

6:45 PM Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 1 of 2018 to Establish a New Schedule of Real Property Tax Exemptions for Persons Sixty-Five (65) Years of Age or Over and Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes

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

JANUARY 8, 2018

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

- **December 27, 2017 Public Hearing on Local Law 4 Providing for Alternative Veterans Gold Star Parent Exemption Law**
- **January 1, 2018 Organizational Meeting**

Public Comment Period

- Resolution to Adopt Local Law 1 of 2018 to Establish a New Schedule of Real Property Tax Exemptions for Persons Sixty-Five (65) Years of Age or Over and Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes
- Resolution for Term of Office for Town Health Officer
- Resolution Amending Salaries for Highway Department
- Resolution to Approve Cell Phone for Code Enforcement Officer
- Audit of Claims

Upcoming Meetings

- January 11, 2018 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
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- February 18, 2018 Complimentary Luncheon for Veterans and Their Families at Cornell Hook & Ladder Fire Company at 12 PM
- February 28, 2018 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

Public Comment Period/Community Events

Adjournment

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OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Ruso opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti, Councilmembers Briody, Irving and VanEtten, Tal Rappleyea Esq., Town Clerk Finke, and 7 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The December 27, 2018 Public Hearing on Local Law 4 Providing for an Alternative Veterans Gold Star Parent Exemption Law submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Moved by Supervisor Ruso 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: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

The January 1, 2018 Organizational Meeting submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Moved by Supervisor Ruso and was seconded by Councilmember Downes. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Briody

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eileen Vosburgh: Welcome, Kelly

Councilmember Downes: Thank you.

Eileen Vosburgh: I have some questions about the CEO's hours of availability. What are his hours going to be, Allan Jourdin?

Supervisor Ruso: He's going to work mostly evenings, weekends, and on call throughout the whole week.

Eileen Vosburgh: Do you think that works with contractors and homeowners being able to get in touch with him.

Supervisor Ruso: I do. He has a cell phone that's provided by the Town as well.

Eileen Vosburgh: Okay and does he not currently work full time for a state agency?

Supervisor Ruso: Yes, he does. Yes, he does.

Eileen Vosburgh: And how will he handle like pouring of cement or something that he has to be here?

Supervisor Ruso: He's got to schedule that with the homeowners is what the plan is.

Eileen Vosburgh: So his hours are going to be evenings and weekends.

Supervisor Ruso: Mostly yes, not entirely, but significantly.

Eileen Vosburgh: And will the public be notified of that, of what his hours will be.

Town Clerk Finke: His hours are by appointment right now.

Supervisor Ruso: His hours are by appointment right now, yes.

Eileen Vosburgh: But that's not what we've had in the past.

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Supervisor Ruso: No, it isn't. Well, we have had it in the past, but not as...

Eilleen Vosburgh: Well, of course, they've had appointments, but they've also been in the office scheduled hours before.

Supervisor Ruso: A few year ago they've had it by appointments, but it did have office hours for the past few years. A number of years ago it was similar to what we have now.

Eilleen Vosburgh: I am very concerned about the fact that we have one CEO versus in the past we've had two and also with the assisted living project coming to fruition very soon.

Supervisor Ruso: Well, he's well aware of that and we discussed that at length over a month ago now before he came on board.

Eilleen Vosburgh: So evenings and weekends.

Supervisor Ruso: Yes.

Eilleen Vosburgh: And can you tell me the number of hours Mr. Fishman worked as the CEO at \$100 an hour?

Supervisor Ruso: I don't have that in front of me, it varied by week so it wasn't a set number. It was based upon the calls that came in, the projects that were...

Eilleen Vosburgh: You don't have an idea of how many hours he worked at \$100 an hour.

Supervisor Ruso: I know if I say it I'll be wrong.

Tal Rappleyea, Esq.: .Don't guess.

Supervisor Ruso: If I say it, I'll be wrong.

Eilleen Vosburgh: Alright, thank you very much.

Supervisor Ruso: Thank you.

Town Clerk Finke: I know Mr. Jourdin was in tonight because he came in to see me and he was out to do an inspection.

Councilmember VanEtten: Well, I know typically having a contractor company, you do make appointments especially for pouring cement ahead of time to meet the building inspectors in all towns and cities.

Eilleen Vosburgh: But typically the building inspector is available during the day.

Councilmember VanEtten: Not typically.

Eilleen Vosburgh: In most towns.

Councilmember VanEtten: No, I know Colonie, we just did a job. It took several weeks to get a building inspector and they have three or four.

Eilleen Vosburgh: The history of our Town is a building inspector has been available during the day for both contractors and residents of the Town.

Supervisor Ruso: Thank you.

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TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 40-2018
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RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2018 ESTABLISHING
A NEW SCHEDULE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS
FOR PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE OR OVER
AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOMES

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore held a Public Hearing on January 8, 2018, regarding proposed Local Law 1 of 2018, a local law to establish a new schedule of real property tax exemptions for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over and persons with disabilities and limited incomes, at which time the public was given an opportunity to speak regarding this proposed local law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore does hereby adopt Local Law 1 of 2018 Establishing a new Schedule of Real Property Tax Exemptions for Persons Sixty-Five (65) Years of Age or Over and Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2018

A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH A NEW SCHEDULE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX
EXEMPTIONS FOR PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE OR OVER AND
PESONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOMES

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore, as follows:

SECTION 1. This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the authority of Real Property Tax §459© and §467. All definitions, terms and conditions of such statute shall apply to this Local Law and are incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. Local Law #1 of 2017 is HEREBY REPEALED.

SECTION 3. The Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore does hereby establish the following sliding scale of property tax exemptions for real property owned by persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over and for real property owned by a person with a disability whose income is limited by such disability, and used as the legal residence of such person, based on the income limits set forth below:

<u>Maximum Income Limit</u>	<u>Property Tax Exemption</u>
\$27,500	50%
\$27,500.01-\$28,499.99	45%
\$28,500.00-\$29,499.99	40%
\$29,500.00-\$30,499.99	35%
\$30,500.00-\$31,399.99	30%
\$31,400.00-\$32,299.99	25%
\$32,300.00-\$33,199.99	20%
\$33,200.00-\$34,099.99	15%
\$34,100.00-\$34,999.99	10%
\$35,000.00-\$35,899.99	5%

SECTION 4. Any person who qualifies for a property tax exemption as a person with a disability shall not be eligible for a property tax exemption as a person who is sixty-five (65) years of age or over.

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SECTION 5. The maximum income limit set forth in in Section 3 above shall be offset by medical and prescription drug expenses actually paid which are not reimbursed or paid for by insurance.

SECTION 6. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Briody

	AYE	NAY
Supervisor Ruso	X	
Councilmember Briody	X	
Councilmember Downes	X	
Councilmember Irving	X	
Councilmember VanEtten	X	
Motion Carried		

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 41-2018
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RESOLUTION FOR TERM OF OFFICE FOR TOWN HEALTH OFFICER

WHEREAS the Town Board approved the appointment of Dr. Stephen Hassett as Town Health Officer for 2018.

WHEREAS §322 (1) of the Public Health Law lists the term of office of the Health officer shall be four years, payable at \$500 per year.

RESOLVED that Dr. Stephen Hassett is reappointed as Town Health Officer from January 1, 2018-December 31, 2022 and the Town Clerk will notify the Department of Health of said appointment.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten
AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:
Motion Carried

Tal Rappleyea, Esq.: Shouldn't that be '21, 2021. You're at five years.

Supervisor Ruso: Five years, why don't I restate that folks and then we'll revote.

RESOLVED that Dr. Stephen Hassett is reappointed as Town Health Officer from January 1, 2018-December 31, 2021 and the Town Clerk will notify the Department of Health of said appointment.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten
AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:
Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: Thanks for pointing that out to us.

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RESOLUTION 42-2018
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RESOLUTION AMENDING SALARIES FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS the Town Board adopted Resolution 17-2018 at its Organizational Meeting on January 1, 2018 listing salaries for highway department employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Richard Baxter and Tavis Stupplebeen will receive \$17.25 per hour while on their probationary period.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Irving

Supervisor Ruso: Kelly, you're new to us. These are brand new employees who have yet to earn, they get an addition when the probation is completed

Councilmember Downes: Do we have a set time on the probation?

Supervisor Ruso: Yes, it's a six month probation. I don't have the exact dates of their start, but it was about two months ago they started. One started a couple weeks before the other. Tavis started first and Richard started second so that's what they received during their probationary period. So, any further discussion?

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION 43-2018
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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CELL PHONE FOR
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

WHEREAS the Code Enforcement Officer is in need of a cell phone in the performance of his duties for the Town of New Baltimore.

RESOLVED the Town Board approves a cell phone for the Code Enforcement Officer from Verizon which includes unlimited calling, 4 gb data, 800 texts per month, free nights and weekends and Verizon to Verizon at the current rate of \$34.99 per month.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Briody

Ellie Alfeld: Is this an exclusive use for only the Town business?

Town Clerk Finke: That's why he's getting a Town cell phone.

Ellie Alfeld: And is it limited to only business for the Town is my question?

Supervisor Ruso: Yes, that's the intention, yes.

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AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION 44-2018

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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 2018-01-01 to 2018-01-32, it is

REVOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2018-01-01 to 2018-01-32.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until February 28, 2017.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

General \$7,076.92, Highway \$1,105.51, Sewer 1 \$15,233.27, Sewer 2 \$31.07, Lighting 1 \$1,788.65, Lighting 2 \$185.68, Ambulance 1 \$28,890.85, Ambulance 2 \$2,440.15, Total \$56,752.20

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD/COMMUNITY EVENTS

None

Supervisor Ruso: We're not going to adjourn as we have to, and I'll read it from here, I've saved it for the end for those that might not want to hand around. We have to go into Executive Session for two particular reasons. One is discussion regarding proposed, pending, or current litigation which we need to discuss at Executive Session and the second reason is for 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.

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Supervisor Ruso: I'm going to make the Motion that we retire to Executive Session, seconded by Councilmember VanEtten at 7:15 PM.

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Supervisor Ruso: I'd like to have a Motion to adjourn from our Executive Session and resume our Regular Town Board Meeting, I'll make that Motion seconded by Councilmember VanEtten at 8:02 PM.

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Supervisor Ruso: Thank you for your time everybody; thank you for your patience. Any other Public Comments? There being none, I would like to hear a Motion to adjourn.

On a Motion by Councilmember Briody seconded by Councilmembers Downes and VanEtten, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: Thank you everybody.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke
Town Clerk