

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

**MARCH 26, 2018**

**AGENDA**

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Reports**

**Supervisor**

- Cornell Cooperative Extension Announces Eel Project Volunteers Wanted: Research Migratory Fish at the Hannacroix Creek in New Baltimore from Late March through May with Very Flexible Schedules
- State of New York Department of State Notice of Receipt of Local Law 1 of 2018 Filed on March 1, 2018

**County Legislator**

**Town Clerk**

- Approval of March 12, 2018 Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes

**Tax Collector**

**Historian**

Agriculture (Chair R. VanEtten/Member Irving)

Ag Fest Liaison (Member Irving)

Animal Control (Chair Irving/Member Ruso)

Assessment (Chair VanEtten/Member Ruso)

Audit and Budget (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

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

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

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

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

Greene County EMS (Representative Dellisanti/Deputy Ruso)

Greene County Planning Board (Member Irving)

Highway (Chair Ruso/Member Briody)

Insurance (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member VanEtten)

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

Seniors (Chair VanEtten/Member Ruso)

Technology/Website (Chair Briody/Member Downes)

Town Courts Liaison (Chair VanEtten/Member Briody)

Veterans and Memorials (Chair VanEtten/Member Irving)

Wastewater Treatment (Chair Irving/Member Briody)

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

**Public Comment Period/Community Events**

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- June 2-3, 2018 AgFest at VanEtten Farm

**Audit of Claims**

**Adjournment**

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

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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, Downes, Irving and VanEtten, Town Clerk Finke, and 6 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Tax Collector Jordan and Highway Superintendent Jordan

***Supervisor Jeffry Ruso***

The monthly financial reports for February were forwarded to all Board members. Has everyone had a chance to review them? I would like to make a Motion to accept the February financial reports, seconded by Councilmember Downes.

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

**Cornell Cooperative Extension Columbia & Greene Counties** – Eel Project Volunteer

Wanted: Research migratory fish at the Hannacroix Creek in New Baltimore

American eels (*Anguilla rostrata*) are migratory fish that are hatched in the Atlantic Ocean and enter rivers as tiny “glass eels” each spring. The species is in decline over much of its range, and baseline studies are needed for conservation. Teams of scientists and students collect glass eels using net and trap devices on several Hudson River tributaries. Juvenile fish are counted, weighed, and released to better habitat upstream, often above dams. Help protect this critical species! Interns and volunteers can assist in the spring 2018 study on streams from NYC to Greene County. This requires mostly outdoor field work from late March through May, with very flexible schedules. Participants gain valuable field experience, study important species in the living environment, work with local communities, and earn recommendations from DEC staff. College students may be able to earn internship credit. **To volunteer at the Hannacroix:** Email or call Tracey Testo at [tet35@cornell.edu](mailto:tet35@cornell.edu), 518-622-9820 x119.

**New York State Department of State** – Notice of Receipt of Local Law #1 of 2018 filed on 3/1/2018

***County Legislator Pat Linger***

March has been a month of numerous, and sometimes lengthy, meetings, and Daily Mail articles full of less-than-factual information. The Public Safety committee, which I am a member of, voted down the proposed resolution to share in the cost of a construction feasibility study at the Columbia County Jail site. I heard from many town residents on this subject through phone calls, emails, and private conversations. While there are dissenting opinions, the overwhelming majority of those I had discussions with were not in favor of sending their tax dollars to Columbia County. I voted accordingly, and the issue will not move forward with Greene County funds. To be very clear, NYSDOS grants do not fund feasibility studies, and there is no savings to Greene County in sharing a jail with Columbia. Those were two of the points that were made in the Daily Mail articles that were absolutely not correct. We currently spend \$5.1 million to be in the corrections business mandated by the State. Sharing a facility with Columbia County was projected to cost \$5.1 – \$5.7 million depending on construction needs and additional personnel. No savings, no NYS Shared Services reimbursement, and it’s against the law. A second resolution regarding the jail was to commit to the obligations of USDA loan funding. This resolution was passed by the full Legislature by a 12 – 2 vote and will lock the interest rate on \$51,488,000 at 3.5% for 30 years in the event we build our own facility with USDA funding. This is not a bond resolution to spend any money yet, but protects taxpayer interests going forward, with interest rates expected to rise again in 2018, three times from what I hear. You may notice the amount committed to is significantly higher than the last bond resolution, which failed at \$44,000,000. Simply put, the 16-month delay pushed by a few Legislators has allowed the cost of construction to rise in that time with no significant changes to the design. With the shared jail option put to rest, we have scheduled a meeting this Saturday to establish points of agreement and dissention with regards to the building design, specifically bed count and Sheriff

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Administration. I attended a meeting at CGCC to discuss the potential of adding a Greene County Transit bus route to Columbia County. The hope is that between the college, hospital, and train station, we can improve the transportation availability to our residents and visitors with a self-sustaining route. That discussion is ongoing with the Transportation Advisory Board, of which I am a member. The broadband mapping that I mentioned last month is nearing completion, and will have interactive data with layering, similar to the GIS property tax maps. Residents will be able to overlay each round of grant funding to see the census blocks served from start to “finish”, as well as their own address to view the appropriate service provider and contact information. When complete, this should give us a relatively good idea of the areas still unserved or underserved. The recent omnibus bill passed in Congress does include funding for broadband expansion and we hope to be able to capture some of that funding to assist in the “final mile” of service. We began our 2019 budget meetings this month, and have scheduled those for each month through August. These meetings are a change in the way we did business in the past, and are extremely important in understanding how our tax dollars are spent. As reported by the IDA, the PILOT agreement with Save-a-Lot has now expired. This property has been turned over to the owners and is fully assessed and on the tax rolls as of March 1<sup>st</sup>. Last Friday, I attended the Veterans Resource Fair in Greenville, hosted by Congressman Faso. I was pleased to meet up with a few of our own vets from New Baltimore while there. If anyone is interested in the information that was available, contact me and I can get that to you. We appointed a new Buildings and Grounds Superintendent this month. Some of Bill Smith’s initial duties will be to establish a new punch list of improvements to be made at our current jail to ensure we can safely use it for the next 3 years, trace a leaky roof in our Ashland Highway Garage, and maintain our Mental Health building in Cairo that is almost as old as our jail. There is a new link on the [Greenegovernment.com](http://Greenegovernment.com) homepage that puts all of the available resources in one spot to help battle the opioid crisis. This was developed in response to a perception that people don’t know where to go for help, or where to start. So you can go to our Home Page now and click on the Opioid Crisis and that will bring up a whole list of services that are available through Greene County or other not-for-profit organizations. GC Public Health will be sponsoring a rabies vaccination clinic this Wednesday, March 28 from 6-8 pm at the Medway-Grapeville firehouse. With the recent rabies diagnosis in Coeymans, I would encourage any resident with a pet that’s not vaccinated to utilize this service. Vaccinations are free for dogs, cats, and ferrets, but donations are encouraged. In addition to those previously mentioned, other notable resolutions passed in March include: 1) Internet Fairness Conformity Tax support letter to level the playing field for our “brick and mortar” businesses 2) Letter of opposition to the Governor’s Executive budget proposing a PILOT agreement for taxable NYS owned Forest Preserve land of which there is much in Greene County 3) Resolution calling on Greene County residents and business owners to adopt the "Think Differently" Initiative to assist individuals with special needs and their families. I would encourage the Town to look into this as well. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual GC Chamber of Commerce Restaurant Week will be held April 6-15, 2018. Many lunch and dinner specials will be available at participating restaurants throughout the county. More information can be found by visiting the chamber website. I have secured a Wayne C. Speenburgh grant for the Cornell Hook & Ladder Fire Company to assist with their Community Day on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Any questions?

**Supervisor Ruso:** Just a comment, I spoke with an official in Coeymans a number of days ago. I believe they’ve had four rabid raccoons as of that day.

**County Legislator Linger:** The phone calls started two days I guess after the incident in the Faith Plaza parking lot. Dean Davis from here in New Baltimore I know fielded a few calls as well. He can’t do anything with them, but he had two phone calls within an hour.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Have we had some in Town?

**County Legislator Linger:** No, I think they were people from Ravena area, but they called Dean knowing that’s what he used to handle, but he’s just not allowed to do it anymore with

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DEC regulations and Ag & Markets, but if you think as a crow flies, that's nothing in distance to a lot of places here in New Baltimore.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Right; I'd be surprised if it wasn't.

**County Legislator Linger:** Including the Hannacroix Creek Preserve.

**Ellie Alfeld:** The old quarry was a breeding ground.

**County Legislator Linger:** The old quarry; it can be spread through a water source. So, if a rabid animal drinks from a water source and you're out walking your dog and the dog drinks from that water source and it's not vaccinated, they could contract the disease or they may need a booster so it's very easily transmitted under the right circumstances. Unfortunately, rabies runs in cycles and we may be seeing the start of one.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I hope not.

**County Legislator Linger:** So, hopefully we get people to take advantage of the rabies clinic and stop it in its tracks here anyway.

**Councilmember Downes:** It's pretty packed usually.

**County Legislator Linger:** It's a New Baltimore vet that provides that service up there. Anything else?

***Town Clerk Barb Finke***

2 Building Permits \$750, 4 CO Searches \$60, 19 Dog Licenses \$120, 2 Late Dog Licenses \$10, 1 Marriage License \$17.50, 4 Minor Subdivisions \$120, 7 Certified Copies \$70, 59 Photo Copies \$14.75, Recycle Fees \$13.50, Total State, County & Local Revenues \$1,219.25, New York State Agriculture and Market for Spay/Neuter Program \$21, New York State Department of Health for Marriages \$22.50, Total to Supervisor \$1,175.75 I attended a Columbia-Greene Town Clerks Association meeting on Friday, February 16 in Catskill. Katie Hodgdon from the Association of Towns discussed proposed legislative updates and answered questions.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The March 12, 2018 Town Board Regular 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:

**Motion Carried**

***Tax Collector Diane Jordan***

No Report

***Historian Ted Hilscher***

On Sunday March 4 I gave a slide show at the Town Hall on what I learned about our local barns from my visit to England last summer. There were 13 visitors in attendance.

***Agriculture***

**Councilmember Irving:** I met with the Hudson Valley Agricultural Research Center in Kingston and set up a liaison with them in my email address. If there's anybody that's interested in what's going on there, get ahold of me. It's Hudson Valley agriculture, it's small fruits.

***AgFest***

**Councilmember Irving:** We have a meeting I believe next week on the AgFest.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** I think it's Tuesday, but I could be wrong.

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**Councilmember Irving:** Everything's moving along on schedule; things look good for the AgFest this year. Hopefully the weather will hold out as good.

***Animal Control***

No Report

**Supervisor Ruso:** I don't have his report this month, I'll give him a call unless you want to give him a call, Chuck.

**Councilmember Irving:** I have some business to attend to. We need to finish our animal control hotel, get it up and running. It looks like it's 90%, I just have to check with our Animal Control Officer and see what else we need.

***Assessment***

**Exemption Renewals** The exemption renewals have been filed, and now processing the balance and placed on V-4, whereas files are still being reviewed, and will have a better report for next month of the totals. Some documents are being sent in which was missing from the application/renewals. Contacted the County and School Districts to confirm the income levels for Exemption Administration for the Town. **Board of Assessment Review** All members have been contacted in regards to the training scheduled at Greene County Government Center which is scheduled April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 6:00-9:00 pm. **Deeds; Splits/Merges** Have received the final deeds and split/merges to be processed (as of March 1<sup>st</sup>) from the County which will be processed for the 2018 tentative assessment roll. March 2<sup>nd</sup> forward will be noted for the next year's assessment roll processing. **Special Franchises; State owned Land and Railroad Ceiling** The special franchise, State Owned Land and Railroad Ceiling tentative values have been received from NYS Taxation and Finance. **Data Collection** Data collection is almost complete for assessments for the tentative assessment roll. **Notice Concerning the Examination of Assessment Inventory & Valuation** The legal notice was published in the Official Newspaper via the Real Property Tax Law.

***Audit and Budget***

No Report

***Buildings & Grounds/Recycling Operator Kirk Trombley***

4 Tires Up to and Include 16" Without Rim at \$2 for \$8, 60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastics) 11, 15 Bundles of Magazines & Phone books, 66 Bags & Bundles of Newspaper, 18 Boxes & Bundles of Cardboard, Total Income \$8

***Building Inspector/Code Enforcement***

No Report

***Fire, EMS & Law Enforcement***

No Report

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

No Report

***Greene County EMS, Representative Deputy Supervisor Nick Dellisanti***

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. There were 7 EMS calls in February for a total of 14 for this year, and we had 103 calls for all of 2017. As of March 20, 2018 there is a projected year-end balance of \$525,000, it's up \$125,000 from our last meeting. The budget is doing well with Greene EMS we also bought two new vehicles so they are doing very well.

***Greene County Planning Board Representative Jean Horn***

Town of Windham...site plan regarding property at 1161 Rt. 10 which will build a large barn and use the home and barn as a wedding venue. Motion approved. Town of Catskill...site plan regarding use of a property at 3303 Rt 23A, Palenville as a branch of the Catskill Public Library. Motion approved. Town of Jewett...zoning and other code amendments to update current codes

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in Jewett. Motion approved. Town of Cairo...Site Plan/Special Use Permit regarding construction and operation of a 2 megawatt ground mount photo voltaic (PC) community solar array. Motion approved.

***Highway***

February 26-March 26, 2018 – Worked on plow off of 1985 oshkosh, Patched holes with crusher run, Patched holes with winter mix, Rebuilt push frame off 1985 oshkosh plow, Replaced antenna on 2012 pickup, Cleaned grates in hamlet, Washed all trucks, Replaced control cable on tractor, Removed grate on Staco Rd due to heavy rain coming, Mixed sand and salt in big shed, Plow and sanded roads as needed, Cut and remove trees and branches from roads due to heavy snow, Took 2017 pickup to Albany to have under coated, Changed cutting edge on 2012 plow, Checked and tighten belts on 1985 oshkosh, Stick fuel tanks on all Fridays, Went over roads and picked up what limbs we could, Fixed window washer pump on 2011 International, Changed wing blade on 2014 International, Pushed back roads where needed due to drifting over night, Replace shutter stat on 185 oshkosh was leaking, Called to get prices on renting sweeper Replaced pipe on school house lane that collapsed, Clean up around shop, Measured the roads for the 284 agreement, Cleaned inside of plow trucks, Changed oil in 2012 pickup.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Last I understood the 284 Agreement for 2018 is being prepared, it's not quite ready to present to the Board. I met with the Deputy Highway Superintendent this weekend past.

***Insurance***

No Report

***Personnel***

**Supervisor Ruso:** I need to report that our new Assessor clerk has started in the last month and is working out quite well. She is a former Assessor from Sullivan County and she fit into the job nicely. So, we welcome Kathy Sprague.

***Planning Board Chair Rob VanEtten***

The Planning Board met on March 8, 2018, with the following business transacted: Public Hearings were held on the Minor Subdivision Application submitted by Samuel and Kimberly Anderson for a two-lot subdivision of property owned on Scheller Park Road and the Minor Subdivision Application of Bernard Jones for a two-lot subdivision of property also located on Scheller Park Road. In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed, both applications were approved. A Town property owner was present to discuss with the Board his continuing frustration in trying to find a means of access to a large parcel of land he had purchased at auction.

***Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Pat Linger***

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet on March 7 since there were no applications to come before the Board.

***Seniors***

**Councilmember VanEtten:** (To Ellie Alfeld) Have you made a meeting yet for April?

**Ellie Alfeld:** No.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** No, could you let the Town know when you do? Okay, great.

***Technology/Website***

No Report

***Town Courts***

In February, Court fees were \$18,787.50 of which \$10,742.50 was sent to the State Comptroller and the Town retained \$8,045. Justice Farrell \$11,366.50 Justice Meacham \$7,421.00

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***Veterans and Memorials***

**Councilmember VanEtten:** We should be meeting soon though probably in April to get ready. I think we're going to change the Veterans picnic to September, we have a lot going on in August. The Memorials we'll probably be meeting soon, we have to do that in September too.

***Wastewater Treatment***

**Councilmember Irving:** Running smooth, that's good to hear.

***Youth, Parks and Recreation***

No Report

***Public Comment***

**Judge Meacham:** Thank you. I'm going to address the court clerk's pay as we have requested over the past many months. I sat down with the court liaisons at the beginning of the year as well, but nothing has happened from that. In review in June I wrote a letter requesting a pay raise, even offering to take it from my own income for you to do that. You sat me down in the office and told me that's not allowed. I understood. So in September when it came time for the budget we put in a request for the raise for our full time court clerk and also in November we asked again for the raise, twice in November, once on November 18 and once on November 22. Again nothing has happened with regards to that. We did have a vote on it, but the vote was based on a request stating that it was to take effective immediately and that wasn't true, it was to be implemented over the 2018 calendar year. So on January 14 when we sat down and talked to the court liaisons, we discussed the fact that we had written up a grant request to help the court to purge some files that are improperly stored in our attic. On the 18<sup>th</sup> I wrote a letter confirming the meeting, sent it to the court liaisons thanking them for their time because it was an early Sunday morning meeting. Obviously I was very appreciative for them to be able to meet with me at that time, but again that letter we had requested some items that were of need number one which was to be able to implement the requirements of the court grant that has been approved by the state, but still no action was taken after that meeting as well. On February 24 another letter was written and given to the Supervisor and this letter reviewed all the letters and requests and explaining the additional burden to the court is going to have in purging these files and we've only asked for \$0.75 per hour as a raise for our court clerks which would be about \$24 for the full time court clerk and about \$15 for the part-time court clerk which actually instead of \$15 would be \$5 because she's going to get a \$0.50 raise anyways after her six month review. So we're looking at about \$29 total per week as an increase. I would like to say that Dawn has over 16 years of experience, she's very good at what she does and any business would want to be able to maintain, to keep their key staff so if you run a business, you understand how important it is to maintain your staff and keep your key people. Even the public defenders and the ADA that comes to our court clerk say that she's one of the best that there is in Greene County at what she does. So the qualities are there, not just from me saying that, but from outside this court. Speaking of public defenders, by the way her wages are so low that if she ever needed to have a lawyer, a public defender would be able to be issued to her at no charge because her wages are so low. The Board has already approved the wages in your budget, but they haven't been issued so at the end of every year, you have excess money that hasn't been distributed that has already been approved by the Board. So what we're asking as justices for our court clerks is not anything beyond the budget that's already approved, I'm just asking you to implement it, to issue their wages. As you know this court grant that has been approved that she wrote is actually pretty close to her annual salary for one year. So she just wrote and got approved a grant by the state that's as much as her wages basically. I don't know how many grants you get within the course of the year and how much they actually tally, but I think that's one of the largest ones the court has ever received. She's doing very well; in other words, she's very good at what she does, she's helping the court, she's helping our community, and so I'm asking for \$0.75 per hour for the Board to consider in your next resolution.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Thank you. Does anyone want to ask Judge Meacham any questions? I will add that she was given a raise as well as everyone else at budget time so to suggest she didn't have a raise last year is wrong. Flat out wrong.

**Justice Meacham:** I didn't suggest that she didn't have a raise.

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**Supervisor Ruso:** Secondly, I will point out that you came in asking for a 21.65% salary increase. That was your request initially. No one gets 21.65% wage increase and you have been in numerous times and I will welcome from any member of the Board a resolution here or to be written in the near future on behalf of what Justice Meacham has said. But in the meantime, the Town has not approved any wages that equal or come up to what you're suggesting. We have approved a budget for your department. The Town Board sets the wages. No one's given any \$0.75 or \$3 and whatever the difference was initially, I think it was \$3.66 wages was what you initially asked for, no one's given that. We gave a 1.5% to every Town employee, that's generally how we've done this in the past. I don't remember anyone getting different and additional raises and quite frankly I don't remember having to endure constant requests, you illustrated easily six of them in the last six months. So if anyone wants to make a resolution all they have to do is say so and we'll present it for the next meeting. Anybody have a question? Thank you.

**Justice Meacham:** Alright, let me respond to your comments.

**Supervisor Ruso:** No, please sit down, sir. You've already had more than three minutes.

**Justice Meacham:** But your 21% was wrong. It's wrong information, I explained it in a letter to you also that that was wrong information. I don't know where you came up with 21%.

**Supervisor Ruso:** No, it wasn't wrong information. I did the math myself, sir. I did the math myself.

**Justice Meacham:** Show me the numbers. Show me the numbers.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I did.

**Justice Meacham:** Because it's not correct and I explained it. You never responded to me in the letter either.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I'm responding to you right now and I want order in here. Is that understood? I will not come into your courtroom and disrupt your courtroom as you are disrupting this meeting. I've had enough of it. You've done it many, many times, you won't stop, and now you're interfering with the Town Board operations. I would never do that to the court, ever, never and I've had it with that, but I will entertain a resolution from anybody on the Town Board okay; perhaps we'll have one at the next meeting, it's up to you guys to write it okay, I'll even help you.

**Audit of Claims**

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

**RESOLUTION 75-2018**  
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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 2018b-03-01 to 2018b-03-25, it is

**REVOLVED** that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2018b-03-01 to 2018b-03-25.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until April 30, 2018.



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Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

General \$20,059.98, Highway \$11,539.72, Sewer 1 \$30,463.35, Sewer 2 \$175.80, Total \$62,238.85 and that includes a payment for the sewer grant

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**Supervisor Ruso:** Any other community events?

**County Legislator Linger:** It's not a community event, but I'd like to make two comments for the Board. One that I didn't mention in my report, but the other one I don't know how closely you've been keeping an eye on the solar projects that are active in Coxsackie right now, it may be an opportunity that you want to take a look at our zoning code as far as solar is related. It's fairly new, but I know a lot of it was taken from what surrounding towns had done in recent past. The one farm that's proposed down there was actually not the typical community solar 15-20 acre farm. This is a 50 megawatt facility I believe that they've put in an application for an Article 10 which would mean it's a power plant and will encompass the different phases, it will encompass anywhere from 700-1,300 acres fenced. I'm not sure that's what the Town of New Baltimore was looking at when our code was written so it may be something that you want to take another look at to make sure that we can...

**Supervisor Ruso:** We actually have, Shelly and I have worked on a project regarding other fees and other...

**Councilmember VanEtten:** But including the solar panels.

**County Legislator Linger:** Just to take a look at that. The other thing that I've got that you may have seen in the papers was a meeting that we held, a presentation by GUS, Greene-Ulster-Sullivan. It's a preliminary look into solid waste for the three counties. Solid waste is very expensive, everybody's spending a ton of money to do it. Ulster County has a public corporation that runs theirs; Sullivan and Greene have their own solid waste departments. Together the three counties would have enough solid waste to look into some alternative methods of disposing of that waste. Not going to throw anything out there as far as a landfill or an incinerator or anything because we're nowhere's near that, but without the volume you can't even look at other options. We're gonna just keep trucking stuff out to Seneca Falls which right now is slated to close in 2025. So we have a little bit of time to play with this, to look at numbers, to look at options. So we just had a preliminary report from a study that was commissioned by Ulster County to combine the three counties and see if we can do a little better for taxpayers on that front. So, if you see that in the paper or you hear about it, that's what it is. It's a proactive approach.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Thank you, sir. Do I have any other resolutions before the Board?

Motion by Councilmember Briody seconded by Councilmember VanEtten to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM.

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

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**Supervisor Ruso:** Thank you, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke  
Town Clerk