

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

SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

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Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation by Dan Miller on HydroDynamics of Rattlesnake Island

Approval of Minutes

- August 28, 2017 Town Board Work Meeting

Public Comment Period

New Business

- Resolution Approving Stones to be Placed in Memorial Garden
- 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
- Resolution Authorizing Supervisor to Execute Agreement with Ravena Rescue Squad for Ambulance Services Provided to New Baltimore District No. 1
- Resolution to Approve Advertisement for Full Time and Part Time Heavy Equipment Operators for the Highway Department
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- Resolution to Place Advertisement for Part-Time Justice Court Clerk
- Audit of Claims

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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 Briody, Irving and VanEtten, Tal Rappleyea, Esq., Town Clerk Finke, Deputy Town Clerk Jordan, Highway Superintendent Jordan, and 6 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

A moment of silence was observed.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Thank you. That was for all the people that were lost on 9/11, 16 years ago. We have a brief recess; we're going to take an Executive Session. I'm making a Motion under Public Officers Law d. and f. *discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation and f. the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.* I so move, seconded by Councilmember VanEtten to enter into Executive Session at 7:01 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Supervisor Dellisanti: We will be back shortly.

Supervisor Dellisanti: I would like to make a Motion to go back into regular session seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten at 7:26 PM

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Presentation by Dan Miller on HydroDynamics of Rattlesnake Island

Supervisor Dellisanti: Mr. Miller is not here so we're going to move on.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August 28, 2017 Town Board Regular Meeting submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Moved by Supervisor Dellisanti and was seconded by Councilmember VanEtten. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Harold Vadney: As I've only three minutes, I'm providing the entire text to become part of the record of proceedings. As you know 'I am here this evening to address the New Baltimore Town Board directly and to get answers to the many questions I have placed before the Town over the past year and a half regarding the lamentable performance of the Town of New Baltimore Highway Department under the authority and supervision of Mr Denis Jordan, Town of New Baltimore Highway Superintendent. The Town of New Baltimore, in addition to the numerous email notifications and photographic documentation I have provided, has made at least one on site inspection visit of New Street, a roadway owned by the Town of New Baltimore, in response to the ongoing problems of runoff water drainage and the failure of the New Baltimore Highway Department to maintain gutters and storm drains. There is an at least six-year record of the incompetent installation of culverts, drains, and ditches and the resulting damage to private property in and around New Street. In 2016, the town supervisor and deputy supervisor, as well as board member vanEtten personally visited the site of damage to private property. Mr Ruso himself discovered a culvert that was so poorly maintained that one end could not be identified. Two days after that inspection, Mr Dellisanti, Mr Ruso, Mr Jordan and Mr vanWormer were provided with a tour of the New Street and Madison Avenue East problem areas. Shortly, thereafter, NBHD crews arrived to clear drainage ditches that had not been cleared of debris and vegetation for at least 2-3 years. They proceeded to identify the blind culvert and uncovered a drainage grate from under 2-3 inches of soil. Mr. vanWormer remarked that he had no idea the drain was there, and he'd been with the department for at least

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17 years. The department dug up the road, replaced the mystery culvert, installed culverts under two residential driveways, and left a so-called catchment hold and several bizarrely drafted storm drains. The runoff drainage problem was not cured. The drainage problems were not cured and the department managed to create new hazards and aggravate the drainage situation. In 2017, the town of New Baltimore Highway Department and its contractor Callanan, appeared unannounced and commenced paving operations in the Hamlet of New Baltimore. I personally sought out and questioned Mr vanWormer about what was planned, since residents were not provided with information, and the Town website merely stated that details would be announced; that notice still appeared even after the paving had been started and even after it had been completed. The most recent operations of the NBHW department can be characterized best by saying it is half-assed done by halfwits! The epitome of jerry rigging. Not only were the operations on New Street largely unsupervised by the Highway Department, upon arrival on the day New Street was done, I was practically speechless when I returned home at about 3:00 p.m. to find that the roadbed had been raised an average of 8-15 inches, a huge drop prevented one from using the front entrance to my home, another 10" curb made use of the second entrance a significant hazard. There was a raised sloped edge along the street on the East side measuring some 12-15 inches. You could not exit a car at the roadside and safely get out because of the slope and the drop-off. The road has been substantially narrowed such that when unloading my car another car cannot safely pass by. The highway department attempted to cure the drop-off to the residential parking areas by dropping crushed stone. That jerry rigged solution has failed because the stone is either compressing or washing away, leaving the dangerous curb exposed again. It's incredible but the Department on the West side of New Street, right across the street and opposite the No 18 New St. parking area, deposited a blacktop ramp from the roadway onto the lawn of the Arndt property, apparently so that Ms Arndt can drive her car up onto her lawn. Even most bizarrely that ramp actually fills the drainage ditch along the West side of New Street, preventing runoff from draining along the ditch onto the drains. In another incompetent attempt to remedy the hazards caused by the deposition of untold truckloads of blacktop on New Street, the Department had to pour concrete steps supposedly to allow our entrances to be used. The concrete steps were not provided with a foundation and now vegetation is growing from under the steps. No doubt water can seep under the steps and frost will heave them. The concrete or cement mix used is obviously not the correct mix because the edges are already disintegrating, crumbling. At the top of the steps there continues to be a raised hump of approximately 6-8 inches in height, causing a significant hazard of tripping, and which will pose a particular problem in winter with ice and snow buildup. This needs to be corrected. The Deputy Superintendent has already commented that the raised, sloped edge of the road will cause a problem when plowing in winter and will complicate snow removal. In an apparent attempt to cure the raised edge of the roadway at the garage of No. 10, the Department dropped blacktop to form a sloped grade into the driveway. This sloped grade now forms a conspicuous channel along which runoff from the roadway is conducted into the foundations of No. 10 New Street. We continue to use sandbags there. In short, ladies and gentlemen, not only has the Department created hazard after hazard, they have each time created a new problem. There is no explanation why truckload upon truckload of blacktop had to be deposited on New Street to the extent of raising the road surface at least 8-10 inches above the pre-paving level! How much has that cost the taxpayers of this Town? And where was Mr Jordan when all of this was going on? Well, at 3 p.m. on the day New Street was being literally dumped on, Mr Jordan left early to attend a wake...regrettably not his own. In the meantime, request after request after request has been brought to the Town to cure the hazards and remove the dangerous situations. The town has shown only indifference, and the incompetence and waste continues. Rather than respond to residents' concerns Mr Jordan prefers to harass a local woman property owner because of a privacy fence. Rather than cure the problems and remove the hazards created on New Street and elsewhere, Mr Jordan is off installing culverts on friends' properties. I have heard of at least two such preferred operations going on in the Town over the past couple of months. The glaring questions persist: Where is Mr Jordan getting the money to hire his own attorneys when the town has an attorney? Where is Mr Jordan getting the money to hire surveyors to continue his harassment of local property owners. Where is Mr Jordan getting the money to hire Delaware Engineering as consultants to establish that New Baltimore is the only place on Earth where water runs uphill? Where is the accountability? Where is the leadership? Where is the responsibility? Where is Mr. Jordan getting the wherewithal to confront this board with his own threats of litigation? What has this board done in response to Mr Jordans now infamous refrain, "Let them sue us!" Mr Jordan must be made accountable for the untold damage he has done as Superintendent of Highways not only in terms of incompetent

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roadwork, corrupt contract practices, but also to the trust and confidence of residents in this local government, a town board whose responsibility is to steward the public treasure and to act in good faith and fair play in performing their fiduciary duties to the residents of this town. Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr Jordan must be held accountable. Mr. Jordan must GO! And he must go NOW! Need I remind you that this is an election year, and some of you are seeking re-election. It doesn't look good. I am providing a copy of these remarks for the record and ask that the Clerk conform them as part of the record of this September 11, 2017, public regular session of the New Baltimore Town Board. Yours very truly, Harold W. Vadney III Resident' The entire text of my remarks including my truncated remarks as a result of the short time I had to address this assembly is included there. I urge you to read it and to respond to it.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Thank you.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Dellisanti: A couple of meetings ago the Board approved our Court office to apply for the New York State Unified Court System Grant and they have submitted to me what they are asking for in the grant and I wanted to let everyone know what that is: Window type 3 safety glass with tray and speak-through \$5,600.00, Window installation, interior wall per detail \$2,000.00, Records Management for 30 boxes of files \$14,510.00, Carpet for office \$1,900, Exterior Cameras 2 each includes installation \$1,600, Wall mounted clock for courtroom \$60.00, Printer, wireless with fax \$300.00, Office File Cabinets, 5-drawer each, locking, keyed-alike \$3,000.00, Safe, Fireproof, secured and installed \$1,159.00, Total Estimated Grant Proposal \$30,129.00 Usually you don't get the entire grant, but that's what we're looking for right now.

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RESOLUTION 150-2017
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RESOLUTION APPROVING STONES TO BE PLACED IN MEMORIAL GARDEN

WHEREAS the Town of New Baltimore has established a Town Memorial Garden on Town Hall property, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board previously determined that stones be placed in the garden for officially recognizing those persons whose exemplary accomplishments and services have reflected credit and honor upon the Town of New Baltimore.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby accept the following stones as recommended by the Memorial Committee for placement in the public Town Memorial Garden.

Clifton Baldwin
Donald Tanner

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a ceremony will be held on September 17, 2017 at 1 PM at Town Hall to honor the service of these individuals.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

Supervisor Dellisanti: I just want to thank the committee for putting this together and we hope we can do this on an annual basis from now on.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Supervisor Dellisanti: I hope to see you all Sunday.

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RESOLUTION 151-2017
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**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, 2017 to August 15, 2018.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember Briody

Ellie Alfeld: Did you say .1685, \$0.16 cents a gallon.

Highway Superintendent Jordan: No, \$1.685.

Supervisor Dellisanti: \$1.685.

Ellie Alfeld: No, I just wanted to clarify.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: That's a state or county bid?

Highway Superintendent Jordan: Well, it's the same price, but you have to get it from Main Care because it's cut with kerosene in the wintertime and the state does not do it.

Supervisor Dellisanti: They don't do it. By the way that woman has called again from the State and left you another message. Any other questions on this resolution?

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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RESOLUTION 152-2017
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**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, 2017 to August 15, 2018.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

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RESOLUTION 153-2017
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE
AGREEMENT WITH RAVENA RESCUE SQUAD FOR AMBULANCE
SERVICES PROVIDED TO NEW BALTIMORE DISTRICT NO. 1**

RESOLVED the Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to Execute an agreement with Ravena Rescue Squad for the period January 1, 2018-December 31, 2018 for basic ambulance service provided to New Baltimore Ambulance District No. 1 at a total cost of \$24,736.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

Supervisor Dellisanti: Just as a comment, the increase in the ambulance service went up \$485 from the previous contract which is very minimal and they do an outstanding job for New Baltimore. Any other questions or comments?

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Supervisor Dellisanti: Barb, I'm going to sign this and date it now.

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RESOLUTION 154-2017
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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADVERTISEMENT FOR FULL TIME
AND PART TIME HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS
FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent is seeking full time and part time heavy equipment Operators for the Highway Department.

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

**FULL TIME AND PART TIME POSITIONS IN
TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Seeking one full-time and part-time equipment operators/truck drivers with minimum of clean and valid CDL, class B license with experience driving large trucks up to and including 10 wheelers, snow plowing experience with large trucks with plow and wing helpful. Able to operate front end loader to load trucks as needed; perform labor like shoveling, raking, chain saw operation, brush chipping, and weed eating among others. Six month provisional; employee benefits including health insurance with 25% employee contribution; must pass pre-employment drug and alcohol testing and submit to random testing when selected. Contact Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan at 518-756-2078 Monday-Thursday between 6 AM-3:30 PM; application deadline September 27.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember Irving

Ellie Alfeld: What is the going rate? Are we mentioning the price of earnings?

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Supervisor Dellisanti: I think that'll be determined on the interview process.

Highway Superintendent Jordan: Well, the last time we had \$1 less so it would be \$17.25.

Supervisor Dellisanti: \$17.25 and I think we'll keep it at that same rate and after you're six months you'll reevaluate at that point.

Ellie Alfeld: And that's for full and part time?

Highway Superintendent Jordan: No, for full time.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Full Time.

Ellie Alfeld: Do we have a part time rate?

Highway Superintendent Jordan: We don't right this second; I'll think about changing it.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Any other questions?

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Supervisor Dellisanti: This will get into the paper right away.

Highway Superintendent Jordan: Thank you.

Supervisor Dellisanti: You're welcome.

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RESOLUTION 155-2017
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

RESOLUTION TO PLACE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PART-TIME
JUSTICE COURT CLERK

WHEREAS an opening exists for a part-time Justice Court Clerk and the Town Board approves advertisement for that position.

RESOLVED the wording for the advertisement has been approved by the Attorney for the Town and following approval from the Town Board, the advertisement will be submitted to the Town Clerk for publication in The Daily Mail for one week.

The Town of New Baltimore is seeking a part time court clerk for 20 hours a week. A court clerk is responsible for maintaining records of a court and to assist the judges with their administrative functions. Specific duties entail: Preparing dockets/calendars of cases to be called and utilizing a variety of computer software and case management systems. Recording payment of court fines and fees. Will be required to answer inquiries from the general public regarding judicial procedures, court appearances, trial dates, adjournments, and other court related matters. Prepare and issue orders of the court, including probation orders, protective orders, release documentation, sentencing information, and summonses as well as prepare documents regarding the outcome of court proceedings. Responsibilities will include: searching files and contacting witnesses, attorneys, and litigants, in order to obtain information for the court.

Must be able to work independently, as well as have strong communications and inter-personal skills. Legal or prior court clerk experience preferred.

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Interested applicants may obtain an application from the New Baltimore Town Hall. Submit application along with resume by October 5th to New Baltimore Town Court, P.O. Box 67 Hannacroix, New York 12087. Attn: Dawn Palmateer

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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RESOLUTION 156-2017
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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 2017-09-01 to 2017-09-32, it is

REVOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2017-09-01 to 2017-09-32,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until November 30, 2017.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

General \$5,283.11, Highway \$16,964.07, Sewer 1 \$5,634.37, Sewer 2 \$31.07, Water 1 \$281.50, Total \$28,194.12

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- September 25, 2017 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- September 28-October 1, 2017 Playground Installation at Cecil Hallock District 2 Park

Supervisor Dellisanti: We're looking for any volunteers that want to be there on Saturday the 30th to help with the installation.

- October 4, 2017 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- October 9, 2017 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- October 12, 2017 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM

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Ellie Alfeld: The Church has approved the next year of lunches for the Fun and Fellowship. I'll be able to give you a better understanding of the menu and stuff at our next meeting.

Supervisor Dellisanti: At our next meeting, okay very good.

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Councilmember VanEtten: And next Friday at 10 AM is the Memorial Committee's meeting to finalize everything.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Very good. Any other Public Comments for tonight? Anybody else want to speak before the Board? Any other business to come before the Board this evening? Hearing none...

On a Motion by Councilmember Briody seconded by Councilmember VanEtten, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Briody

Supervisor Dellisanti: This meeting is closed. Thank you all for coming tonight.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke, Town Clerk