

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2020 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AT 6:30 PM

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

**OCTOBER 28, 2019
AGENDA**

Pledge of Allegiance

Update from Robert Flores from Delaware Engineering on the Wastewater Treatment Plan Upgrades at 7:30 PM

Reports

Supervisor

- Motion to Authorize the Supervisor to Sign a Revised Agreement with Greene County Regarding the New Baltimore Tower

County Legislator

Town Clerk

- Approval of October 16, 2019 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)

- Resolution to Approve Employee Health Insurance Plan, Medicare Advantage Plan, Dental and Vision Programs for 2020

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

- November 6, 2019 Zoning Board of Appeals (If Needed) at 7:30 PM
- November 13, 2019 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- November 14, 2019 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- November 25, 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 7:01 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending Councilmembers Briody, Irving, and VanEtten, Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti, County Legislator Linger, Town Clerk Finke, Highway Superintendent VanWormer, and 4 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Tax Collector Jordan

Supervisor Ruso: Thank you. I do see that we have Mr. Flores from Delaware Engineering to give us an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. I'm ready if you are, sir.

Robert Flores: So you guys have to remember the saga of this because it seems like that way right? We're gonna get close. We opened bids in the beginning of December of last year and then we went through getting the contract signed, equipment ordered, people onsite, excavation, pouring concrete. So we're well into it now. I believe some of the Board members have been onsite maybe about a month or so ago or six weeks ago. It's kind of hard to tell when everything's all torn up and everything's all over the place exactly where it is. We're way beyond the 50 percent mark and we've cleared some significant hurdles. As you know the clarifiers that we're excavating, the bottom of those tanks are below the elevation of the River, water in the River. So even though they're small tanks, it's a difficult excavation. So the fact that we're pouring concrete and we're moving up is a real big step in the project. All the major equipment is on site and it's been delivered. So we're really on the downhill slope of the project now. I still believe the project is going to go into all of December and they'll be some items still left in January and February. So that's basically where we are. Anybody have any questions I can fill in?

Councilmember Irving: You haven't any logistics problems as far as the road going down in and out?

Robert Flores: The road's holding up. We've had lots of concrete trucks and dump trucks, both go in and out of the site. So far so good.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Is there room down in there for a plow truck if it should snow before...?

Robert Flores: There's as much room as there always has been.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: We want to keep as open as we possibly can for you. I'll have to take a ride down and look at it.

Robert Flores: You can still get to the gate, open the gate fully and drive in. There's just more stuff once you drive in.

Councilmember Irving: Well, I'll say I drove my motor scooter down and I had plenty of room.

Robert Flores: That's a good size to be down there with.

Supervisor Ruso: I don't have any question. I did go down on a Saturday myself and took a look around three weeks ago and it just looks like a mess, stuff everywhere. Anybody else have any questions?

Councilmember VanEtten: I don't have any questions.

Supervisor Ruso: What's the completion date estimated?

Robert Flores: I forget the exact dates per contract, but we're roughly in the end of February timeframe.

Supervisor Ruso: I thought it was March going by recollection.

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Robert Flores: It could well be.

Supervisor Ruso: Alright, thank you sir. Thanks for coming. It wasn't much of a report that you had to make, but I appreciate it.

Robert Flores: It worked out good.

Councilmember Briody: It's a good report.

Supervisor Ruso: We like reports like that. Thank you.

Robert Flores: Alright, thank you.

Supervisor

The monthly financial reports for September have been forwarded to all Board members. Has everyone had a chance to review them? I will entertain a Motion to accept the September financial reports. Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten to accept the September financial reports.

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: I also have another Motion. By Resolution 142-2019 on October 16, 2019, the Town Board approved the installation of a repeater on the Greene County Antenna and authorized the Supervisor to sign the agreement. I have received a letter dated October 17, 2019 from County Administrator Shaun Groden that there are a few changes:

1. The effective date is October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2024.
2. Correct the County Administrator's email an 'i' was missing -- countyadministrator@discovergreene.com
3. **Licensee Local Point of Contact** information was added for Alan VanWormer.
4. Under **USE OF LICENSED PREMISES**, paragraph 2, should be Licensee's equipment instead of Licensor's Equipment.
5. Under **3. TERM** after antennas and equipment should be added.
6. Eliminate one 's' in Supervisor Ruso's name.

Supervisor Ruso: I would entertain a Motion to allow the Supervisor to sign the amended agreement with Greene County. I'll make that Motion. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Briody: Second.

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: I'm going to sign that right now since you've all approved me to do so.

Letter from Mary Gianetto 'To the Members of the New Baltimore Town Board: This past spring a litter of kittens was born in the shed across the street from my house. Myself and neighbors were able to take the male and female cats to the vet for spay and neuter and adopt the kittens. This worked out well for the kittens but the adults look like they will remain feral. To avoid this in the future I am proposing that residents be informed that myself and others are willing to find the means to have these cats spayed or neutered or find any other assistance they may need.'

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Supervisor Ruso: This is from Mary Gianetto. She's at 388 Main Street in New Baltimore. She has her phone number here (518)756-3456. So we have a person here who wants to try to address some of the issues with the cats. I don't know how we can present that to the public, starting here at the Town Board meeting and for the television and I think we can find a way to post that around and let our Animal Control Officer know that he can refer people to her. So I think it's a nice thing and I thought I'd share that.

Letter from Greene Land Trust: 'I am pleased to let you know about a new Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) for Greene County. We are offering an opportunity for municipal officials and volunteers to learn how to use this new planning tool on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at the Greene County IDA Office in Coxsackie. There is no cost for participation, but registration is required. **Greene County NRI Training** *This training is especially for individuals serving on a Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board, or other special committee (comprehensive plan or zoning re-write committee), but members of the public may also attend.* Tuesday, October 29, 6:30-8:30 pm Greene County Industrial Development Agency Office, 270 Manson Street, Coxsackie, NY 12051 *Light refreshments will be served. Participants are eligible to receive two municipal training credits.* We will also offer a workshop for members of the general public on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the Agroforestry Center in Cairo. **Public Workshop on the Greene County NRI** Wednesday, November 6, 6:30-8:30 pm Cornell Cooperative Extension, Agroforestry Resource Center, 6055 Route 23, Acra, NY 12405 *Light refreshments will be served.* The Inventory maps and describes Greene County's important natural resources as well as scenic and outdoor recreation areas. The information is intended as a general reference for use by towns, villages, conservation organizations, landowners, and others involved in local land use, land management, or conservation. It can help users identify valuable natural resources in or near an area, understand the importance of those resources to residents and the general environment, and inform planning, conservation and management activities. The inventory was produced by the Greene Land Trust with technical support from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties and Hudsonia Ltd., with funding from the NYS Environmental Protection Fund through a grant to the Greene Land Trust from the Hudson River Estuary Program of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. It is the first-ever natural resources inventory for Greene County.

State of New York DEPARTMENT OF STATE: 'Re: Town of New Baltimore, Local Law 2 2019, filed on October 9 2019 Dear Sir/Madam: The above referenced material was filed by this office as indicated. Additional local law filing forms can be obtained from our website, www.dos.ny.gov.'

Supervisor Ruso: Back for the refreshment of your memory was regarding the rescission of Local Law 2 of 2000 which left us linked in terms of Assessors to the Town of Coxsackie.

Greene County Veterans Service Agency 'You are cordially invited to attend the annual Greene County Honor a Vet, Veteran of the year Ceremony. This year, Greene County will proudly honor Korean Veteran, Sergeant Robert F. Gurley. Robert enlisted in the United States Army on February 19th, 1952. In 1953, while assigned to the 50th Medical detachment Helicopter Ambulance AMB, SGT Gurley was sent to Korea where he would spend a little over a year, taking part in operations such as Little Switch and Big Switch. In 1954 Sergeant Gurley had returned home and was soon honorably discharged from the Army on February 19th. Sergeant Gurley's medals and decorations include; The Korean Service Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star, Meritorious Unit Commendation, United States Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. The ceremony will be held Saturday, November 2nd, 2019 at 10:00 AM, at the Historic Catskill Point Warehouse, Catskill, New York. If you would like to make a presentation at this event, please RSVP to Greene County Veterans Service Agency at (518)943-3703.'

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: If yourself or nobody on the Board is available to go to that, I would be honored to represent...

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Supervisor Ruso: I'm going to see if I can free up some time on Saturday myself. I'm hopeful myself. We'll coordinate.

County Legislator Pat Linger

October has been a very busy month for our Legislature. I'd like to first mention that the Budget Officer has presented the Tentative 2020 budget to the Board. The public hearing for this budget will be held on November 4th, 6pm at the Catskill High School Auditorium. Once again, spending in this budget is under the State mandated tax cap. The equation would have supported a 2.95% increase but this budget has an actual levy increase of 1.7%. In fact, 8 towns will see a slight reduction in their County tax rate for the second year in a row. These towns either have assessed valuations at or above 100%, or saw large increases in their assessments this year. New Baltimore taxpayers will see a 2.5% increase as our equalization rate is set by NYS at 69 percent. The total budget, which is subject to change by resolution, is \$121,665,757 as compared to the existing budget of \$119,088,760. The increased spending includes the full debt service for the County Jail bond, increased personnel costs associated with State mandates such as Raise the Age, Bail Reform, and Evidentiary Discovery, labor contracts, and increased percentage responsibilities on programs such as foster care. The budget maintains the accelerated debt repayment on CGCC Capital Improvements, saving considerable funds in the future. We will maintain all fund balance contributions, fleet maintenance and turnover, and facility capital improvements. We have also increased the sales tax contribution to the budget by \$1 million. Our health care costs have been held in check, pension costs have risen slightly, and inmate boarding fees have been reduced. We renewed our Shared Services Response Team agreement with Columbia County Sheriff and Hudson Police Department. This relationship has proven very beneficial in our efforts to combat the opioid epidemic and managing high-risk incidents. We heard an update from Cornell Cooperative Extension on the Taste NY store and toured that facility. We were also able to confirm that County tax dollars are not being used to sustain the operation on the NYS Thruway. We passed a resolution in support of an Assembly bill relating to the short term rental of private dwellings. This is in direct relation to the collection of sales tax on rentals through Air Bnb, HomeAway, VRBO, and other online rental platforms. During the summer of 2019, AirBnb released figures showing 43,500 guest arrivals in Greene County, \$7.6 million in host income, and over \$300,000 in uncaptured sales tax. That's just THIS summer, and only AirBnb. Since all of our other resorts, bed and breakfasts, and hotels must pay sales tax by law, we believe the playing field should be leveled. We authorized a contract with the Teamsters Local 294, our Solid Waste employees union, and accepted in full a fact finding report regarding the AFSCME Local 968, highway employees union. This union has gone without a contract since 2014. We reappointed Shaun Groden to a 3-year term as County Administrator, and Bob VanValkenburg as Highway Superintendent to a 4-year term. Emergency Services took a massive leap forward with the final switch to our new communications system this month. The multi-year, multi-million dollar project has upgraded all towers, radio equipment, shelters, generators, computer aided dispatch software, dispatch consoles, and radio frequencies. All 27 fire, 14 EMS, and 9 police agencies operating within the County are now on this new system. All agencies are now able to use on-scene frequencies to keep radio traffic off the main dispatch line, and dispatchers are able to send their signal off all towers simultaneously, reducing repetitive chatter. The streamlining of the communications system will save precious seconds, with increased radio coverage. In addition to all of our regular legislative meetings, I attended a meeting with the mountaintop supervisors regarding improved EMS coverage for the Greene EMS paramedic system. This may well add to our budget by resolution next month at a total annual cost of \$404,000. We have a commitment from Greene EMS of \$93,000, and a grant from Assemblyman Chris Tague for \$50,000 to help defray the cost of a 5th medic fly car. I would like to see a portion of the newly enacted Internet Sales Tax earmarked to pay for this service improvement. If I'm successful, that will limit the impact to the Town tax levy against their share by allowing the County to fund the entire cost of the 5th car. I also attended a farm tour that Assemblyman Tague arranged in Schoharie and Greene Counties. His tour was to show other State Legislators, 15 in attendance, how the new farm bill has affected our local family farms. We toured Story Farms in Catskill, ate a farm-to-table lunch at Gracie's in Leeds, and toured the Field Goods operation in Athens. There were many realities imposed on some folks who never realized what it took for local farms to survive, and the damage done with the swipe of a pen.

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The hope is to fix some of a flawed law in the upcoming Legislative Session. I also attended the annual RSVP luncheon to honor our senior volunteers, and served as emcee for that event. We celebrated the over 18,000 hours given by the volunteers, marked several milestones, and Legislators Bloomer, Handel, and myself presented them with a \$1,000 Wayne C. Speenburgh grant toward the Thanksgiving Dinner to be held at the Athens senior facility in November. There's probably a lot that I missed, but if anybody has any questions, I can try to answer them.

Supervisor Ruso: I have two, first off I'm not familiar with Raise the Age Act?

County Legislator Linger: Last year 16 years olds were taken out of the criminal justice system and put into the Family Courts. This year on October 1 that now includes the 17 year olds. We can't house them in a normal regular jail facility. In Greene County we're going to be sending I believe our males to Westchester County, our females to Albany County and it's a very small percentage -- less than 10 a year on a regular basis.

Supervisor Ruso: And the \$50,000 from Assemblyman Tague is for the purchase of the car itself not for operating costs for equipment?

County Legislator Linger: It's a State Aid to Municipalities Grant so we can use it how we need to use it. We pay before the fifth car, the County pays about \$1.2 million for the fly cars for Greene EMS. This is gonna add \$400,000. So within that \$400,000 we can use that \$50,000 grant. So it will defray some of that cost. We expect the first year, if we can get it to a full year and don't have to wait to April for it to begin, just under \$300,000 that we'll have to come up with. We have the new internet sales this year that took effect in June. We don't have any history on that because it's brand new, but we also don't have any history of using that. So it's a good chunk of money that we think we'll have coming that we're not used to spending to put that specifically toward this and take a little bit less of the responsibilities off the Towns.

Supervisor Ruso: I'll just make one comment. I had the opportunity to talk to a Town Board member from Hunter and he said there are about 300 Airbnb's in Hunter alone that are not registered, not gone through the permitting process whatsoever with their Planning Board and so they're almost kind of unknown to all parties including perhaps even the County.

County Legislator Linger: There's over 1,200 of them in the County.

Councilmember VanEtten: And there's nothing really in the zoning, an Airbnb, because it's not like an inn, if you were renting a house.

Supervisor Ruso: But there is something regarding lodging though.

Councilmember VanEtten: Right, there is lodging, but we don't have that specifically and I think we should look into adding that specifically.

County Legislator Linger: There are a lot of Towns that are doing that right now especially the Mountaintop and what they're gonna do is they're gonna require them. Basically it's gonna be the same requirements as what a hotel or motel has to do as far as fire prevention, fire escape plans, emergency information by the door.

Supervisor Ruso: Parking, noise.

County Legislator Linger: Parking, inspections, and they'll have an annual fee that they'll have to pay to cover the cost of those inspections. I know a lot of mountain towns are looking at that right now because they're very active with it. We see it as competition to our resorts that are there and they can charge a lower price because the customers there are not paying the sales tax they're required to pay at the other facilities already.

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Supervisor Ruso: Well, there's by my estimate, perhaps a half dozen, maybe as many as ten in New Baltimore.

County Legislator Linger: You're low. There's more than that. But we don't even know if it's gonna go anywhere. There's an Assembly bill, there's not a Senate sponsor yet, but we're gonna support the Assembly bill.

Ellie Alfeld: The question I guess I have is this going to be considered a County tax or are you going to have some come back to the Town?

County Legislator Linger: The sales tax all comes to the State the State sends their half to the County.

Ellie Alfeld: Is there what they call a sales tax and a hotel tax?

County Legislator Linger: We do not have a hotel tax, that's another kind of bone of contention amongst the Board right now. It's called a Hotel Occupancy Tax. That also would have to come from our Board, a request to the State Legislature, would have to be passed by the State Legislature in order for us to collect that. Right now we're discussing that, but there's no movement on that whatsoever. But the sales tax issue would be statewide.

Town Clerk Finke: The Hotel Tax would be renewable, too.

County Legislator Linger: Yeah, it's two or three years I think that you have to renew on a hot tax.

Town Clerk Barb Finke

7 Building Permits \$466, 12 Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$37.93, 42 Dog Licenses \$336, 6 Late Dog Licenses \$30, 1 Lot Line Adjustment \$50, 4 Minor Subdivisions \$120, 1 Solar Commercial \$15,210, 10 Certified Copies \$100, 8 Photocopies \$2, State, County & Local Revenues \$17,046, to New York State Agriculture and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program \$70, to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$624.07, Total to Supervisor \$16,351.93 That's the largest check I've ever written to (to Supervisor Ruso) you. The 16th Annual Townwide Yard Sale was held on September 21. I met with Lynn Taylor on Friday afternoon to complete the map. There were 47 sales on the list and many more throughout Town. The list and maps were available at Town Hall at 8AM, District 2 Park, New Baltimore Reformed Church, Albright's Garage Sale, Medway-Grapeville Firehouse, the Hannacroix and New Baltimore Post Offices, and the website. I would also like to thank the Highway Department for putting up and taking down the signs. I attended three events in September: 1. The Honor of Service Ceremony for Olive and Charles Jennings. Bob Hallock and Bill Finke shared happy memories of a couple that honorably served our Town for almost 50 years. 2. The regional meeting of the New York State Town Clerks Association held in Saranac Lake on September 23. Kristin O'Neill, Assistant Director of the Committee on Open Government, discussed FOIL and the Open Meetings Law. It was very well-attended and I always look forward to these events. 3. On September 26 the Association of Towns sponsored a Planning and Zoning Board School and topics included What Planning Boards Need to Know About Housing and Real Estate, Ethical Consideration on Planning and Zoning Decision-Making, Site Plan Review, and Case Law Update. This was also very well-attended and I met several board members from the North Country

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The October 16, 2019 Town Board Regular Meeting 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 vote was as follows:

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

Motion Carried

Tax Collector

No Report

Historian

No Report

Agriculture

No Report

AgFest

No Report

Animal Control

No Report

Assessor Justin Maxwell

Exemptions Exemption Renewal Forms will be mailed out starting in November. We were notified by the County Director of Real Property that he is proposing a 1.8% income limit increase to Senior Citizen and Disability/Limited income Exemptions to account for Social Security changes. Updates The office is still working with NYS on setting up network connection rights to both office computers, allowing both the Assessor and Clerk to work on the Real Property Tax Database. Previously only the clerk's computer had rights.

Audit and Budget

No Report

Building and Grounds/Recycling Center Operator Kirk Trombley

10 Tires Up to and Including 16" Without Rim \$20, 60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastic) 19, 22 Bundles of Magazines and Phone Books, 94 Bags and Bundles of Newspaper, 69 Boxes and Bundles of Cardboard, Total Income \$20

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Allan Jourdin

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for September, 2019, is as follows: Building Inspections: 28 Building Permits Issued: 7 Certificates of Compliance Issued: 3 Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 3 Commercial Permits Issued: 1 New Building Permit Applications Received: 7 New Building Permit Applications Awaiting Permit Issuance: 5 Open Building Permits: 107 Application Fees for September, 2019: \$15,601.00 Total Fees for Year to Date: \$23,862.42

Greene County EMS Representative Nick Dellisanti

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019. There were 6 EMS calls in September for a total of 67 for this year 2019. We had 102 calls for all of 2018.

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: So we're basically staying flat and our budget will show that if you look at the summary page. On an issue that Pat was talking about the vehicles, we're already in the process of specing out the Tahoe for the fifth car. Looks like it's around \$40,000 before they put the lights on and the paint job, everything else on it. So you're \$50,000 number is probably very accurate.

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County Legislator Linger: Until we get it approved.

Greene County Planning Board Representative Jean Horn

1. Town of Catskill, Rt 23,:Placement of shed Approved, No County Impact, Local Decision
2. Town of Catskill, Rt 9W, Battery Storage Unit Local decision with comments
3. Village of Athens, 2nd St. Zoning Law Amendment, Supplemental Commercial Overlay Zone Local decision with comment
4. Village of Hunter Rt 23A, Site Plan Review/Special Use Permit Local decision with comment
5. Town of New Baltimore, Rt 51, Special Use Permit, ground mount solar system No County impact, Local decision
6. Town of Hunter, Rt 23, Site Plan Review Local Decision with comments

Highway Superintendent Alan VanWormer

Highway Report September 23 to October 28, 2019 -- Mowed grass around ag-fest tractor on 9w; Mowed and weed eat parks as needed, Blacktopped culvert crossing on High Rock Road; Looked at trees to be cut on Flatbush Road; Cut large fallen tree on County Route 51 for Greene County Highway at 5:30 am on Tuesday September 24; Put Lime Kiln Road signs back up after filming was complete; Hauled 90 tons of number 2 stone to District one park that was donated for future drainage work; Installed new water pump on CX90 roadside mowing tractor. This part was \$435.00 from the Case International dealer, after some searching we were able to find an aftermarket one for \$135.00 so that is what we went with; Took down yard sale signs; Sent our boom mower to mow a couple streets for the village of Ravena; Picked up new 6x6s for District one pavilion; Sent one truck to help haul blacktop for the Town of Coxsackie; Cut up fallen tree on Jennings road; Repaired leaking gutter at Town Hall by Sheriff Office door; Replaced mud flap on 2006 F350; Welded pipes for new backstop at District 3 park; Installed two watch for children signs on Deans Mill Road; Mixed up sand and salt and put in shed; Picked up 2017 F350 from T&T after dump body installation; Serviced brush chipper; Patched dirt roads with Item #4; Worked with Dan King emergency management specialist and Sean Groden County Administrator to make sure all paperwork is in order for our radio equipment switch over; The Climber was here on Thursday the 24th to install the new antenna and one set of brackets were set wrong, so we are waiting on the correct one to get here; If they come in tomorrow they'll do the work on Wednesday, if they don't come in tomorrow then we're looking at a two week delay because he has to go do some work in Vermont and then he'll come back and do ours when he gets done; Radio equipment was removed from the Insite tower today, so our system is down until the antenna install is completed on the County Tower; Picked up Couch and plastic bin of toys dumped on Haas Hill Road; Started to check over plow trucks for winter; Welded large patch in wing on 1985 Oshkosh truck number 6; Cleaned drains and ditches in Hamlet and other areas before heavy rain; Cut up fallen tree in Cornell Park; Cut up fallen tree on Roberts Hill Road; Installed 40' of 12" culvert on High Rock Road; Picked up garbage dumped on Sodom Road; Repaired ditch on Schoolhouse Lane where truck ran off the road; Took tires from recycle center to W&J; Vacuumed leaves in Hamlet; Cleaned ditches on Haas Hill Road, Sunset Hill Road, and sewer plant road; Cut up large fallen tree limb on Sunset Hill Road; Picked up bagged leaves in Hamlet; Repaired air leak on 1985 Oshkosh truck number 3; Cleaned beaver debris from culvert pipe on West Deans Mill Road; Finished servicing plow trucks

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: I think we're going to extend the leaf pickup in the hamlet by a couple of weeks because it rains every weekend so nobody's getting their leaves done. So today we didn't get any, last week we only had one bag so I'm sure they're going to be looking for us to extend so we'll extend it out a couple of weeks, make sure we get them.

Supervisor Ruso: I happened to notice when I was on Dugway Lane there was a tree, it's probably maybe 100 yards in off of the main road.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Leaning, it's hung up in another tree. We're supposed to get the County's bucket truck not this week, but next week. So that will be the first one we get down.

Supervisor Ruso: Yeah, it's kind of hanging over the road.

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Highway Superintendent VanWormer: I called Mrs. Fitzpatrick or whatever her name is that lives there. She called me and then I called her back because she was concerned with it too and I told her as soon as we get the County's truck there, we'll get it down.

Supervisor Ruso: Alright, thank you. Now we have some conversation about insurance. All of our quotes are in for the employee health insurance packages and I have a resolution. I did send everybody an email all the offerings and the ones that we negotiated and it had some changes and so most of them will be pretty good overall.

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RESOLUTION 147-2019
OCTOBER 28, 2019

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN,
MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN, DENTAL AND VISION
PROGRAMS FOR 2019-2020**

WHEREAS due to the continued changes in offerings of health insurance for the employees and affected town retirees and associated costs of these offerings;

WHEREAS the healthcare costs are more stable with that Gold-level plan with low deductibles, low co-pays and a much lower HRA potential cost;

WHEREAS the contract with MVP Liberty HDHP Gold 2 will be offered to full time town employees effective December 1, 2019 with a monthly premium based on current usage of \$14,272.19.

Supervisor Ruso: That's a bit of an increase since last year, over \$1,000 a month and that's because there's more people we're covering.

WHEREAS the contract with MVP Liberty HDHP Gold 2 will be offered to retirees and/or their spouses who are below age 65 without the associated HRA with a monthly premium of \$632.95 per person;

WHEREAS the Match-back option for the Medicare Advantage plan for retirees age 65 and above will be CDPHP PPO at a rate of \$326.10 effective January 1, 2019 for a total estimated monthly cost of \$3,227.80;

WHEREAS the Met Life dental is renewed as a monthly premium of \$657.73 for a total estimated ~~monthly~~ **annual** cost of \$7,892.76 based on current enrollment;

WHEREAS Empire Vision is renewed as of December 1, 2019 at a monthly premium of \$13.60/\$19.38 at an estimated monthly charge of \$152.32 based on current enrollment;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the agreements for insurance coverages for eligible Town employees and retirees.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

Supervisor Ruso: When I used the term 'based upon current enrollment' these are our costs, but if another employee or someone retires and then they go on the other plan and their replacement goes on, current enrollment is based upon current known employee usage. That can change during the year. So I just wanted to make sure that you know the cost could be higher as we experienced in 2019.

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Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: Correction under the Vision Plan you said \$153, it's \$152.32.

Supervisor Ruso: Did I say \$153? Pardon me. I should have worn my glasses. It's \$152.32. Thank you, sir.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Insurance. We will be switching to CDPHP or staying with MVP?

Supervisor Ruso: Staying with MVP.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: We're staying with MVP. Do you know what their tiers are? Is it two people and then family after that because my two daughters are aged off?

Supervisor Ruso: Yes, it's one person, then two people, and then full family. So I think your daughters have been off for awhile if I recall correctly.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Nicole ages off in November. There will only be two of us as of December.

Supervisor Ruso: Based upon current enrollment.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: She's not liking it that she has to get her own insurance.

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanWormer

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: I will sign, I have to have this signed before Thursday, the CDPHP agreement. Let's do that now before you.

Planning Board Chairman Rob VanEtten

The Planning Board met on October 10 with the following business transacted: Public Hearing was held on the two Minor Subdivision Applications submitted at September Meeting to correct the non-conforming status of the two parcels owned by New Baltimore Station, LLC located off of Route 144. Public Hearing was held on the Special Use Permit Application submitted at September meeting by Charles Hudson for a residential ground mount solar system greater than 200 square foot in size. In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed: ...Approved the two minor subdivision applications for New Baltimore Station LLC conditioned on receipt of maps for Planning Board stamp and signature and receipt of draft of deed to be filed in County Clerk's Office, which will clarify reason for map filing at this time. ...Approved the Special Use Permit Application for Charles Hudson. ...Continued parcel combination discussion with Aquetuck Road residents. Boundary Line Adjustment Application to be submitted. ...Continued discussion with representative from DG New York CS, LLC on their proposed solar project to be located on w/s of Route 9W. The Board is requesting permission of Town Board to contact the Town designated engineers to obtain bid quotes for review of the engineering plans for this project.

Supervisor Ruso: Mr. VanEtten was at our last meeting and we gave him that approval.

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Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Pat Linger

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on October 2, 2019 and heard the Variance Application presented by Michael Bonadonna of Conklin Architecture, authorized representative for 12498 U.S. Route 9W, LLC better known to everyone as New Baltimore Family Dentistry. With the proposed addition of five more examination rooms in the basement of their facility, there is a need for 13 more parking spaces. This addition brings lot coverage to 38%, which is 8% over that which is allowed by the Dimensional Regulations within the Town Code for the Commercial District; therefore creating the need for Variance consideration before the ZBA. Required Public Hearing on the application will be held on November 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Seniors

Councilmember VanEtten: They met on the 24th and are planning their Christmas Party. Is there another meeting coming up?

Ellie Alfeld: No, it's all set. It will be December 4, it will be 12:30 PM, and it will be at Pegasus and it will be first come first served with the reservations.

Councilmember VanEtten: So, again if you go over the number let us know.

Supervisor Ruso: Sort some things out.

Town Court

In August, Court fees were \$11,617 of which \$6,432 was sent to the State Comptroller and the Town retained \$5,185. Justice Farrell \$4,620 Justice Meacham \$6,997

In September, Court fees were \$11,009 of which \$5,995 was sent to the State Comptroller and the Town retained \$5,014. Justice Farrell \$5,573 Justice Meacham \$5,436

Veterans and Memorials

Councilmember VanEtten: We had a Memorial last month for the Jennings family and I think it went very well, we had a good turnout, quite a few people showed up.

Ellie Alfeld: Everybody was pleased

Councilmember VanEtten: And I know Barbara Carras seemed very pleased, she was very thankful, who is the daughter of the Jennings for anyone who doesn't know.

Public Comment Period

None

Community Events

- November 6, 2019 Zoning Board of Appeals (If Needed) at 7:30 PM
- November 13, 2019 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- November 14, 2019 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- November 25, 2019 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

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TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 148-2019
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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-10-01 to 2019b-10-22, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2019b-10-01 to 2019b-10-22.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until November 30, 2019.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

Motion Carried

General \$13,003.40, Highway \$15,813.70, Sewer 1 \$1,582.84, Sewer 2 \$142.33, Total \$30,542.27

Motion by Councilmember Briody seconded by Councilmember Irving to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: Thank you, good night.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC
Town Clerk