Schoharie. So we're very fortunate. And in those three counties we have 11 towns. New Baltimore is one of the 11 towns and you represent about 10.93% of our District. Number of properties 671. And I'm estimating because it's very hard Hannacroix what Town, Climax what Town, about 75 students are from New Baltimore. The Board this year, we were looking at our budget, and our goal was to be fiscally responsible to the community, but at the same time educationally sound for our students. We were able to preserve all of our academic

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programs and make small increases to restore some things I am going to talk about. So budget-to-budget increase is \$684,550, that's a percent change of 2.38%. Our tax levy increase is .99% which is the lowest in eight years over eight years and that's within the tax limit so it's majority plus one. I put this little chart there because I thought it was important to note that even though we are up \$684,550, the debt service principal and interest because we had a capital project I had to increase \$306,030. So if you take that out, budget-to-budget we are looking at 1.32%. On top of that we always annually do a small capital project. We have \$220,000 in our budget. We increased that capital line of \$220,000 to \$320,000 because in conjunction with our Smart Bonds, we're also looking at renovating and moving our Middle School/High School Library, really making it a technology media center with lots of technology. And at the same time we have a very old trailer, outbuilding that houses our alternative ed. program. It's going to cost us at least \$125,000 to do the repairs that are needed. We're finally bringing those students back into the School District where they belong. So if you take out that \$100,000, then we're really looking at all other budget line items have increased only .97%. Now I think it's important, I remember two years ago being questioned how could we say our capital project was not going to increase our taxpayers. And we said that we were retiring debt and that we were going to make sure that the revenue lined up with the expense. So I just told you I had to increase that line item by \$306,000. On the other side revenue for building aid there's \$298,339 coming back to us. So the difference there is just over \$7,600. So that is flat. Two little pie charts for you just to see the expenses. Of course we expect our expenses to be salary and benefits, that's our business. And then you can just look yourself to see where the other expenses are. Revenues of course it's basically state aid and taxes. So our taxes and STAR is \$55.3, state aid \$39.8, and then you'll see the small increases. On the back side, some quick little bullets that we'll go through. Some of it you've already heard from the other Districts, so I'll go quickly. Again we're very happy about the Gap Elimination, but think it's important to know Ravena and Coxsackie will have different amounts, but what Greenville lost over six years is \$6,407,345. That's money that the state held that belonged to districts. We're just one small district so you can imagine statewide what was held. But we are looking forward not behind. We are now fully funded and so we are happy about that. I talked about small restorations. Our small restorations are six student clubs that we had previously eliminated from the budget. Four of them were still able to run because people were fundraising and making donations. So we were able to put that back in our budget and add two more. There are basically two at the elementary, two at the middle, and two at the high school. And three additional after school help sessions K-12. We have one-time purchases with fuel savings, someone mentioned about savings. We, along with Coxsackie, (unable to understand) BOCES over 50 districts participate in a fuel bid. We were able to lock in the amounts a couple months ago when they were very low and with that savings of over \$80,000 we said we need to make one-time purchases -- 20 passenger van for transportation, this goes right along with our long-range plan. We replace busses every ten years, vans every seven years. So we are a little ahead on this one and commercial tractor, Buildings and Grounds would have had to save for two budget cycles in order to get this tractor. So we put these in as one-time purchases knowing that next year that fuel number might be right back up there. Initiatives for Cost Savings like the other Districts will try to do, what others do, we already talked about cooperative purchasing, we already talked about the health insurance trust, the consortium for workers' comp, shared transportation routes, electricity bid, one other thing that Greenville does is we've really been able to build up our special ed. programs so that we can open up our classes to other districts. We probably this year on and off because some kids aren't successful probably seven to ten students from other school districts are coming to Greenville so they're paying us tuition. At the same time it's helping our neighbors because there's less transportation costs, the kids are closer and not traveling for over an hour on a bus, and they're paying less than they probably would for BOCES or a private placement. Tax Levy, again .99%. I personally don't give individual tax rates for Towns because I have 11 Towns, so what I tell everyone is the District is going to take in .99% more, about \$159,000. Things that may change assessed values, new properties added to the rolls for new construction, properties removed, tax-exempt, changes in assessed value. School Districts do not get the assessed values from the Towns until July 1, that's when they're due. A lot of things happen between when we put the budget together and July 1 assessment rolls. And then the famous Equalization Rates. Everyone does not assess values at the same time. An example Westerlo \$100,000 house is probably appraised at \$8,000. So the State comes in and equalizes that to bring it where it belongs. Contingent Budget, no one mentioned this, this is a dirty word. If our vote went down two times what do we have to do, we can't increase our budget anymore

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than the levy of the previous year, so we would have to take out \$159,000. And last, you can read it, we have a Budget Advisory Committee of community members, taxpayers, some parents, and staff and these are the recommendations to the Board. Any questions for Greenville?

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** I just wanted to let you know I did receive mine today in the mail so it's out. Thanks very much, Tammy.

**Ann Marie Vadney:** What is the average student cost?

**Tammy Sutherland:** I am not sure of that off the top of my head, I want to say probably \$19,000. What do you think? I want to say probably \$12,000 then probably \$19,000-\$20,000 for Special Ed. Students. Many speaking at once. \$12,000 sounds well. I'd have to look that up, I don't have that on the top of my head. I should have brought my full budget because it would have had it in there.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Thanks, Tammy, thank you very much. I want to thank all three Districts for being here tonight. You're very welcome to stay to go through the rest of the Town's meeting, but you don't have to. I know I'm out two to three nights a week so I can assure you you'd like to go home so thank you all for coming.

***Public Comment***

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** I don't have any Public Comment cards, does anyone have a Public Comment? Hearing none, I'm going to move on.

***New Business***

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

**RESOLUTION 101-2016  
MAY 9, 2016**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM  
STAFF FROM JULY 11, 2016 THROUGH AUGUST 5, 2016**

**RESOLVED** that Caitlin Longden and Cory Litchko are hereby appointed as the Summer Recreation Co-Directors at a salary of \$13.00 per hour.

**RESOLVED** that Julianna Trombley, Jacob Litchko, and Marisa Rosario are hereby appointed as Summer Recreation Counselors at a salary of \$8.75 per hour.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember Irving

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Briody

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

**RESOLUTION 102-2016  
MAY 9, 2016**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK TO REQUIRE  
EMPLOYEE RESIGNATIONS TO BE DIRECTED TO THE TOWN CLERK**

**WHEREAS** the Town Clerk must provide notification to certain offices when Elected Officials and/or Appointed Officials resign and to Payroll departments when employees resign.

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*RESOLVED* resignation letters should be addressed to and filed with the Town Clerk so timely notification can be made.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** This was a recommendation by our Town Counsel and will be going into the Handbook.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Briody

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

**RESOLUTION 103-2016**  
**MAY 9, 2016**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND  
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES TO BE INCLUDED ON THE TOWN WEBSITE**

*WHEREAS* many residents of the Town of New Baltimore currently review the Minutes of Town Board Regular and Work Meetings on our Town website.

*RESOLVED* that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approve the addition of the Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board to the Town website.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Briody

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

**RESOLUTION 104-2016**  
**MAY 9, 2016**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ATTEND TRAINING**

*WHEREAS*, the New York State Tax Receivers & Collector will be holding their 2016 Annual Training Seminar on Sunday, June 12 through Wednesday, June 15 at the High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid, New York.

*RESOLVED*, the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approves the attendance of the Tax Collector and the Registration Fee, overnight accommodations and mileage for this training.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

**Tax Collector Jordan:** Thank you very much.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** You're welcome. This is an annual event as I understand.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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**RESOLUTION 105-2016**  
**MAY 9, 2016**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF SPECIAL EVENTS  
LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR AGFEST**

*RESOLVED* that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby authorizes the Supervisor to take the necessary actions to purchase special events liability insurance for the annual AgFest event to be held June 4-5, 2016. The premium amount for this coverage will be \$1,025.00.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember Irving

**Councilmember VanEtten:** I recuse myself.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Shelly recuses herself on this because it's on her property. Any other questions on the insurance. This is an annual amount. It's my understanding that we also get reimbursed as well.

**Rob VanEtten:** It sounds high to me.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** We went with the extra \$25.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** It's higher than last year.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** It is higher than last year, it went up.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** It was like \$785 last year. Everything goes up unfortunately.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Irving

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: VanEtten

ABSENT: Briody

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

**RESOLUTION 106-2016**  
**MAY 9, 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 2016-05-01 to 2016-05-55, it is

*REVOLVED* that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2016-05-01 to 2016-05-55.

*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 Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Briody

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General \$8,279.47, Highway \$8,220.91, Sewer 1 \$1,920.71, Sewer 2 \$31.17, Lighting #1 \$1,656.86, Lighting 2 \$143.62, Total \$20,252.74

***Upcoming Meetings***

- May 12, 2016 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- May 19, 2016 Veterans Committee Meeting at 10 AM
- May 19, 2016 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 7 PM
- May 23, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- May 25, 2016 Seniors Committee at 1 PM
- May 25, 2016 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM if Needed
- June 1, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- June 4-5 2016 AgFest at Van Etten Farm
- June 9, 2016 Planning Board at 7 PM
- June 13, 2016 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- June 15, 2016 Senior Committee Picnic at 12 Noon Hallock Park
- June 16, 2016 Senior Committee Picnic Raindate
- June 18, 2016 Greene County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
- June 27, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Do we have any other Public Comments for tonight?

**Ken Rebusmen:** It's in reference to the Water District of Scheller Park. I would like to know from the Town Board why we're being assessed for a mistake that Coxsackie made. They took money out of their General Fund to pay the bill and we're paying (unable to understand). Why?

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** From what I understand there was an agreement made many years ago that Coxsackie charges us, are you ready for this number, 180% over the cost of the water. Is that correct Diane?

**Tax Collector Jordan:** That's correct.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** And what year was that done, that was done in the 70s?

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** That's how far back that goes. So when their numbers go up, unfortunately our numbers go up the same rate.

**Ken Rebusmen:** My argument is that they made a mistake, just like if you made a mistake in the Town here, the Town would have to make up the difference. Why do we have to make up the difference? They took money out of the General Fund to pay the bills for the Water District. Unbeknown to them, they weren't allowed to by law.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** I read that in the Comptroller's report as well.

**Ken Rebusmen:** But why should we have to pay?

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** I think you're mixing two different things. The cost of the water is one thing and taking the money out of the General Fund to pay off the bill is another thing. The contract that New Baltimore has had for quite a few years is that whatever their water rate is for the Village of Coxsackie, we get tacked on 180% on top of that.

**Councilmember Ruso:** They raised their own Village water fees; we have to pay 180% of what their rate is upon their (unable to understand).

**Councilmember VanEtten:** So does the Town of Coxsackie, don't they also have to pay?

Many answered yes.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** The other thing that we did, I think it was last year, we were able to give back about \$100 per household to the 29 members in Scheller Park on the O&M because Diane brought to our attention that we had a surplus in that category. I checked with our

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bookkeeper and we were able to cut that back because I knew this was coming that we were going to get nailed on this new rate from the Village of Coxsackie. We just have no control over that number.

**Ken Rebusmen:** Also there's a Water District in Ravena that's in New Baltimore, does Diane bill them?

**Tax Collector Jordan:** No.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** They get billed straight from Ravena.

**Tax Collector Jordan:** Right straight from Ravena.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Right directly from Ravena.

**Ken Rebusmen:** Why shouldn't she make money off of Ravena too?

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** That's just the way it's been.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** I think it's the way it's been.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** That's the way the contract was written many years ago.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** The contract was written a long time ago.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** We're locked into it until they have a new contract expiration date. I couldn't even tell you what year that is, when it expires.

**Councilmember Ruso:** I think we need to say that going back to the Coxsackie point, we don't make money off of Coxsackie, neither would we make any off of Ravena. We would just pass off what the bills are regardless of how they're structured or how they're sent. We're not going to add anything to the burden you're already paying.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** Right because Diane is salaried.

**Ken Rebusmen:** I beg to differ with you because you have a lady here that has to bill the same bill that Coxsackie sends out. She charges a surcharge of \$40 four times a year so there's an additional cost to that.

**Tax Collector Jordan:** There's a \$10 O&M fee on top of that and then there's that few dollars that it covers electric bill and the bills that the Town gets billed for the sewer and that water district.

**Ken Rebusmen:** You should. When you make a bill out, you should get paid. But what I'm getting at is it's not fair that one Water District pays it and the other one don't.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** It's two separate contracts Ken, you're mixing apples and oranges.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** That was signed years ago. We have no control over that.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** We're locked into that until it expires and I couldn't tell you the date that that contract expires. But Diane did, with the extra money that she did collect, we were able to give back each homeowner. I think it was \$100 for the year, \$25 a quarter on the O&M to try and alleviate some of the pain.

**Ken Rebusmen:** I know that she's efficient, you don't have to convince me of that. I was just wondering why we're getting an increase in the bill in the last three years quarterly and then additional was \$130 a quarter.

**Tax Collector Jordan:** \$136.

**Ken Rebusmen:** So just clearing my mind.

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**Councilmember Ruso:** Unfortunately we are locked into a contract that was signed decades ago. We're locked into a contract.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** Back in the '70s. And obviously they don't want to renegotiate.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** If they did they would want it to go up to pay back their General Fund.

**Ken Rebusmen:** Mainly because we not only pay for the water, we pay for the maintenance.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** I agree with you.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** You're speaking to the choir here.

**Ken Rebusmen:** I'd like to see the contract with Ravena also.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** We can do that. Thanks, Ken, thanks very much.

**Ann Marie Vadney:** We have a contract with Ravena for New Baltimore?

**Councilmember VanEtten:** Just that part up by 9W.

**Ann Marie Vadney:** I can FOIL that.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Sure. Join the FOIL train.

**Ann Marie Vadney:** I'll come and look at it then because I'm having, I want to do a comparative analysis between the various water and sewer contracts between Coxsackie, the charges for New Baltimore, but my real focus is on Coeymans because if you think you're paying a lot in Coxsackie, it's ... the Village and the Town, they charge, yes, because the cost for water and/or sewer there are astronomical, it's like \$800 for one unit. I think that it's also convoluted from one Town to the other and that's what I remember your discussion a couple years ago about the contract with Coxsackie that was negotiated who knows when and it's still valid.

**Tax Collector Jordan:** We've had a very long contract.

**Ken Rebusmen:** 1975.

**Ann Marie Vadney:** Which it sounds ludicrous.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** 40 years.

**Ann Marie Vadney:** That is a ludicrous agreement.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** It is, but we're locked into it and unfortunately I'd love to renegotiate it.

**Ann Marie Vadney:** I'll just come in and take a look at them. Thank you very much.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Any other New Business to come up before the Board? Hearing none, I will entertain a Motion to adjourn. Motion by Councilmember VanEtten seconded by Councilmember Ruso to adjourn the meeting at 8 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Irving, VanEtten

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**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Thank you all for coming.

**Ellie Alfeld:** Church luncheon Wednesday, barbecued chicken.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Welcome back Jim Planck.

**Jim Planck:** Good to be here.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke, Town Clerk