

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

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

- January 27, 2020 Public Hearing on Local Law 1 of 2020
- January 27, 2020 Town Board Work Meeting

Public Comment Period

Correspondence

- Greene County Economic Development, Tourism & Planning Notice of Public Hearing on Eight Year and Annual Review of Agricultural District No. 124

New Business

- Resolution to Authorize Application for Grant from the Bank of Greene County
- Resolution to Authorize the Town of New Baltimore to Participate in County Highway Purchases
- Resolution to Approve Mid-Hudson Cablevision Increase in Monthly Rate
- Resolution to Authorize the Town Clerk to Attend the New York State Town Clerks Association Annual Conference
- Resolution to Approve Reappointment of Town Highway Employees
- Resolution to Appoint Temporary Town Justice
- Resolution to Approve Advertisement for Summer Youth Program Director, Assistant Director, and Counselors
- Discussion of the Location of the 2020 Greene County Tour of Homes and Motion to Allow Town Hall to be Added to the Schedule of Historical Places, to be Used as Headquarters for Tickets and Maps, and for an Historical Display to be Manned by Historical Society People on Saturday, June 13 from 9 AM-4 PM
- Audit of Claims

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Public Comment Period/Community Events

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 Downes, Irving, and VanEtten, Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti, Town Clerk Finke, and 3 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Councilmember Boehlke, Highway Superintendent VanWormer, and Tax Collector Jordan

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The January 27, 2020 Public Hearing on Local Law 1 of 2020 submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Moved by Councilmember VanEtten and was seconded by Councilmembers Downes and Irving. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and vote was as follows:

AYES: Ruso, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Boehlke

Motion Carried

The January 27 Town Board Work 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 vote was as follows:

AYES: Ruso, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Boehlke

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Greene County Economic Development, Tourism & Planning 'NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the County Legislature of Greene County, State of New York, in the Legislative Meeting Room, County Office Building, 411 Main Street, Catskill, New York on the 19th day of February, 2020 at 6:25 p.m. on said day, on the Agricultural District encompassing 38,333.49 acres within the Greene County Towns of Athens, Ashland, Cairo, Catskill, Coxsackie, Durham, Greenville, Halcott, Hunter, Jewett, Prattsville, Lexington, New Baltimore and Windham, and the Villages of Athens, Catskill, Coxsackie, Hunter, and Tannersville (entire County of Greene), known as Agricultural District No. 124, to consider proposed district modifications and recommendations of the Greene County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board.

NEW BUSINESS

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 50-2020

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FROM
THE BANK OF GREENE COUNTY**

RESOLVED Supervisor Jeffry Ruso and Councilmember Shelly VanEtten are authorized to submit an application to The Bank of Greene County on behalf of the Summer Recreation Program and the Veterans Committee for 2020.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Boehlke

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION 51-2020
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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE TO
PARTICIPATE IN COUNTY HIGHWAY PURCHASES**

WHEREAS Greene County has contracted for certain highway materials, equipment and supplies for 2020 and has adopted Resolution No. 17-20 on January 15, 2020 authorizing municipalities to participate in County highway purchases.

WHEREAS the Highway Superintendent will continue to follow the Procurement Policy adopted on January 1, 2020.

RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to purchase certain highway materials, equipment and supplies during the year 2020, subject to the rules heretofore and hereafter adopted by the County pursuant to Section 408-A of the County Law.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Boehlke

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION 52-2020
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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MID-HUDSON CABLEVISION
INCREASE IN MONTHLY RATE**

WHEREAS the Town Board by Resolution 152-2016 approved broadband services at the Wastewater Treatment Plant as mandated by an audit from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation with monthly charges for same by Resolution 156-2016.

WHEREAS the Town Board approved increases in the monthly rate by Resolution 67-2017 on February 13, 2017 and Resolution 57-2019 on February 11, 2019.

RESOLVED the Town Board approves a \$7 increase in monthly charges by Mid-Hudson Cablevision beginning with service from January 23-February 22, 2020.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Irving

Councilmember Downes: Do we have to use Mid-Hudson?

Town Clerk Finke: We are actually looking right now at moving to State Tel. One of the problems is they changed their address and they want bills to go to Vermont. Well, in two months the first bill was wet and we had to replace it and the second bill was cut with a hole in it so we have to replace that too. So, this is just authorization to pay this bill and we're looking elsewhere.

Supervisor Ruso: They keep raising it every year.

Councilmember Downes: Right, I was gonna say that's kind of a big jump isn't it for what we do.

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Supervisor Ruso: They need to be on line for DEC purposes and we don't have a choice with that so we're just looking at another means by which we can do it.

AYES: Ruso, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Boehlke

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION 53-2020
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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN CLERK TO ATTEND
THE NEW YORK STATE TOWN CLERKS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

WHEREAS the New York State Town Clerks Association has scheduled their Annual Conference from April 26-29 at The Desmond Hotel in Albany.

RESOLVED that Town Clerk Barbara Finke is authorized to attend said training at a cost of \$125 for registration and \$333 double room rate which includes meals.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Boehlke

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION 54-2020
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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF
TOWN HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS employees are required under §25 of the Town Law to undertake an Oath of Office within 30 days of their appointment to said position.

RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore reappoints Hugh Sterritt and Jeffrey Paul VanSlyke, Part-Time employees in the Highway Department, pending the filing of an Oath of Office with the Town Clerk, retroactive to January 31, 2020.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

Councilmember Downes: They were hired?

Supervisor Ruso: They were hired, they were appointed, they didn't come in and get their Oath.

Councilmember VanEtten: It's Jeff not Paul?

Town Clerk Finke: Amend to Paul.

Supervisor Ruso: We will make that amendment to Paul VanSlyke as opposed to Jeffrey.

Councilmember Downes: So do they have to come in annually to take a Oath of office or...?

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Supervisor Ruso: Yes, and they didn't come so we have to reappoint them.

Town Clerk Finke: They were repeatedly reminded.

Councilmember VanEtten: They were reminded that they had to come?

Supervisor Ruso: So we have to reappoint them and they have 30 days to get here once again.

Ellie Alfeld: And if they don't come what do you do then?

Supervisor Ruso: They can't work.

Councilmember Downes: Do we do two rounds or do we do three rounds?

Supervisor Ruso: At what point do we say...

Councilmember VanEtten: At some point the winter's gonna be over.

Supervisor Ruso: I think Alan and I will have that discussion if we can't get these guys to show up and do the Oath of office. I could go over to the Highway Department any time they ask I'll go on over. I'll give them the Oath if necessary.

Ellie Alfeld: Hey, Barbara's right here.

Supervisor Ruso: I know. It's not like it's far away.

Town Clerk Finke: I've offered to come in nights, weekends, evenings, early in the morning and I don't hear from them.

Councilmember Downes: But they're working right or no?

Town Clerk Finke: These are the part-timers, they have other jobs and just work whenever we need them.

Supervisor Ruso: I'll talk to the Highway Superintendent and we'll get these guys in within 30 days this time.

Councilmember VanEtten: They're on call.

Supervisor Ruso: I meant it is the time of year you want them. Any further discussion?

AYES: Ruso, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Boehlke

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION 55-2020
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RESOLUTION TO APPOINT TEMPORARY TOWN JUSTICE

WHEREAS a vacancy exists for one Town Justice position due to the resignation of Justice Thomas Meacham effective December 31, 2019.

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore adopted Resolution 48-2020 on January 27, 2020 to advertise for persons interested in a one-year appointment expiring December 31, 2020.

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WHEREAS the Town Supervisor and Deputy Town Supervisor have conducted interviews with three applicants.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby appoints James W. Huff as Town Justice, following successful completion of the Office of Court Administration training program scheduled for March 2020.

Motion by Councilmember VanEtten seconded by Councilmember Downes

Ellie Alfeld: My question is the salary that the Judge was entitled to from January 1st until his actual appointment.

Supervisor Ruso: It will be prorated.

Ellie Alfeld: It will. Thank you very much.

Supervisor Ruso: Oh yes and he can't sit until he finishes the course. So it happens in 2020, then he'll get sworn in, and we'll be fine. Probably start April 1st so it will probably be the entirety of that quarter. In payments for the Town Justices, as for those here, is a quarterly payment. We don't get paid every week, we get paid once a quarter. So he'll be on-line for the second quarter.

AYES: Ruso, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Boehlke

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION 56-2020
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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADVERTISEMENT FOR SUMMER YOUTH
PROGRAM DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, AND COUNSELORS**

WHEREAS, the Summer Youth Program has been provided to children who reside in the Town of New Baltimore for many years and the 2020 program is tentatively scheduled for July 13-August 7.

WHEREAS, the Summer Youth Program annually advertises for a Director, Assistant Director, and Counselors to administer this recreational and educational program.

RESOLVED, the wording for the advertisement has been approved by the Attorney for the Town and following approval from the Town Board; the advertisement will be submitted to the Town Clerk for publication in *The Daily Mail* for one week. Additional copies will be forwarded to the Cossackie-Athens Central School, Grapeville School, Greenville Central School, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School, and post offices within the Town of New Baltimore.

**TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE SEEKS SUMMER RECREATION
DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AND COUNSELORS**

Director, Assistant Director, and Counselor positions are available for our annual recreation program from July 13-August 7, 2020 from 8:30 AM-12 Noon Monday-Friday. The Director will need to fundraise, plan and manage the program with an Assistant Director and Counselors. Please send cover letter/resume for Director/Assistant Director and applications for Counselors are available at www.townofnewbaltimore.org under "Parks" or at Town Hall and can be submitted to Councilwoman Shelly VanEtten, 3809 CR 51, Hannacroix, NY 12087 by 4 PM April 30.

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Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Boehlke

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: We have been contacted by Terez Limer, Chair of the Greene County Tour of Homes, which will be held in New Baltimore this year on Saturday, June 13 from 9 AM-4 PM. They are requesting that Town Hall be added to the schedule of Historical Places, to be used as headquarters for tickets and maps, and for an historical display to be manned by Historical Society people. I would like to make a Motion to allow the use of Town Hall for the Tour of Homes. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Downes: I'll second.

Councilmember VanEtten: Do we have someone who's gonna be here to man Town Hall yet?

Councilmember Irving: When was this done in the past, what year was that?

Councilmember VanEtten: I can't remember and my house was on the tour that year, but I can't remember what year it was.

Councilmember Irving: So it was quite some time.

Councilmember VanEtten: Jacob was in college so at least 9-10 years ago, somewhere between 8 and 10.

Councilmember Downes: Are we looking for volunteers?

Town Clerk Finke: We'll figure it out.

Councilmember VanEtten: They were nice enough to change their normal date so that it didn't interfere with the Ag Fest.

Councilmember Irving: Does that fall on a Saturday, so we...?

Councilmember VanEtten: Yes, they always do on weekends.

AYES: Ruso, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Boehlke

Motion Carried

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 57-2020

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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 2020-02-01 to 2020-02-43, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2020-02-01 to 2020-02-43.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until April 30, 2020.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Boehlke

Motion Carried

Town Clerk Finke: This total includes the payments to the Fire Districts. General \$655,262.16, Highway \$3,036.56, Sewer 1 \$20,076.07, Sewer 2 \$33.34, Lighting 1 \$1,926.34, Lighting 2 \$212.45, Total \$680,546.92

Supervisor Ruso: For the rest of the Board, we collect the money for the fire districts and we have to distribute it to the fire departments.

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Public Comment/Community Events

Ellie Alfeld: Are postcards being sent out to veterans?

Councilmember VanEtten: They went out.

Ellie Alfeld: They went out already.

Motion by Councilmember Downes seconded by Councilmember VanEtten to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM

AYES: Ruso, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Boehlke

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC
Town Clerk