

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

**MAY 29, 2019**

**AGENDA**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Bid Opening for Paving Projects for the 2019 Season**

**Reports**

**Supervisor**

- Launch of the Community Choice Aggregation Program with Cocksackie and Cairo, Public Information Meeting on Thursday, May 30 at 5:30 PM at Town Hall
- Town of Cocksackie Public Hearing on June 11, 2019 at 7 PM to Consider Local Law 1 of 2019 to Amend the Code of the Town of Cocksackie, Chapter 167 Titled ‘Regulations and Approval Standards for Solar Energy Collection System’ at Town Hall, 56 Bailey Street

**County Legislator**

**Town Clerk**

**Tax Collector**

**Historian**

**Agriculture (Chair R. VanEtten/Member Irving)**

**Ag Fest Liaison (Member Irving)**

- Resolution to Authorize Purchase of Special Events Liability Insurance for AgFest

**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)**

- Resolution to Authorize Highway Superintendent to Purchase Fuel Oil by Greene County Resolution 156-19
- Resolution to Authorize Highway Superintendent to Purchase Materials and Supplies by Greene County Resolution 160-19
- Resolution to Authorize Highway Superintendent to Purchase Washed Screened Crushed Stone by Greene County Resolution 161-19
- Resolution to Surplus Highway Equipment Through GovDeals, Inc.

**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)**

- Resolution to Surplus Safe and Light Fixture Through GovDeals, Inc.

**Veterans and Memorials (Chair VanEtten/Member Irving)**

**Wastewater Treatment (Chair Irving/Member Briody)**

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

- Resolution to Allow the Supervisor to Sign Easement Agreement to Central Hudson Gas & Electric for Relocation of Poll and Overhead Electric Line on Old Kings Road

**Public Comment Period/Community Events**

- May 30, 2019 Town of New Baltimore Community Choice Aggregation Program Public Information Session at 5:30 PM
- June 1-2, 2019 AgFest at VanEtten Farm
- June 4, 2019 Seniors Committee Picnic at District 2 Park at 12 PM, Raindate June 6, 2019
- June 5, 2019 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM (If Needed)
- June 10, 2019 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- June 13, 2019 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- June 24, 2019 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

**Audit of Claims****Adjournment**

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

**GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC CONDUCT DURING TOWN BOARD MEETINGS**

1. The Supervisor shall preside at the meetings of the Town Board. In the absence of the Supervisor, the Deputy Supervisor shall be the acting Supervisor. In the event both the Supervisor and the Deputy Supervisor are absent, the other members shall designate one of their members to act as temporary chairman. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a lesser number may adjourn.
2. Town residents who wish to speak shall fill out a card at the entrances of the meeting room listing their name, contact information, and the subject matter in which they would like to speak. These cards will be collected prior to the beginning of the Town Board meeting and given to the Town Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor in the absence of the Supervisor.
3. Speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer and then proceed to the lectern and state their name and address. They must limit their remarks on official town business to up to three minutes on a given topic and may not yield any remaining time to another speaker. They must address their remarks to the Board as a body and not to any member thereof and not to other members of the audience in the form of a debate.
4. Speakers should present their remarks in a courteous manner and may not make disparaging remarks or personal comments about public officials, town residents, or others. All speakers will observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity, and good taste with no cursing, swearing, clapping, booing, finger pointing, bullying, whispering, or talking that disrupts the proceedings of the business of the Town Board.
5. Any speaker who disregards the directives of the presiding officer in enforcing the rules, disturbs the peace at a meeting, makes impertinent or slanderous remarks, or generally conducts themselves in an inappropriate manner shall be barred from further participation and will forfeit any balance of time remaining for their comments.
6. After a final warning, if a speaker willfully refuses to step down, the Town Supervisor shall contact the appropriate authorities to remove the speaker from the meeting room and to restore order.
7. The Town Supervisor, or in their absence the Deputy Supervisor, shall ensure compliance with these rules.

**This policy will be amended by Majority vote of the Town Board.**

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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 Councilmembers Briody, Irving, and VanEtten, Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti, Highway Superintendent VanWormer, Town Clerk Finke, Justice Meacham, and 4 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Councilmember Downes (Work), County Legislator Linger, and Tax Collector Jordan

***Bid Opening for Paving Projects for the 2019 Season***

Supervisor Ruso: Town of New Baltimore Request for Bids for 2019 Paving Projects  
The Town of New Baltimore will be receiving bids for the following paving projects for the 2019 season. Shady Lane Approximately 9875' x 20' Furnish and Install 1" T&L Course Furnish and Install 1.5" 12.5mm Top Course The Town will be responsible for the following: Cut keyways as necessary for smooth transitions Clean (sweep) roadway prior to paving All necessary maintenance and control of traffic Water Supply for rollers Bids will be accepted at the Town Clerk's Office located at 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, NY 12087 until 4pm on Friday, May 24. All bids must be in a sealed envelope at time of delivery. Bids will be opened at the Town Board Work Meeting on Wednesday, May 29. Please address any questions to Highway Superintendent Alan VanWormer at (518)756-2078, Ext. 3 Monday-Thursday from 6am-3:30 pm, cell (518)567-4961, or email at highway@townofnewbaltimore.org.

By Order of the Town Board, Barbara M. Finke Town Clerk

**Town Clerk Finke:** One bid was received on May 24 from Peckham Road Corp. and I will make copies and distribute.

**Supervisor Ruso:** So what we have here is Item #1 which is Top, quantity is 1,235.00 Tons of 12.5mm T&L Course at 1" compacted, Unit Price \$64.47, Total Price \$79,620.45 Tack 1,852.00 tons of 12.5mm T&L Course at 1.5" compacted, Unit Price \$64.47, Total Price \$119,398.44, Total \$199,018.89 Days to Complete HMA Work 2.00 Annual Mobilizations If Needed \$1,640.00

**Supervisor Ruso:** I think the biggest question is does this bid meet the satisfactions of the New Baltimore Highway Department?

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Yes, it does.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Any thoughts or questions? I believe the Town Board will need to make a Motion to accept that bid. Do you want to do that now, Barb?

**Town Clerk Finke:** Did you want to review it or did you want to...?

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** We kind of talked it over a little bit. There was some thoughts about rebidding, but I don't think. Due to the circumstances I don't think we should rebid it. It wasn't like Peckham did anything wrong or we did anything wrong; it's just that the other bidder came in too late.

**Supervisor Ruso:** That happens.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** This is actually about \$5 a ton cheaper than the budget figures that they gave me for the 284 Agreement.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I guess I'll make a Motion to accept the bid seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes (Work)

**Motion Carried**

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***Supervisor***

The monthly financial reports for April were forwarded to all Board members. Has everyone had a chance to review them? Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Briody to accept the April financial reports.

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

**Motion Carried**

**Supervisor Ruso:** Just to give some background, the Town of New Baltimore adopted Local Law 1 of 2016 to authorize participation in a Community Choice Aggregation Program. I would like to invite everyone to attend a Public Information Meeting on Thursday, May 30 at 5:30 PM at Town Hall. New Baltimore is launching a Community Choice Aggregation program along with Coxsackie and Cairo in July and a representative from Good Energy, the company who run the program, will give a presentation and answer questions from homeowners and small business owners who attend the meeting. This program aggregates all the residents and small businesses in the community to help them save money on their electric bills and we were able to achieve a 12% savings. I don't know to what extent that answers some of your questions. I know that tomorrow any questions one would have will be far greater details that I could give. These are the people that run that program. This was Local Law 1 of 2016 if anyone has any needs to get copies of that Local Law. It was a big program more so back then. I've heard less about it in the recent years especially with all the solar companies coming in and they're part of the competition as well for reduced energy prices supposedly.

**Town of Coxsackie –** 'In accordance with NYS Town law and General Municipal Law, please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Coxsackie will hold a public hearing on June 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of considering Local Law 1 of 2019 – a local law to amend the code of the Town of Coxsackie, Chapter 167 titled "regulations and approval standards for solar energy collection systems. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 56 Bailey Street, Coxsackie, New York. All interested parties have the right to attend and be heard. By order of the Town Board, Bambi Hotaling, Town Clerk.'

***County Legislator Pat Linger***

No Report

***Town Clerk Barb Finke***

5 Building Permits \$485.80, 2 CO Searches \$30, 5 Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$9.84, 47 Dog Licenses \$348, 4 Late Dog Licenses \$20, 2 Park Rentals \$50, 11 Certified Copies \$110, 3 Engineering Prints \$9, 32 Photocopies \$8.00, Recycle Fees \$8, 1 Zoning Commercial \$200, State, County & Local Revenues \$1,489.80, to New York State Agriculture and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program \$69, to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation \$142.16, Total to Supervisor \$1,278.64 I attended a meeting of the Columbia-Greene Town Clerks Association in Greenport where we discussed changes to our bylaws and our upcoming New York State Town Clerks Association Annual Conference in Syracuse. One of our members, Susan Haag of Austerlitz, will be installed as the new President at our Conference and we are very proud of her.

***Tax Collector Diane Jordan***

No Report

***Historian Ted Hilscher***

At the request of Mr. Johnson who lives in Georgia, I walked Cedar Lawn cemetery looking for his ancestor Ms. Ford. Ms. Ford died in New Baltimore in 1908. I couldn't find her. I spent a recent Sunday morning, with three other volunteers, securing the Vanderzee Hay Press with a large tarp. The 1870 hay press, once housed at the Vanderzee (now Collins) farm on Saw Mill Road, was relocated to the grounds of the Bronck House, and a large barn is being erected around it. The hay press is 19 feet high and required a 40 foot by 60 foot tarp. Rob van Etten has been storing it, and delivered it

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to the site. It weighs 6,300 pounds. I also oiled the moving parts – it needs to be oiled at least every 140 years. Some minor repairs will be needed, but it is in fairly good shape.

***Agriculture***

No Report

***AgFest***

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

**RESOLUTION 96-2019**  
**MAY 29, 2019**

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

***RESOLVED*** that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby authorizes the Supervisor to take the necessary actions to purchase special events liability insurance for the annual AgFest event to be held June 1-2, 2019. The premium amount for this coverage will be \$928.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I believe that's very similar to last year's price.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** The same.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Irving

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Irving

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

RECUSE: VanEtten

ABSENT: Downes (Work)

**Motion Carried**

***Animal Control***

No Report

***Assessment***

**EXEMPTION UPDATE:** Currently working on the reports from NYST&F in regards to eligibility and non-eligibility and updating our files accordingly. **TENTATIVE**

**ASSESSMENT ROLL:** The tentative assessment roll was filed with the Town Clerk on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Change of Assessment letters were sent out after the filing of the roll. **BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW:**

- **BAR Training:** Bernie Jones and Ellsbeth (Beth) Finke attended the mandatory training, and received their Certificates for eligibility to sit on the Board of Assessment Review. They signed their Oath via the Town Clerk
- **Grievance Day:** will be on Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00pm. A report will be completed for next month. A reminder call will be made today May 23<sup>rd</sup> to all the BAR Members.

**FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL:** After the Grievance Day procedure and we receive the Verified Statements from the Board of Assessment Review, the changes made will be made on V-4 and letters will be sent out to the property owners accordingly. The file will be sent to Greene County in June for processing the 2019 Final roll (along with the school rolls), which will be filed on or before July 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

April 23-May 29, 2019 1 Tire Up to And Including 16" Without Rim \$2.00, 60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastics) 16, 16 Bundles of Magazines and Phone Books, 104 Bags and Bundles of Newspaper, 46 Boxes and Bundles of Cardboard, 1 Microwave Oven (4/27), 1 Washer (5/25), Total Income \$2.00

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***Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Allan Jourdin***

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for March, 2019, is as follows:  
Building Inspections: 13 Building Permits Issued: 1 Building Permits Renewed: 1  
Building Permit Renewal Letters Sent: 4 First Notice, 1 Second Notice, TOTAL: 5  
Certificate of Compliance Issued: 1 Certificate of Occupancy Search Requests: 1  
Complaint Forms Received: 1 Open Building Permits: 94 Application Fees for March, 2019: \$507.00 Total Fees for Year to Date: \$1,569.40

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for April, 2019, is as follows:  
Building Inspections: 18 Building Permits Issued: 1 Building Permits Renewed: 1  
Building Permit Renewal Letters Sent: 1 Certificate of Occupancy Search Requests: 1  
Complaint Forms Received: 1 Do Not Occupy: 1 New Building Permit Applications Received: 3 New Building Permit Applications Awaiting Permit Issuance: 2 Open Building Permits: 97 Application Fees for April, 2019: \$485.80 Total Fees for Year to Date: \$2,055.20

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

No Report

***Greene County EMS Representative Nick Dellisanti***

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. There were 6 EMS calls in April for a total of 25 for this year 2019, and we had 102 calls for all of 2018. We are right on pace with last year. As of May 21, 2019 there is a projected year-end balance of \$600,000.

**Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti:** So we are doing very well; our numbers should remain flat for 2020.

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

No Report

***Highway***

Highway Report April 22 to May 24 2019 Cleaned Ditch on Schoolhouse Lane; Took plows and wings off plow trucks; Picked up new plate tamper from JC Smith; Finished cleaning up lawns where plows dug in; Mowed Town Hall, Parks, and Town Garage several times; Graded York raked and rolled Hass Hill Road, Pine Grove Road, and Mirror Lake Roads; Looked at drainage solution for Town Hall Basement door; York Raked and touched up parking lot at Town Hall; Picked up orange bags from roadside cleanup; Washed trucks; Patched holes with winter mix; Replaced all old rotted metal culvert pipes on Shady Lane; Started to clean ditches and remove shoulders on Shady Lane preparing for paving; Repaired broken driveshaft on 1985 International; Cut fallen tree on Paradise Hill Road; Sand blasted and painted dump body on 2013 International; Hauled 1A stone to Medway Grapeville Firehouse for chip sealing on Alcove Road; Marked spots on Alcove Road to be patched before chip sealing; Repaired overheat problem on 1996 International; Took photos by district 3 park where Central Hudson would like to install two new poles; Hauled Milling from Route 9W to Town Garage; Removed hoist from 2002 F350, sand blasted and painted got ready to use with new dump body; Removed Garbage, and barrel from district 2 park; Saturday I attended the Cornell Hook and Ladder Community Day, we had a truck on Display along with the NYS Thruway authority to promote the SLOW DOWN and MOVE OVER LAW; Repaired air leak on 2013 International; Mowed and weed eaten all cemeteries; Blacktopped all culvert crossings that we recently put in; Started mowing along Roads; Finished drainage project by Town Hall basement door; Took tires from recycle center to W&J; Welded new skids on Roadside mower; Thank You to Medway Grapeville Fire District for allowing us to stockpile stone in their parking lot for our chip seal project. This will cut our hauling time by more than half once we start sealing out there instead of running all the way back to the Garage. We're gonna go from Alcove Road to the Firehouse and back. That will save us a lot of time. Tentative dates for the chip sealing is June 11 and 12, that's a Tuesday and Wednesday. I'll be attending Highway Superintendent school Monday,

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Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 3, 4, and 5 in Ithaca. I'll also be meeting tomorrow morning at 7AM with the Highway Superintendents from the Town of Coeymans and the Village of Ravena to discuss shared services agreements.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Keep us apprised of that. How many cemeteries are you doing?

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** 5.

**Supervisor Ruso:** How much time does that take?

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** About a half a day.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I've had conversations with the trustees of another cemetery who are...

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Tell me it's not Chestnut Lawn.

**Supervisor Ruso:** No. We're conversing about dissolution of their Cemetery Association and it's the Church on 26.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Okay. I'm not sure I almost think that if that happens, I think we're obligated to do it.

**Supervisor Ruso:** The law does require us to do that. Once they fold up, it's ours. They haven't made the final decision, however, they're certainly going down that path.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** When it comes down to it, we'll do it.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Thank you.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** You're welcome.

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

**RESOLUTION 97-2019**  
**JUNE 10, 2019**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO**  
**PURCHASE FUEL OIL BY GREENE COUNTY**  
**RESOLUTION 156-19**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board hereby authorizes the purchase of fuel oil at the contract price offered by Greene County Resolution 156-19 for one year from June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020, Delivery Charge \$0.1375, Total Cost Per Gallon \$2.1968.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Briody

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes (Work)

**Motion Carried**

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**RESOLUTION 98-2019**  
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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO  
PURCHASE MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES BY GREENE COUNTY  
RESOLUTION 160-19**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board hereby authorizes the purchase of materials and supplies at the contract price offered by Greene County Resolution 160-19 for one year from May 22, 2019 to May 21, 2020.

**Supervisor Ruso:** This is just general, various supplies is how they describe it such as tubings and pipe endings.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes (Work)

**Motion Carried**

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

**RESOLUTION 99-2019**  
**MAY 29, 2019**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO  
PURCHASE WASHED AND SCREENED CRUSHED STONE BY GREENE  
COUNTY RESOLUTION 161-19**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board hereby authorizes the purchase washed and screened crushed stone at the contract price offered by Greene County Resolution 161-19 for one year from May 22, 2019 to May 21, 2020.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Briody

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes (Work)

**Motion Carried**

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Thank God we put our chip sealing starting before we got this because it's up significantly for next year.

**Supervisor Ruso:** How much did you get already?

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Five hundred ton. I think it was \$13.90 a ton and now it's \$21.

**Supervisor Ruso:** A big price difference.

**Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti:** Good savings.

**Supervisor Ruso:** So you won't need anymore for the rest of the year right?

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Not for chip sealing, no. The next thing we'll be hauling is our sand for the wintertime.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Timing's everything.



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**RESOLUTION 100-2019**  
**MAY 29, 2019**

**RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT  
THROUGH GOVDEALS, INC.**

***WHEREAS*** the Town Highway Superintendent has taken the 2002 F350 out of service and has declared it to be surplus equipment.

***RESOLVED*** the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approves the surplus of said equipment through GovDeals, Inc. auction services as approved by Resolution 139-2016.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Irving

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes (Work)

**Motion Carried**

***Insurance***

No Report

***Personnel***

No Report

***Planning Board Chair Rob VanEtten***

The Planning Board met on April 11, 2019, with the following business transacted: Public Hearing was held on the Solar Generation Site Plan Application for proposed community solar farm to be located on Parcel 17.01-2-21 e/s Route 9, north of Route 144. The Board did not take any further action on the application pending receipt of additional information. In the brief Regular Monthly Meeting that followed, initial discussion was held with a Town resident's authorized representative regarding a proposed two-lot subdivision.

The Planning Board met on May 9, with the following business transacted: ...Having received their Use Variance at the May 1, 2019, Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, representatives from Riversand LLC returned to the Planning Board for continued Special Use Permit consideration. The Special Use Permit was approved with no further conditions beyond those set by the ZBA. ...Discussed with Town property owners, Scott Briody and Harry Lambert, their wish to do an altered lot line adjustment between their parcels. Required application, maps and deeds to be submitted at a future meeting. ...Discussed with Matthew and Donna Taormina of Honey Hollow Brewing, Inc. the expansion of their business on East Honey Hollow Road and the permitting required to continue the business operation. Since their business operation is not a permitted or special permitted use in the Town, submitted application was denied and they were referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals. ...Briefly reviewed a minor subdivision application packet submitted by a Town resident's attorney. The attorney is being advised regarding needed application clarification and items still needed for the application to be deemed complete. Further discussion on the application will take place at June Planning Board Meeting when applicant's attorney is present.

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

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on April 3, 2019, and heard application presented by representatives of Riversand, LLC of 938-944 River Road for a Use Variance to allow a wedding/special events venue to operate on the parcel they own. Required Public Hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., May 2, 2019.

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on May 1, 2019. Public Hearing was held on the Use Variance Application submitted by Riversand, LLC at April 3 meeting to allow a wedding/special events venue on their property owned at 938-944 River Road. In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed the Use Variance was approved with conditions as follows: Events limited to three times per year; music not audible to neighboring properties after 10 p.m. and variance limited to ownership by Riversand, LLC.

***Seniors***

**Councilmember VanEtten:** They have their picnic coming up on June 4 raindate of June 6.

***Technology/Website***

**Councilmember Briody:** Next week I have to meet with IT and we have to discuss legacy computers, connections, and some hardware installations. That's early next week.

***Town Courts***

In March, Court fees were \$20,677.75 of which \$11,751.75 was sent to the State Comptroller and the Town retained \$8,926, Justice Farrell \$8,942.75 Justice Meacham \$11,735

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

**RESOLUTION 101-2019  
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**RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS SAFE AND LIGHT FIXTURE  
THROUGH GOVDEALS, INC.**

**WHEREAS** a larger safe has been purchased for the Town Court per Resolution 81-2019 on March 25, 2019 and the smaller safe is no longer needed.

**WHEREAS** a light fixture above the Court window was replaced to provide greater lighting and safety and is no longer needed in Town Hall.

**RESOLVED** the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approves the surplus of said equipment through GovDeals, Inc. auction services as approved by Resolution 139-2016.

Motion by Councilmember VanEtten seconded by Supervisor Ruso

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes (Work)

**Motion Carried**

***Veterans and Memorials***

**Councilmember VanEtten:** We're going to have to meet soon to start organizing our picnic in the summer. We'll probably be meeting after the AgFest in the next couple weeks.

***Wastewater Treatment***

**Councilmember Irving:** Things are running fine.

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***Youth, Parks and Recreation***

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**RESOLUTION 102-2019**  
**MAY 29, 2019**

**RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN EASEMENT  
AGREEMENT TO CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION  
FOR RELOCATION OF POLE AND OVERHEAD ELECTRIC LINE ON  
OLD KINGS ROAD**

**WHEREAS** Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation wishes to move overhead power lines located in the woods closer to Old Kings Road for safer maintenance and repair.

**WHEREAS** two of the relocated poles will be located on property owned by the Town of New Baltimore.

**RESOLVED** that due to the installation of poles and movement of the overhead power lines adjacent to the Silver Lake Park, the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore allows the Supervisor to sign an easement agreement to include from the Southeast corner of property known at 27.00-2-3 and in a Northerly direction for approximately 465' along Old Kings Road to the Northeast for the purpose of overhead utilities.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Briody

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes (Work)

**Motion Carried**

***Public Comment***

**Justice Meacham:** Any questions with regards to the grant?

**Supervisor Ruso:** Any grant questions? I don't have any.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** No, Aline has been keeping us informed.

**Justice Meacham:** I sent her an email earlier last week. Last week we sent her an email with regards to a possible preferred action, preferred source.

**Supervisor Ruso:** For the records stuff?

**Justice Meacham:** Yes, for the records management. The Town Clerk did find a preferred source list that may be a possible option. We looked into that, however, none of those companies on that list have state contracts either. So that puts us back to... So, however, there was a lead that we followed from one of those companies who said 'we may be able to be a subcontractor for another company that would be able to help us out.' The organization is called NYSID. Stands for New York State...

**Town Clerk Finke:** Industries for the Disabled.

**Justice Meacham:** Industries for the Disabled, yes, and they may be able to subcontract someone on the preferred list, however, it requires an eight week review. So that puts us beyond the time limit as well. And again unless we can work something out and I sent the information to the Town Attorney and asked if this would be something that we might be able to work through.

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**Supervisor Ruso:** I know she was on vacation for much of last week so I don't know... She has yet to get back to you is what you're telling me?

**Justice Meacham:** Correct. I've received only the automatic response. I think she was out.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** Right, she was going to be gone I think until yesterday.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Actually, I think yesterday was her first day back.

**Justice Meacham:** So just to let you know the Court is trying to find an alternative so that we don't have to send the money back to the state. Nobody wants us to do that. If we come to that point I'm hoping that they will reconsider their requirements for that \$10,000 minimum before it goes out to bid.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Let's see where Eileen brings us.

**Justice Meacham:** We're trying.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I don't have any questions. Does anyone have any questions?

**Councilmember VanEtten:** No.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Just keep pounding the door.

**Justice Meacham:** That's what we're doing.

**Ellie Alfeld:** I do remember in fact back in 2016 our discussing this solar outfit that wanted to come in here about providing power or giving the people of New Baltimore options.

**Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti:** It's not solar.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** It's different.

**Ellie Alfeld:** Well, it's green, it's something of that nature from what I remember. As far as I know I have not received anything nor have any of my neighbors that I've talked to about this. I don't think the notice of the meeting for tomorrow is enough because I don't think the word is out for enough people to come and find out exactly what they are proposing. It's my understanding that with this type of organization that everybody in the Town gets opted in and if you want to get out you have to actually make that request. I've never had a contract that I signed where it was blank, took my signature and then told me what it incorporated. This to me doesn't make a bit of sense about being a part of something I know nothing about and I don't know that we're getting enough information. I've complained about the lack of information for the townspeople and I'm not saying it's the Town Board. We can't even get anything in the *News Herald* half the time. So how do people in Town find out more about this other than the fact of it being short notice technically?

**Supervisor Ruso:** The public hearing for tomorrow is significantly the kickoff of the information campaign.

**Ellie Alfeld:** Is this the same organization that was before us in 2016?

**Supervisor Ruso:** Correct.

**Ellie Alfeld:** Okay I'm just verifying.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** I think tomorrow night they can answer your questions.

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**Supervisor Ruso:** Tomorrow is merely the kickoff of the public information program that they're going to start approaching residents of the Town of New Baltimore during the month of July, but June is informational campaign.

**Ellie Alfeld:** Well, I would make a suggestion then if they intend to have some meetings like in July or something, check with the fire company and see if we can't do like we did way back in the day of zoning where we held public meetings at the firehouse for people that were in the hamlet to get information and even maybe meetings outside.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Well, tell anyone you can and this has been posted and advertised, the meeting for tomorrow.

**Ellie Alfeld:** I don't do that, Jeff. How many people can I tell?

**Councilmember VanEtten:** Well, maybe after we find some information tomorrow, maybe they will send out information. We'll have to see.

**Ellie Alfeld:** More public input other than tomorrow is all I'm saying.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** Well, what I'm saying is then you'll be able to send information to peoples' homes. We can ask these questions tomorrow.

**Supervisor Ruso:** We'll get a lot more details tomorrow.

**Ellie Alfeld:** I will be here.

**Town Clerk Finke:** I think some of that is controlled by the PSC.

**Ellie Alfeld:** Well, an informed public in my eyes is the best public you can have.

**Supervisor Ruso:** No problem. Agreed.

**Eilleen Vosburgh:** So I agree with Ellie about the notice of the public hearing. I had no idea what it was about. I saw it on the website just last week and I was thinking is this Solar Generation, is subscriptions or whatever.

**Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti:** It's not solar.

**Eilleen Vosburgh:** I think the Town does need to do a better job of informing.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** But that's why we have public information meetings and this is just the beginning again.

**Town Clerk Finke:** And that's controlled by the PSC again.

**Eilleen Vosburgh:** I'm just saying as a resident not many people had seen the notice, they wouldn't know to look...

**Ellie Alfeld:** The website.

**Eilleen Vosburgh:** The website and I agree with Ellie that maybe those meetings should be advertised more, maybe at the firehouse, even a notice on the firehouse boards there. I know the firehouse is not connected to the Town Board in that; they don't have to do the Town Board's job, but maybe a notice on their sign could have helped, too. So I agree with Ellie, too. I'm also wondering about the Solar General subscriptions. Is there any update on that? When is that happening?

**Councilmember VanEtten:** That's the Planning Board.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I don't have a date on when they're starting that. They suggested it was a couple months. You were at the same meeting I was.

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**Eileen Vosburgh:** Right and actually, I thought they said they were gonna break ground mid-May.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I don't believe they have. That would be news to me. I've been attending all the...

**Councilmember VanEtten:** It could be the Planning Board meetings, Minutes from the meetings.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I've been going to their meetings and I don't think they have.

**Eileen Vosburgh:** Right and so I'm wondering you know I hope the residents will be informed of that also. So at the last Board Meeting or the Work Meeting, the Board Meeting there was discussion about the tower rental agreement. Is there any update on that?

**Supervisor Ruso:** The best deal we have right now is we have a bill that is belonging to the Town of New Baltimore and it's been negotiated down to \$5,500. It reflects unpaid bills for a number of years. There was conversations about the firehouse, the two fire companies, that also make use of the Town antenna. However, it's the Town's antenna that we allow them to piggyback on. Were they willing to share some costs? The outreach I've had is that they haven't budgeted for any such thing and at the end of the day it's the Town's antenna, not theirs. So it looks like the negotiated rate down from \$7,500 will be the cost to the Town of New Baltimore.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** Aileen was working on that, too, Eileen.

**Supervisor Ruso:** She got it from \$7,500 to \$5,500. That's what she did.

**Town Clerk Finke:** And I'm also going back to before 1980 to see if there's any resolutions.

**Supervisor Ruso:** No, there's not.

**Town Clerk Finke:** So, we've been pouring through resolution books.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Up until which year I can't say, a number of years ago the deal was that we would plow their access road on behalf of free space. For reasons I'm uncertain of going back four or five years, we stopped plowing that access road.

**Ellie Alfeld:** Because they were doing it themselves.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I'm not sure what came first, the chicken or the egg here. I don't know if Alan can speak up on it.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** When it changed hands from Albany Communications to Crystal Clear Communications, they decided they were going to do their own snowplowing.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Well, that answers that. I didn't know the reasons why.

**Justice Meacham:** Did the contract change hands too?

**Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti:** There was no contract.

**Supervisor Ruso:** There was never a contract.

**Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti:** That's the problem.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Never a contract.

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**Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti:** The Town Attorney advised us not to pay the bill because they had not renegotiated the contract with us for like ten years. So the bill was not being paid and it changed ownership three or four times during that period of time. That's why we're in this mess that we're in right now. There was never a contract or an agreement.

**Supervisor Ruso:** But they've been perfectly agreeable, they haven't been demanding, they promised they wouldn't shut it off because of the emergency services that relate to the fire companies, but they do want resolution. The long-term resolution that we have in mind is to move our antenna to the County tower which will cost us \$0.

**Ellie Alfeld:** And can be accomplished how fast?

**Supervisor Ruso:** Well, that's up to my Highway Department right now.

**Ellie Alfeld:** Thank you.

**Eileen Vosburgh:** But, how did we have a bill that was not being...

**Town Clerk Finke:** That's been explained.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Our Attorney advised us not to pay for it.

**Town Clerk Finke:** This goes back to the former Highway Superintendent as well, their discussions.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Bills were received in the Highway Department, did not get received in the Town Hall until the last year-and-a-half, two years maybe when we found out we had bills so we did not receive them.

**Eileen Vosburgh:** And the previous Attorney told you not to pay them?

**Supervisor Ruso:** The previous Attorney. That's the long and short of it. The previous Attorney advised us to hold onto that and then it came into the hands of the current Attorney and the current resolution. So it's \$5,500.

**Town Clerk Finke:** In deference to Tal as well, he couldn't find a contact person. We couldn't find a contact person to talk to.

**Supervisor Ruso:** So the next one you have here is change to STAR. I'm not sure I know what that is.

**Eileen Vosburgh:** I read in the paper that there's a change to the STAR program. You know right now people who buy homes more recently are getting a rebate versus people who have been in the STAR Program, had gotten an exemptions and now the change will be that you have to change from exemption to rebate if you want that 2% extra that you're coming in. Will there be any notice about it or how will people know?

**Councilmember VanEtten:** The Assessor's Office does that so Kathy would be taking care of that.

**Supervisor Ruso:** They send that every year.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** They send out all that information.

**Town Clerk Finke:** Actually you're going to meet with Gordon...

**Supervisor Ruso:** Yes, on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Town Clerk Finke:** Right before the next meeting and maybe he could come out and discuss...

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**Councilmember Briody:** Actually, Gordon had mentioned these changes months ago in a meeting.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I know he sent out stuff regarding this at the first year. He sends a mailing our particularly to the seniors it the Town at the beginning of the year and he didn't send one to me. I'm not a senior apparently. Nevertheless I did review with him, I can't cite word-for-word what was in it from five months ago. It was conversations about that exemptions versus the rebate.

**Eileen Vosburgh:** And I'm not sure what the dates are, but I think the residents really need to know about that.

**Ellie Alfeld:** And there was an article in the *Times Union*.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** I'm sure they sent the notices because I got one to the appropriate residence.

**Eileen Vosburgh:** I don't remember getting one. The other thing is there was also an article in the *Times Union* about sewer overflows into the Hudson and I just wanted an idea how are we doing in New Baltimore being that I live right on the River; I do see...

**Supervisor Ruso:** I belief this has to do with a specific property.

**Town Clerk Finke:** No, no. Wasn't this in Glenmont or somewhere?

Many speaking at once.

**Ellie Alfeld:** It was Troy, Watervliet I believe .

**Councilmember VanEtten:** We are just redoing the whole system.

**Supervisor Ruso:** We don't have any overflows.

**Ellie Alfeld:** We're in good shape.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** We're in good shape.

**Eileen Vosburgh:** We're in good shape, okay.

**Town Clerk Finke:** There is a notification in place. (To the Supervisor) I think you get notified.

**Eileen Vosburgh:** It was in Saturday's paper and then online they actually had a website where you could be alerted, but for some reason the website didn't work. Don't forget Taste of History June 8.

**Community Events**

- May 30, 2019 Town of New Baltimore Community Choice Aggregation Program Public Information Session at 5:30 PM
- June 1-2, 2019 AgFest at VanEtten Farm
- June 4, 2019 Seniors Committee Picnic at District 2 Park at 12 PM, Raindate June 6, 2019
- June 5, 2019 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM (If Needed)
- **June 8, 2019 Greene County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event for Greene County Residents Only, Greene County Highway Garage, 67 Scott Lane, Athens, by Last Name 7:30-8:30 AM (A-F), 8:30-9:30 AM (G-K), 9:30-10:30 AM (L-P), 10:30-11:30 AM (Q-U), 11:30 AM-12 PM (V-Z)**
- June 10, 2019 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- June 13, 2019 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- June 24, 2019 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM



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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 2019b-05-01 to 2019b-05-28, it is

**REVOLVED** that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2019b-05-01 to 2019b-05-28.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until July 31, 2019.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes (Work)

**Motion Carried**

General \$21,585.33, Highway \$9,610.45, Sewer 1 \$2,134.70, Sewer 2 \$165.29, Ambulance 1 \$4,014.99, Ambulance 2 \$2,358.01, Total \$39,868.77

Motion by Councilmember Briody seconded by Councilmember VanEtten to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes (Work)

**Motion Carried**

**Supervisor Ruso:** Thank you everybody.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC  
Town Clerk