

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

**AUGUST 22, 2016**

**AGENDA**

*Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Reports**

Supervisor

County Legislator

Town Clerk

- August 8, 2016 Public Hearing on Local Law 3 of 2016
- August 8, 2016 Regular Town Board 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)

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

Greene County EMS (Representative Dellisanti/Deputy Ruso)

Greene County Planning Board (Member Irving)

Highway (Chair Dellisanti/Member Ruso)

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

Insurance (Chair Ruso/Member Briody)

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)

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

Seniors (Chair VanEtten/Member Irving)

Technology/Website (Chair Briody/Member VanEtten)

Town Courts Liaison (Chair VanEtten/Member Briody)

- Resolution Authorizing Expenditure Proposed by Town Justices to be Funded by Grants Received for the Town Justice Court

Veterans and Memorials (Chair VanEtten/Member Irving)

Wastewater Treatment (Chair Irving/Member Briody)

- Resolution Authorizing Expenditure for Broadband Services at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

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

- Resolution to Accept Donation from the Cornell Hook and Ladder Fire Company for the Summer Recreation Program

**Public Comment Period/Community Events**

- August 23, 2016 Veterans Committee Meeting at 10 AM
- August 24, 2016 Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting at 7 PM
- August 28, 2016 Veterans Committee Picnic at District 2 Park at 12 PM
- September 7, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting If Needed at 7:30 PM
- September 8, 2016 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- September 12, 2016 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- September 15, 2016 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 7 PM
- September 17, 2016 Townwide Yard Sale from 9 AM-4 PM
- September 26, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

**Audit of Claims**

**Adjournment**

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

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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 3 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

***Supervisor***

The monthly financial reports for July were forwarded to all Board members. Has everyone had an opportunity to take a look at them? Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti to accept the July 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 August 16. There were a total of 4 EMS calls in June for a total of 42 for the year. There were a total of 75 calls for all of 2015. As of June 30, 2016, there is a projected year-end balance of \$270,000.

***Greene County Ambulance Task Force***

The Task Force on a Countywide Ambulance has resumed its work. They have made no report as yet.

***Greene County Sheriff's Office***

**Report for Statistics From April 1, 2016-June 30, 2016**

CALLS FOR SERVICE	92
UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKETS	25
ARRESTS	3
COXSACKIE RESERVOIR CHECKS	91

Lock New Baltimore Parks	91
Unlock New Baltimore Parks	24

***County Legislator***

I have been very busy in August with County business. All standing committee and regular meetings were attended, as well as several task force and subcommittee meetings. The discussion I had last month with NYS DOT has resulted in another study being conducted along Rt. 144 in the Historic Hamlet. I did get an email back from the Regional Director that they are going to study that road again, it was done back in 2013. At that time there were only six businesses in the Port of Coeymans, it was a little bit different situation. The Schoolhouse was not a residence like it is now, so there are some things that are different and he was willing to put it back into another investigation. The study should last 4 to 6 weeks and I will report back the results when they are relayed to me. Two suggestions that I have made to the Region 1 Director include establishing a truck route from the Thruway interchange north on 9W to traffic light in Ravena, then onto Rt. 143 to the Port of Coeymans, and the potential of a "T" intersection on Rt. 144 at the Church St. intersection. This would be a 3 way stop, in an effort to slow traffic in the area and prevent further property damage and harm to people. There were a fair amount of incidences within the last 8 weeks or so between the Post Office and the Schoolhouse somewhere in the neighborhood of a half dozen where there was property damage done and so it's worth them looking into. I attended a tour of the St. Lawrence County Jail in Canton, NY. This facility was built in 2008 by the same architect and construction management firm we have hired for our jail. We had Mike Spitz get a hold of their Jail administrator to set up a tour up there. It was about a four hour drive to get up there, we spent about six hours in the prison, and then drove four hours

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back. It was a very informative day and we were able to get excellent feedback as to their history with these firms, the working relationship with both of those outfits and how their jail is functioning for them. We were also able to get some good suggestions on what they would have done differently or left the same. It's a very similar layout to what we're proposing. For Greene County, there's were a little bit bigger by about 43 beds. That was a good trip. They did say that their project in total came in under budget and was completed ahead of schedule with those two outfits working with them and that was good to hear. As a member of the Countywide Ambulance Task Force, I attended a meeting to discuss feedback from the recent survey to municipalities such as New Baltimore. We will be getting together a few different budget projections under a modified system, as the towns of Catskill, Cairo, and Durham wish to opt out at this time. This will certainly make the logistics of a system a bit more challenging. The reason there's not a report from the Task Force is now we have to come up with a way to work in the northeast corridor in the County with Greenville, New Baltimore, Coxsackie, and Athens and then hit the Mountaintop on the other side. They are going to work on some budget numbers, two different ways to do it. Their initial proposal was to put a paramedic on every ambulance. We are going to try to come up with a proposal that does that for the northeast corridor, for the Mountaintop, and then a combined budget and then the other proposal is going to be utilizing the fly car service for EMS and staffing BLS ambulances for that same district so there's really going to be six different budgets that we are going to try to come up with figures for.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** 2017 looks like we will still be using Ravena.

**County Legislator Linger:** 2017 is going to stay status quo. There's no way you are going to get those kind of things in time for everybody's budget numbers for this year. They are well aware of that. They're not going to rush it. We are going to try to see what we can come up with now without those, it's literally the center of the County, not being part of it. We had good news two weeks ago on the economic development front for Greene County. Two Greene County internet service providers were awarded grant funding from the New NY Broadband Program. State Tel was awarded \$8.7 million, the second highest award statewide. They got everything that they asked for and everything that was on their plan should be funded. We haven't seen that plan yet; it hasn't been released. Mid Hudson Cablevision was awarded nearly \$1 million all to be spent in Greene County. State Tel section of it is majority Town of New Baltimore, Coxsackie, and Athens. From the way Mark Evans was talking before they submitted their proposal, that was going to cover the majority of the Town of New Baltimore with fiber optic. There are some limitations on the grant on the State Tel side. They can't charge more than \$60/month for a period of five years. I do know the application cost them \$100,000 to submit it and it's a reimbursable grant. So they have to spend all that money and then get reimbursed later on so there is a checks and balances on making sure that they did what they said they were going to do because they're not going to get paid back until that's been verified. So it's a significant layout for them; and it's definitely an increase in service for the Towns here and it should help drive a little bit more economic development in the area. Round two has now opened the same day they released these numbers, and our economic development office will be re-convening the broadband consortium once again in an effort to assist the remaining census blocks in the County. The Town of Lexington is actually 100% unserved by broadband; there's just no financial feasibility to do a system up there for any of the local companies. It's not beneficial. So they've got some work ahead of them and we'll see if they put in for the second round. This month's notable approved resolutions include: - Several new and used equipment purchases for Highway and Solid Waste, a couple of used trucks, some roll off dumpsters for the solid waste areas, - Re-appointment of the County Administrator, Shaun Groden, to a 3 year contract, - Authorized a 3 year lease on the Coxsackie Transfer Station. The way that lease is going to work it's a \$20,000 payout this year and then years 2 and 3 is \$1 each year and then there's the ability to extend for 3 more years at \$1/year if there's improvements done to the site. - Approval of the Greene County portion of the Columbia Greene CC budget. As a reminder, County Route 61 (River Road) will see paving in the next week or so and the Dean's Mill Rd bridge over the Hannacroix Creek will close for replacement next week or the week after for 6-8 weeks for replacement on that bridge.

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**Supervisor Dellisanti:** I just wanted to let you know that I spoke to our Highway Superintendent and he's ordered the signs for Flatbush Road 'Children at Play.' Hopefully that will slow down some of traffic in both directions.

**County Legislator Linger:** I asked the Sheriff too now that schools will be starting in a few weeks to go back over there after schools starts.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** So you can let them know it's in progress.

***Town Clerk***

9 Late Dog Licenses \$45, 1 Sign Permit \$25, 9 Building Permits \$1,177.50, 1 Deck & Porches Permit \$75, 5 CO Searches \$75, 3 Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$4.14, 32 Dog Licenses \$228, 1 Replacement Tag \$2, 3 Marriage Licenses \$52.50, 1 Demolition Permit \$75, 9 Certified Copies \$90, 71 Photo Copies \$17.75, Recycle Fees \$20, Total State, County & Local Revenues \$2,069.25, \$44 to New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program, \$67.50 to the New York State Department of Health for Marriages, \$70.86 to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, \$1,886.89 to Supervisor Dellisanti. In the month July, I received 3 FOILS and all have been satisfied.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

The August 8, 2016 Public Hearing on Local Law 3 of 2016 submitted by Town Clerk Finke, moved by Supervisor Dellisanti, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

The August 8, 2016 Town Board Regular Meeting submitted by Town Clerk Finke, moved by Supervisor Dellisanti, seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

***Tax Collector***

Property/County Tax-I have taken all property/county tax paperwork down to Greene County on the 10th of August as my collection period has expired on July 31. Anyone still owing taxes will now be required to call Greene County for amounts owed and information on how to pay the tax bill. Please do not call Greene County until the end of August or beginning of September as Greene County needs time to get paper work in order for all of the towns in Greene County. The # is (518)-719-3530. Sewer District #1 I am still collecting for the second billing for Sewer #1. There is a 2% penalty added to this bill as the due date was August 15, anyone owing for the February 15 bill will be paying a 12% penalty on the bill. Water District #2 – Third quarter Water billing for district #2 has been sent out and was due August 15, there will be a 2% penalty added if your bill was not paid by this date. There will be one more bill this year. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter bill will go out in October for a November 15 payment. Anyone with questions please call me at (518)756-6671 x1 and I will be happy to help you any time.

***Historian***

No Report

***Agriculture***

**Councilmember Irving:** We've gotten some rain, that's helped the farmers. We probably got a little more than what we need. I know corn was curling and it looks good now and it's going to market. I attended the Coxsackie Farmers Market last Wednesday and one of our local residents is endeavoring in a cheese processing enterprise, has his permits to go ahead. He spoke that he will be putting out word through the local media and open business and that's good for the Town of New Baltimore.

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**Ann Marie Vadney:** What kind of cheese?

**Councilperson Irving:** Goat cheese and pasteurized ...

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Cheddar cheese, too, he told me. His name is Brent Zimmerman and he's on Lime Kiln Road.

**Councilperson Irving:** I think he'll be at the Farmer's Market again this Wednesday if anybody is interested.

***Ag Fest***

No Report

***Animal Control***

I have traveled 100 miles this month, 7 dog complaints, 2 cat complaints.

***Assessment***

**SCARS** We have no small claim filings this year. **School Tax Roll** The 2016 Final Tax Roll data file which creates the school tax bill has been uploaded via the web to Nexx Linx. **2017 Tax Roll** We have begun to create the 2017 tax roll in the RPSV4 software.

***Audit and Control***

**Deputy Supervisor Ruso:** This is the time of the year that this committee proceeds with its budget. We have already put notice out to the departments to please give us their input. They will be receiving a budget sheet within the next day or two for them to fill out. We have a timetable, we want to get them in by September 9 if possible and proceed according to that. We do have to set a Public Hearing, we don't have to do that tonight but we can do that at our next meeting I expect.

***Building & Grounds, Recycling***

Through July 20, 2016: 10 Tires Up to & Include 16" without Rim \$20, 60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastics) 18, 55 Gallon Drums of Cans & Aluminum 5, 16 Bundles of Magazine and Phone Books, 45 Bags and Bundles of Newspaper, 12 Bags of Shredded Paper, 12 Boxes and Bundles of Cardboard. Total Income \$20

***Building Inspector/Code Enforcement***

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officers' Activities for July, 2016 is as follows: Building Inspections 13, Building Permits Issued 6, Building Permits Renewed 4, Certificates of Compliance Issued 4, Temporary Certificates of Occupancy Issued 1, Commercial Site Fire Inspections 5, Court Appearances (Telephone Standby) 1, Demolition Permit Applications Received 1, Demolition Permits Issued 1, New Building Permit Applications Received 6, Application Fees for July, 2016, \$1,352.60, Total Fees for Year to Date \$6,843.40

***Grants/Promotions/Economic Development***

No Report

***Greene County Planning Board***

**Councilmember VanEtten:** We got good news today from the Greene County Planning Board. Our Zoning changes and Comprehensive Plan changes were sent to them and they approved them and so we are good to go. We will have to schedule a public meeting, we are hoping to schedule it for the last meeting in September

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** I'm very happy about that. This has been a long time coming. Shelly with her historical knowledge and the entire Committee have met monthly since 2014 to accomplish this and I'm very proud of the work that was done. We are just waiting for the map from the mapmaker.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** We have the actual map, but we don't have the big one.

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***Highway***

July 20-August 10, 2016: Grader patched Deans Mill Road with blacktop, Grader Patched West Deans Mill Road with blacktop, Cut limbs hanging on Deans Mill Road, Mowed and weed eat Town Hall and all parks as needed, Cut up dead tree on High Bridge Road, Checked all ditches and drains in hamlet, Hauled in road sand for winter, Cut up dead tree on Swezey Road, patched hamlet streets with blacktop, grader patched Matthews Point Road with blacktop, Picked up new mower from Max Wood, Mowed point at Scheller Park Road and Roberts Hill Road, Repaired exhaust on 1996 International, Put up Yard Sale signs, Changed tires on front of 1985 International, Repaired Haas Hill Road with crusher run, Patched Dugway Lane and Pine Grove Road with blacktop, Checked over all lawn mowers made repairs where needed.

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**RESOLUTION #149-2016**  
**AUGUST 22, 2016**

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

***WHEREAS*** Main-Care Energy has provided #2 Diesel Fuel in the past for the Highway Garage.

***RESOLVED*** the Highway Superintendent has requested to purchase up to 7,000 gallons of #2 Diesel Fuel and has secured a delivery amount from Main-Care Energy at the Journal of commerce low plus .1685 for one year from August 16, 2016 to August 15, 2017.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember Briody

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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**RESOLUTION #150-2016**  
**AUGUST 22, 2016**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO  
PURCHASE GASOLINE FROM MAIN-CARE ENERGY**

***WHEREAS*** Main-Care Energy has provided gasoline in the past for the Highway Garage.

***RESOLVED*** the Highway Superintendent has requested to purchase up to 2,800 gallons of gasoline and has secured a delivery amount from Main-Care Energy at the Journal of commerce low plus .1644 for one year from August 16, 2016 to August 15, 2017.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

***Insurance***

**Deputy Supervisor Ruso:** As part of our budget we had a meeting last Saturday with Erin Nevins, our broker for health insurance. She presented to us three different options and we are

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currently weighing them out and we're trying to schedule a meeting with the staff, let them have some input into it. There are increases to the health insurance as one should expect. We do not yet have quotes for the ancillary health insurance, the dental, the vision, as well as the Medicare Advantage plans that the retirees receive. Those are January 1 start and their timeframe for bid proposals, the companies don't have them yet, so we do have the one for employees that begins on December 1,

***Personnel***

No report

***Planning Board***

The Planning Board met on August 11, 2016, with the following business transacted: Discussed with Frederick Ingraham, authorized agent, the Minor Subdivision Application submitted by Jay & Corina Skidmore, denied by the Planning Board in June for referral to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Variance. Necessary Variance was obtained at the August ZBA Meeting and Mr. Ingraham returned to continue discussion with the Planning Board regarding a .10 acre transfer of property from the Skidmore property to his property located on Acquetuck Road. Since the application process was commenced prior to the Town Board passing Lot Line Adjustment legislation, the process was continued as a subdivision with need for Public Hearing waved since there was no public comment at the Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing. Minor subdivision Application was approved allowing the lot line adjustment process to move forward. Required maps will be stamped and signed as soon as received. Council person Jeff Ruso raised his hand at the end of the meeting after all regular business was completed posing the question to the Board as to why Bristol Manor is having such a difficult time with the Planning Board as it seems to be taking 10 years to get through the Board. He said he has been to boards similar to ours in his capacity as (title) at his job in at least 5 other towns, and he passes right through without problems. Further, he would like to know why there is such a negative view of our Planning Board by the public. For the next hour, there was a rather unruly open discussion on the project ending with all parties agreeing we would very much like the project to be completed as soon as possible once the project meets all criteria of New York State and New Baltimore CODES.

**Deputy Supervisor Ruso:** I want to assure the Board I went to this meeting and I expressly pointed out that I was not standing before them as a Board member and I don't want it to be considered that I was trying to represent the Board when I spoke. I made it clear that I was there as a private citizen. For reasons unknown to me it refers to me on the report as Council person Jeff Ruso. Expressly I indicated I was not there as a Councilperson.

***Zoning Board of Appeals***

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on August 3, 2016, with the following business transacted: Public Hearing was held on the Variance Application submitted by Jay and Corina Skidmore to allow for a one-tenth acre property transfer from the Skidmore property to property owned by Frederick and Phyllis Ingraham located on Acquetuck Road. In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed: The Skidmore Variance Application was approved.

***Seniors***

No Report

***Technology/Website***

**Councilmember Briody:** We have a lot going on. We have our new recording system in process now. We also have tomorrow between 8 and 12 the installation of the ISP to meet the New York State recommendation for digital transfer from the Sewer Plant. I also have quotes for the computers that are required there as well as for the Code Enforcement Officer and it was \$330 annual per computer so \$660 annual, not monthly. So one thing that I do want to bring up is that there is a one-time for the software installation, the wiping of the old CEO's computer which is about \$900.98 and as far as Mid Hudson Cable, right now the install is a one-time \$228 which we have a resolution already on that one and I do owe you the monthly on that because

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they were supposed to bundle that between here, the Garage, as well as the Sewer Plant so it should be a discounted rate with the bundle and I'll verify that tomorrow with them and report back next time.

**Deputy Supervisor Ruso:** \$998 or \$0.998?

**Councilmember Briody:** \$900.98.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Thank you, Scott. Thanks for your participation in this.

***Town Courts***

In June, Court fees were \$21,162 of which \$12,482 was sent to the State Comptroller and the Town retained \$8,680. Justice Farrell \$13,665 Justice Davis \$7,497

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**RESOLUTION #151-2016**  
**AUGUST 22, 2016**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE PROPOSED BY  
TOWN JUSTICES TO BE FUNDED BY GRANTS RECEIVED  
FOR THE TOWN JUSTICE COURT**

**WHEREAS** the Town of New Baltimore Justice Court received grant monies from the New York State Office of Court Administration.

**RESOLVED** the Town Justices have proposed the expenditure for a name plate for Judge Farrell from said grant from National Business Promotions for \$76.06.

Motion by Councilmember VanEtten seconded by Councilmember Irving

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

***Veterans and Memorials***

**Councilmember VanEtten:** I want to remind everybody that the Veterans' picnic is this weekend, Sunday starting at 12. All veterans and their families are invited.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Just so you know Shelly and the Committee have gotten a tremendous amount of things donated for this program. The \$700 that we budgeted for the entire year is safe.

***Wastewater Treatment***

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**RESOLUTION #152-2016**  
**AUGUST 22, 2016**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FOR BROADBAND  
SERVICES AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

**WHEREAS** an audit was performed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation who mandated computer access for the filing of all reports in a timely fashion.



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**RESOLVED** that Mid-Hudson Cable is authorized to install a broadband network at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$228 which includes installation of 366' of aerial and underground cable, materials and labor.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember Briody

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Again, Scott, thank you for your input on this.

***Youth, Parks and Recreation***

**Councilmember VanEtten:** I would like to thank the New Baltimore Fire Company for doing their chicken barbecue for the fundraiser this summer. We just got the check and it was for \$1,515 and really without that we couldn't have the program. I would really like to thank them.

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

**RESOLUTION #153-2016**

**AUGUST 22, 2016**

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATION FROM THE  
CORNELL HOOK & LADDER FIRE COMPANY FOR THE SUMMER  
RECREATION PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS** the Cornell Hook & Ladder Fire Company held a chicken barbecue on July 15, 2016 at a fundraiser for the Summer Recreation Program and raised \$1,515.

**RESOLVED** the Town of New Baltimore accepts said donation for use during the Summer Recreation Program held from July 11-August 5 at Cecil Hallock District 2 Park and sincerely appreciates the support of the Cornell Hook & Ladder Fire Company and the community on this successful event.

Motion by Councilmember VanEtten seconded by Supervisor Dellisanti

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** I want to thank Alan VanWormer who organized the barbecue. The entire Cornell Hook & Ladder Fire Company they were all there helping out with this program. \$1,515 doesn't sound like a lot, but it carries us through the summer season for the youth program. Any questions or comments on this resolution?

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

***Public Comment***

**Rob VanEtten:** A couple quick comments about the monthly Planning Board report. I was at the meeting, the latter part of the meeting we had a discussion which I thought was productive, informative to some of our newer members about the Brandt project. Mr. Ruso, as a citizen, offered his input and help and his expertise and he probably knows more about these things than a lot of us on the Planning Board and I for one appreciate it, Jeff. He also made a comment about negative views by the public on the Planning Board and I would like to reinforce that a little bit. I have been to two business meetings within a year where I've come across the same thing. I'm provoked; people not knowing I was on the Planning Board and people that I was

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having a discussion with were people that have a pretty good finger on the pulse in the business community, Town of Coeymans, Town of Coxsackie, Town of New Baltimore have a very negative view of the Planning Board in the Town of New Baltimore and this was disheartening. That's the problem. Going forward I think we need to keep that in mind and work on that. Thank you for bringing that up, Jeff. I thought maybe it was just me that heard that which makes me think that maybe we still have some problems when our Chairman sees what I thought was a productive conversation as being 'unruly.' That's I think a problem. Going forward I think any decisions the Board has in regards to the Planning Board, you take things like this into consideration so that the Town can move forward and the Planning Board can move forward. Thank you.

**Ann Marie Vadney:** I was a little surprised to hear our monthly report as a member of the Community and as a member of the Planning Board. I think it's very disconcerting to have something written using the terms that were used to express how our meeting went. I concur with Rob; our meeting was very constructive. Mr. Ruso did clearly explain that he was there as a private citizen and he was very informative and helpful especially to new members because one of the projects that we were discussing has been around for quite a few years. I think many of us on the Planning Board are trying to identify what and why it's stalling, being stalled and I think we, the Town do have responsibility in regard to the length of time that is taking right now to get them before us again. So I think that's very disconcerting when the terms 'unruly' are used to describe our meetings and actually how we're representing our community because I for one and I know several other members are very concerned that that terminology is being utilized. We're there to insure that the members of our community are being assisted in every way possible and to promote business in our area. So I will continue to promote it as the Co-Chairperson and I hope that we can turn things around a little bit more with other members on the Planning Board. Again, Mr. Ruso, we thank you for attending as well as Chuck who is Chairperson of the Planning Board Committee. So we hope that you will attend more meetings and provide us with your input so that we know if there are things that we are unaware of and should be aware of. Thank you.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Does anyone else have a comment that you would like to make?

**Councilmember Irving:** I'd just like to say that I was at the meeting too and that I don't really feel that it was said that the community had a negative opinion of the Planning Board. It was more they had questions they were asking why things were taking a little longer than they anticipated. That's understood and I relayed that at the meeting.

**Ann Marie Vadney:** There is an issue within our organization when I don't think any project should be held up because our Building Inspector is reviewing architectural drawings. We certainly don't have the expertise including our Building Inspector who I know has a lot of background and experience, but for the type of project that is being submitted to us I think we also, I'm not saying we shouldn't review it, what I'm saying is that I think that with all of the agencies who are overseeing these types of projects. This is a very big project. They're input should be submitted as part of the plan and we should move forward so we're not holding it up because of any recommendations that we might have as a Planning Board for the Town, and Rob please say something here too if you have input. We shouldn't be holding it up because there's so many other agencies involved and approvals that are required. I think, at least from my perspective as a member of the Board, let's move it forward and fix it if we need to fix it, they have engineers, architects. If they don't know what they're doing, then someone's in trouble. The individuals in the private sector are paying them big bucks to know what the codes are and what they should be doing, and what permits they need from the Department of Transportation, Department of Health, even Social Services probably involved in that project, but overall for any project, but specifically for the one that we were discussing that night.

**Councilmember Briody:** I have a question real quick. The project that you're working on, the P.E. has stamped the drawings. I mean it's a commercial project that you're talking about right?

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**Ann Marie Vadney and Rob VanEtten:** We haven't seen the plans.

**Rob VanEtten:** But I can't imagine they've submitted plans that weren't stamped by an Engineer. If they've been stamped by an Engineer, my guess he has a lot more knowledge about the project than our Building Inspector.

**Councilmember Briody:** That's what I'm getting at. When we deal with commercial projects, we have an Architect. The Architect then sends it to a P.E. The P.E. stamps it as a New York State Certified Engineer and at that point I think that that should pretty much trump most of everything because that person knows all the rules and regulations that are required.

**Rob VanEtten:** That's what our feelings are.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** I think we're all on the same page.

**Councilmember Briody:** That's just my personal opinion.

**Deputy Supervisor Ruso:** That's part of where I come forward, to explain to everyone here and perhaps for the audience out there in TV land, I've had 30 years operational experience. Operational, not building, not all those things, but running senior housing programs including skilled nursing facilities and rehab facilities and I just wanted to step forward to offer my assistance to either party to help expedite this issue from where it's been for these number of years. That's really what I had in mind to offer and I think I did that on that night.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Thank you all. At this time I just wanted to make a comment from our Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea. We had a situation at a Public Hearing where individuals said it had to last a certain amount of time and you could not just close the Public Hearing. Well, our Town Attorney has researched this through the State, through the Association of Towns, spoke with their attorneys and there is no time limit on a Public Hearing. When the public stops speaking, you can close the Public Hearing at any time. So I just wanted that to go into the Minutes so it was taken care of by our Town Attorney.

***Public Comment Period/Community Events***

- August 23, 2016 Veterans Committee Meeting at 10 AM
- August 24, 2016 Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting at 7 PM
- August 28, 2016 Veterans Committee Picnic at District 2 Park at 12 PM
- September 7, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting If Needed at 7:30 PM
- September 8, 2016 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- September 12, 2016 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- September 15, 2016 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 7 PM
- September 17, 2016 Townwide Yard Sale from 9 AM-4 PM
- September 26, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

***Audit of Claims***

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

**RESOLUTION #154-2016**  
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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO PAY AUDITED CLAIMS**

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

**WHEREAS** the Town Board has audited claims 2016b-08-01 to 2016b-08-35 it is

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**RESOLVED** that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2016b-08-01 to 2016b-08-35.

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

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

General \$4,271.68, Highway \$26,279.46, Sewer 1 \$713.45, Sewer 2 \$130.22, Water 2 \$749.48, Total \$32,144.29

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Any other business to come before the Town this evening?

**County Legislator Linger:** If I could just add, Diane reported in her report that late taxes now need to be paid to the County. Any of those taxes that are not paid will go to the annual auction. That auction is going to be September 14 at 9 am at Anthony's Banquet House in Catskill. There is a link on the County website to the auction site and that is being updated daily. The courts were a little late in getting the titles done, but that is in process.

**Question Asked:** How many properties?

**County Legislator Linger:** Right as of last week, we had 115 properties throughout the County.

**Ann Marie Vadney:** How many in New Baltimore?

**County Legislator Linger:** I didn't look specifically; roughly 15.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Still a lot.

**County Legislator Linger:** It was about 20 properties higher than normal, but people can still pay those taxes and penalties up until the last day so a lot of times that does happen and that number will come down.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Thanks, Pat, any other business to come before the Town? Hearing none, I'll accept a Motion.

On a motion by Councilmember Briody seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ruso, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Thank you all for coming tonight; thank you for your comments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke  
Town Clerk