

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

JULY 27, 2020

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reports

Supervisor

County Legislator

Town Clerk

- Approval of July 13, 2020 Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Tax Collector

Historian

Agriculture/AgFest (Chair Boehlke/Member Irving)

Animal Control (Chair Irving, Member Ruso)

Assessment (Chair VanEtten/Member Ruso)

Audit and Budget (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

- Resolution Approving Petty Cash Audits
- Resolution to Discontinue Highway Department Petty Cash Fund
- Resolution to Amend Town Court Petty Cash Amount

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

- Resolution to Appoint Laborer for Town Hall

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer (Chair Downes/Member Ruso)

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

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

Greene County Planning Board (Boehlke)

Highway (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

- Resolution to Seek Sealed Bids for Improvements to the Sand Storage Structure at the Highway Garage
- Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of #2 Diesel Fuel per Greene County Resolution 196-20
- Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Gasoline per Greene County Resolution 197-20

Insurance (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member VanEtten)

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

Seniors (Chair VanEtten/Member Downes)

Technology/Website (Chair Downes/Member Boehlke)

Town Courts (Chair VanEtten/Member Ruso)

Veterans and Memorials (Chair VanEtten/Member Irving)

Wastewater Treatment (Chair Irving/Member Boehlke)

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

- Resolution to Accept Donation for Two Bleachers for Silver Lake Park

Public Comment Period/Community Events

- August 5, 2020 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM
- August 10, 2020 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7PM
- August 13, 2020 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- August 20, 2020 Tentative Joint Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7 PM
- August 24, 2020 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 WORK MEETING

Supervisor Ruso opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending Councilmembers Boehlke, Irving, and VanEtten; Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti; Town Clerk Finke; Highway Superintendent VanWormer; and 6 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Councilmember Downes, County Legislator Linger, and Tax Collector Jordan

Supervisor

The monthly financial reports for June have been sent out and received. Has everyone had a chance to read them? Any thoughts or comments? I'll make the Motion to accept the June financial reports, seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: I have a question before me from one of our audience members and I've just received a report today so I'll wait until the Public Comment Period, but it has to do with the Scheller Park water situation. The engineers just sent me something this afternoon so it didn't have a chance to get on the agenda.

County Legislator Pat Linger

No Report

Town Clerk Barb Finke

1 Special Use Commercial \$200, 1 Building Permit Chimney & Woodstove \$40, 1 Building Permit Decks & Porches \$75, 3 CO Search \$45, 1 EZ Pass Tag \$25, 2 Fishing Licenses \$1.94, 48 Dog Licenses \$318, 2 Marriage License \$35, 1 Demolition Permit \$75, 1 Excavation Permit Culvert Under Driveway \$35, 1 Lot Line Adjustment \$50, 2 Minor Subdivisions \$60, 1 Mobile Home Double Safety Inspection \$225, 1 Mobile Home Single Safety Inspection \$150, 1 Certified Copy \$10, 81 Photo Copies \$20.25, Recycle Fees \$12, 1 Site Plan Review Up to 10 Acres \$300, State, County & Local Revenues \$1,883.25, to New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program \$58, to New York State Department of Health for Marriages \$45, to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Fishing Licenses \$33.06, Total to Supervisor \$1,747.19. I received 3 FOILS in June for a total of 8 for 2020. Two have been satisfied and I am awaiting the information on one from the Building Department.

Tax Collector Diane Jordan

No Report

Historian Ted Hilscher

No Report

Agriculture/AgFest

No Report

Animal Control

No Report

Assessment

No Report

Audit and Budget

Supervisor Ruso: To give an explanation to everybody here, particularly the Town Board, we've had some variances with a number of our petty cash funds for a length of time and taken some efforts to find out where those variances came from, where they sprung up from. In most cases we can't find the answer and so we're taking an effort and that's what the next three resolutions are about, take an effort to clear them up and start over again kind of.

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TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 97-2020
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RESOLUTION APPROVING PETTY CASH AUDITS

WHEREAS the Town Supervisor performed petty cash audits on the Assessor's Office, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Town Court and Building Department on July 7, 2020 and the Highway Department on July 13, 2020, and

WHEREAS there were discovered variances during that audit in the following accounts:

Town Clerk	\$21.94 Over
Building Dept.	\$2.21 Over
Tax Collector	\$.03 over

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that each of the above mentioned petty cash funds are directed to submit to the Town Supervisor those above identified amounts in excess over their approved amounts.

AND be it acknowledged that the Assessor's office had no variances,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board accepts the results of the submitted petty cash audits.

Supervisor Ruso: So you can ask me some questions. I will say that both with the Town Clerk and with the Building Department they both believed that they bought something, they bought back the receipt but failed to take out the money. They believe that's where it is. The Tax Collection was over by three cents. So the Town Clerk will turn over to myself \$21.94, Building \$2.21, the Tax Collector \$0.03 for which they will all be given a receipt.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION 98-2020
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**RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
PETTY CASH FUND**

WHEREAS the Town Supervisor performed a petty cash audit on July 13, 2020, of the Town of New Baltimore Highway Department, and

WHEREAS it was discovered that there was \$100 in his petty cash fund, with Town Board documentation going back to 2009 indicating there was \$200 in said fund, thus a shortage of \$100.

WHEREAS the current Highway Superintendent has documentation that upon taking his position the petty cash fund had only \$100.

WHEREAS the current Highway Superintendent, who was the Deputy Highway Superintendent for many years prior claims that he never saw more than \$100 in the petty cash fund, and.

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. **AND FURTHERMORE**, the Highway Superintendent stated that he has no need for a petty cash fund

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board agrees to discontinue the Highway Department petty cash fund.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

Councilmember VanEtten: So we just have no ideas where this \$100 went or what happened?

Supervisor Ruso: No we do not. I don't have any evidence. We did look to see if it could be put on some specific person's back. I don't have anything to say there's any wrongdoing on anybody's part. Not whatsoever. And so either there was an error in the first place or an error along the way is how I consider it. That's my opinion.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: I received \$100 when I first took over.

Supervisor Ruso: Yeah, we have that.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: It's been sitting in my drawer since...

Town Clerk Finke: I was going to go back. I remember when Denis turned over his and I did give him a receipt. It was \$100 and he did tell me 'I know it says \$200 in all the resolutions, but I only had \$100.' So he does have a receipt for that and then I gave it to Scott in the interim. Scott does have a receipt for \$100 and then turned it over to you (Alan) and it was only ever that I'm aware of \$100.

Supervisor Ruso: So where it went wrong we don't know.

Councilmember VanEtten: It might be an old clerical error you know going back.

Supervisor Ruso: Well I want to get these things cleared up and then in conversation with Alan he hasn't used it since he's been in the role. So the question is why are we even bothering.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Obviously we don't need it.

Supervisor Ruso: So then that just adds risk to it.

Councilmember Boehlke: Under what circumstances would you be taking cash anyway?

Town Clerk Finke: Some of them were receipts for EZ-Pass.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: If we had to buy something little like a bolt or something where we didn't have an account like Tractor Supply.

Supervisor Ruso: I do recall we were using it for highway tolls. I recall that, but that's been a number of years since we've done that.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: The next one is similar in nature, but thanks to Barb we found some things and she did a pretty good search on my behalf.

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RESOLUTION 99-2020
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RESOLUTION TO AMEND TOWN COURT PETTY CASH FUND AMOUNT

WHEREAS the Town Supervisor performed a petty cash audit on July 7, 2020, of the Town of New Baltimore Town Court, and

WHEREAS it was discovered that there was \$408.74 in that petty cash fund, with Town Board documentation going back to 2013 indicating there was to be \$500 in said fund, thus a shortage of \$91.26.

WHEREAS documentation from previous Town Court Clerks it was identified that they were funded only \$400.

WHEREAS the Town Board resolution of January 1, 2013 indicated that the petty cash amount was \$500, the Town Board resolution of January 1, 2012 indicated that the petty cash fund was \$400.

WHEREAS in an effort to assist in clearing up this issue, the Town Clerk did an exhaustive search of records during 2012, looking for any resolution by the Town Board increasing the amount of the petty cash fund, for which she found no such resolution. She further searched among all approved vouchers for 2012 and found none that approved the Town Court to receive the additional \$100. Lastly, the check registry for 2012 includes no check made out to the Town Court for this \$100.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board amend the indicated Town Court Petty Cash fund to \$400.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Court Clerk is to be notified that she will turn in to the Town Supervisor \$8.74 thus bringing the amount in her Petty Cash fund to the proper \$400.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

Councilmember VanEtten: It just seems like another clerical error to me.

Supervisor Ruso: It looks like in the Organizational Meeting of January 1, 2013 my guess is they made a clerical error. It had been \$400 going back years and the only indicator that was there was \$500 and I came board I think a year later, 2014. I presume that they had \$500, but there's nowhere we gave them any money. So they couldn't have had \$500. Thank you, Barb, for searching that.

Councilmember Boehlke: That was a lot of work.

Town Clerk Finke: The only thing we did find is there was one for the Town Clerk on September 10, 2012 asking for another \$100 and there was a voucher for that. There was a voucher for that and I did remember that because I voted yes.

Supervisor Ruso: We found a voucher for the Town Clerk. So somehow maybe at the same time we're guessing it's a typo. Dawn Palmateer in my previous conversation with her because we had been short for awhile, we were looking to see what we could find and Dawn left us two years ago anyhow. She'd indicated 'I don't know where it came to \$500, we never had \$500' that's what she said and again I'm looking at the year that it was changed and there's no indication that the Town gave them an additional \$100. So there was documentation that the Town Clerk got a voucher and a check for \$100 so one would suppose that if we were to have raised the Court's petty cash fund, there would be similar documentation, but there is none.

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AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

Motion Carried

Buildings & Grounds/Recycling Operator Kirk Trombley

June 21-July 27 2 Tires Up to and Including 16” with Rim \$4, 60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastics) 10, 13 Bundles of Magazines and Phone Books, 43 Bags and Bundles of Newspaper, 44 Boxes and Bundles of Cardboard, Total Income \$4

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RESOLUTION 100-2020

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**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT PART-TIME LABORER
FOR TOWN HALL**

WHEREAS a vacancy exists for a part-time laborer position and the Town has advertised said vacancy.

RESOLVED that Sandra Trombley is appointed to the position of Laborer at a salary at \$12 per hour.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

Supervisor Ruso: She’s going to start working on the weeds out front promptly.

Councilmember VanEtten: That’s a good idea.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

Motion Carried

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for June, 2020, is as follows: Building Inspections: 23 Building Permit Renewal Letters Sent: 6 Certificates of Compliance Issued: 2 Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 1 Certificate of Occupancy Search Requests: 3 Demolition Permits Issued: 1 FOIL’s Received: 2 Manufactured (Mobile) Home Permits Issued: 1 New Building Permit Applications Received: 3 New Building Permit Applications Awaiting Permit Issuance: 6 Open Building Permits: 136 New Septic System Applications: 2 Application Fees for June, 2020: \$565.00 Total Fees for Year to Date: \$4,930.90

Greene County EMS Representative Nick Dellisanti

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020. There were 6 EMS calls in June for a total of 36 for this year 2020. We had 90 calls for all of 2019.

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: We also approved the budget for 2021 and it’s going to remain flat. This will be the fifth year in a row that our fees have not gone up – it’s a little over \$19,000.

Highway Superintendent Alan VanWormer

Highway Report June 22, to July 27, 2020 Repaired washouts from heavy rain storms On School Hill Road, and Haas Hill Road; Cleaned up fallen tree at Town Hall; Picked up dead deer on Kings Road; Removed more shoulders and cleaned ditches on HighMount Road; Replaced wheel bearings and one wheel hub on 12 ton equipment trailer; Mowed and weed wacked all cemeteries; Mowed by agfest tractor; Mowed parks and Town Hall; Thursday July 2 heavy rain and wind two roads were closed due to trees down with electric wires; Mowed along roads; Put freon in AC on Case International Tractor; Replaced two metal culverts on

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Highmount Road preparing for paving; Replaced bad spindle on mower deck of agco allis lawn mower; Replaced mower deck belt on John Deere lawn mower; Monday September 13 sent two truck to assist Town of Coxsackie with paving; Swept loose stone from Medway Earlton Road with Village of ravena Sweeper; Sharpened knives and greases roadside mower; Blacktopped culvert pipe crossings on Independence Lane; Blacktopped entrance to Town Hall where we replaced culvert; Waashed and cleaned 1985 Oshkosh to get ready for auction; Put up paving signs on High Mount Road; Mowed and weed wacked around Town Garage; Cut hanging tree on Staco Road; Welded broken shield on Roadside Mower; Took photos of damage to newly chip sealed road on sunset Hill road; Cut tree limbs on Washington Ave; Tuesday July 21 cut rebates on High Mount Road to prepare for paving; Swept HighMount Road to prepare for paving; Got two F350 trucks inspected at Albrights; Cleaned debris from Culvert Pipe on West Deans Mill Road; Replaced gear box on Roadside boom mower. Last year we purchased a used boom mower from Greene County Highway for \$500.00 to use for parts, luckily this mower had the gearbox on it that we needed, because a new one would have cost \$1400.00; Thursday July 23 put T&L shim coat of blacktop on High Mount Road; Friday July 24 paved High Mount Road Three employees and myself worked 9 hours on Friday which we are usually off two are taking comp time, one is taking O/T; Put crusher run in driveway entrances where we paved; Got 1996 International Dump truck inspected at Albrights; Picked up new tires from VanKleek Commercial tire for front of Case International tractor; After completing our chip sealing, and paving of Highmount Road, we still have around \$50,000 dollars remaining in Chips funding.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: The original estimate for our chip sealing was \$39,478 and the new one came in at \$26,976 which saved us \$12,520 and the original estimate for our paving was \$133,025 and the actual cost came in at \$104,693 which was another savings of \$28,331.65. With that being said, I would like to ask the Board to consider an amendment to the 284 agreement which would allow us to use that remaining \$40,000 to put a one inch blacktop overlay on the other side of High Mount Road starting at Route 54 and ending at School Hill Road. We can do that for right around \$37,000 and the other side will be done. That is something that has to be done, but doesn't have to be decided upon tonight, we've got some other work to do. We've got four culvert pipes to change out, so much other work to do before we're ready to do the overlays.

Councilmember Boehlke: How's the base on that road?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Good, very good.

Supervisor Ruso: Perhaps between now and the next meeting you and I have a sit down, a couple thing aside from that we go over.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Normally CHIPS money I would carry over until the following year and add it to what we get next year, but we've been discussing it a lot at our Highway Superintendents Association meetings and the idea is this year spend it because if you carry it over and the State needs that money for something else you might not get it back next year. So spend all you got. The last thing I have I'd like to thank the Town of Coeymans Highway Department and the Village of Ravena. The Town of Coeymans came down and cut our rebates for us before we paved saving us \$1,200.00 and the Village of Ravena brought their sweeper down and swept for us for two days saving us in rental costs on a sweeper of \$600.00. We've got a pretty good thing going between ourselves and the other Towns and County.

Supervisor Ruso: I think that's been a pretty good history with the Highway Departments throughout the County.

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TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 101-2020
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**RESOLUTION TO SEEK SEALED BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
SAND STORAGE STRUCTURE AT THE HIGHWAY GARAGE**

WHEREAS the Town of New Baltimore advertised for sealed bids for improvements to the sand storage structure at the Highway Garage on March 9, 2020 and received two bids that were opened at the March 23, 2020 Town Board Meeting.

WHEREAS the Highway Superintendent wishes to solicit additional bids, the wording was 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*.

The Town of New Baltimore Highway Department is seeking sealed bids for the replacement of the fabric cover and end panel on the 50' x 70' sand storage structure. Bidder will supply cover, and all equipment, labor, and travel expenses required to install. The successful bidder will also remove old fabric from site. Labor should be a prevailing wage, proof of workers' compensation coverage is required and the bidder must provide a certificate of insurance naming the Town as additional insured. The Town of New Baltimore reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All bids must be received by the Town Clerk at 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, NY 12087 by Monday, August 10 at 4PM. Please address any question to Highway Superintendent Alan VanWormer at 518-756-2078 Ext. #3, or email highway@townofnewbaltimore.org.

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

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

Councilmember Irving: How long is the life of this storage shed?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: The one that's on there now was warranted for 15 years and we're going on 21.

Councilmember Irving: They warranty it exactly for the same?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Fifteen years, yes.

Councilmember Boehlke: So, Alan, we discussed this last year. What would be the possibility and how much would we save if we did the labor ourselves and put it in and just bought the fabric?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: We'd save a lot on labor. The only thing I'm concerned with is if we try to do this and we tear it, we have a rag.

Supervisor Ruso: No warranty.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: You've got to pull it up over, bend it down. We tear a hole in it... If they tear a hole in it, they're responsible for replacing it. If we tear a hole in it, it's ours. That's my only concern that I have with trying to do it ourselves.

Supervisor Ruso: One thing to clarify the sending out of the bids happened on March 9 and I believe it was the 15th that the State was closed down so everything was pushed off and we decided to rebid it.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: The two bids we did get back were way more than we were thinking.

Councilmember Boehlke: I saw that, it was very high.

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Supervisor Ruso: And we were ill prepared to do any work at that point until opening anyhow and I believe the bids were only good for 30 days.

Councilmember Boehlke: And what kills me is the prevailing wage (unable to understand).

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

Motion Carried

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 102-2020

JULY 27, 2020

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF #2 DIESEL FUEL
PER GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION 196-20**

RESOLVED the Town Board hereby authorizes the purchase of #2 Diesel Fuel from Main Brothers Oil Co., Inc. at the contract price offered by Greene County Resolution 196-20 from August 16, 2020 to August 15, 2021.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

Councilmember Boehlke: Didn't this come up at the last meeting?

Supervisor Ruso: We do this for next year.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: That was heating oil.

Town Clerk Finke: There's always a lot of them.

Supervisor Ruso: They're kicking them out down there in Greene County and so we get them and we do the same.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

Motion Carried

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 103-2020

JULY 27, 2020

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF GASOLINE
PER GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION 197-20**

RESOLVED the Town Board hereby authorizes the purchase of Gasoline from Main Brothers Oil Co., Inc. at the contract price offered by Greene County Resolution 197-20 from August 16, 2020 to August 15, 2021.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

Motion Carried

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Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Can I ask where we stand with the hiring of our replacement full-time employee to replace Tavis?

Supervisor Ruso: I actually wanted to have that as part of our conversation between now and the next Board meeting. That's what I wanted to do.

Planning Board Chair Rob VanEtten

The Planning Board met on July 9, 2020, with the following business transacted: Public Hearing was held on the Minor Subdivision Application submitted by Pieter and Amanda Wolfe for a two-lot subdivision of their property on School Hill Road. Public Hearing was opened and recessed until 7 p.m., September 10, on the Special Use Permit Application and Site Plan Application for C.A. Albright & Sons, LLC for a bulk propane storage installation on property owned on n/s Route 144 at junction with Route 9W. In Regular Monthly Meeting: ...Approved Wolfe Minor Subdivision. ...Went through Part 1 of the Long Form SEQR with the C.A. Albright & Sons, LLC representatives present. In view of the additional information needed for certain answers, answer changes, etc., the Board felt it was in the best interest of all, that a revised Part 1 be submitted. The scheduled Public Hearing was opened and recessed until 7 p.m. September 10 to allow time for re-submission of Part 1, for the Planning Board to re-submit this Part 1 to the various required State Agencies and for the State Agencies to reply if they wished to comment or further comment based on the additional information appearing in the re-submission. ...Held further discussion on the proposed lot line adjustment between C.A. Albright & Sons, LLC and property owners to the east, Scott and Susan Briody. Before approval and per Town Code, drafts of required deeds, as well as map for filing, need to be submitted for Planning Board review and approval. ...Passed resolution renewing the J.B. Car Services Special Use Permit for the period June 1, 2020, to June 1, 2021. ...Received Minor Subdivision Application from David, Stephen and George Meyer and Mary Vadney for the two-lot subdivision of their property located on Timberledge Lane. Required Public Hearing on the application is scheduled for 7 p.m., August 13. ...Held a brief initial discussion with Frank Orlando of Opportunity Development, LLC regarding the proposed installation of more storage units at Thruway Storage located on property owned between Route 9W and Flatbush Road just north of Taylor Monument business. Required Site Plan application to be forthcoming.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Pat Linger

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet on July 1, 2020, since there were no applications to come before the Board.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

No Report

Youth, Parks and Recreation

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 104-2020
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RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATION OF TWO
BLEACHERS FOR SILVER LAKE PARK

WHEREAS the Village of Coxsackie had donated two sets of bleachers to the Town of New Baltimore to be used in Silver Lake Park following the renovation of the ballfield.

RESOLVED the Town of New Baltimore is pleased to accept said donation which will offset some of the costs during this renovation project.

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Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION 105-2020

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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 2020b-07-01 to 2020b-07-39

Town Clerk Finke: Can I please interrupt? You have to take out that one.

Supervisor Ruso: Oh, yes. We did remove, I don't know which number it was.

Town Clerk Finke: 2020b-07-27 for \$77.24.

Supervisor Ruso: We removed a voucher that needed further explanation. It's a \$77 voucher, but nevertheless an explanation is necessary. So those claims, exclusive of the one mentioned by the Town Clerk, 2020b-07-01 to 2020b-07-39 is **RESOLVED** that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2020b-07-01 to 20120b-07-39 with the noted exception,

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

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

Motion Carried

General \$18,857.93, Highway \$28,423.80, Sewer 1 \$879.83, Sewer 2 \$147.54, Ambulance 2 \$19,686.66, Total \$67,995.76

Public Comment Period

Ellie Alfeld: Well, actually what I was looking for was an update on where we stand with Scheller Park and you said you just got something in so that will be updating whatever we know from the last public hearing. The people from Scheller Park are not here.

Supervisor Ruso: No and it certainly wasn't announced that I would have this as I received it today.

Ellie Alfeld: I know and unless they read the Minutes after Barbara puts them on the computer, they're not gonna know.

Town Clerk Finke: We can do a mailing and we've done that before.

Supervisor Ruso: We've done that before and, in fact, the last notice we actually brought to their doors. Alan brought them to their doors, knocked on their doors.

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Ellie Alfeld: Well, they are the ones that said ‘I’ll be at that next meeting.’ That’s all I’m saying because this may involve some of the taxpayers other than Scheller Park somewhat whether it be bonds or loans or what have you. I was interested in knowing where we stood as far as completion.

Supervisor Ruso: I have a estimate in front of me today that it’s gonna cost \$281,058. Now it hasn’t been bid out yet for the contractors so let’s hold off. The Thruway department has been arguing amongst different departments and the latest winner of this one is the Thruway department wants to have a 14” hole bored underneath the Thruway 20’ down and the terminology is such that they’re going to have another pipe, a 10” pipe sleeved inside of it for lack of another term and that’s what they’re expecting. Now the Village of Coxsackie will be billed this amount or however close it comes to. That’s the first place. The second place the Village of Coxsackie will thereby bill the Town of New Baltimore for \$280,000. Shortly thereafter the Town of New Baltimore will have to pay that bill.

Ellie Alfeld: Do we have a time frame on that?

Supervisor Ruso: I would say probably October or November without an absolute there. This is a bill that is to be borne entirely by the residents of Scheller Park. There is no reserve amount in that, I believe it’s 34 families in that zone that comes close to that. Nowheres near. It will have to be bonded and that bond will be captured during the year. They have a 12 month timeframe to pay the Town General Fund back that \$280,000. They have one year so that gives us time to do the bonding. And in the meantime we have reached out to various elected officials at the State and Federal offices and they’ve all been receptive, but they’ve all said once you get a bill then we can consider. So they’ve been receptive, but there’s no commitment and there’s no commitment because we don’t even have a price. This actually starts the ball moving in that direction. So I hope that gives you the update. There’s certainly more to learn along the way. I hope that answers your first question.

Ellie Alfeld: It does. It does. Next thing is not so much a question, it’s a comment and it’s to the Town Highway Department. I had company from out of state for the past week or so and they got me on the side and said that they had driven from my home out 54 to 26 all the way to the Greene County line and made some side trips as well and said that they should be commended for the conditions of the roads in New Baltimore. They hadn’t been back here in a couple of years and they could not believe the improvements in the roads that they traveled out back. So I just wanted the Town Board and Town employees to know it.

Ann Marie Vadney: I know a lot of people might not even know what 5G is, It’s a new system, internet system, that can be added to 4G and they’re calling it 5G. There’s a lot of information out there and it appears to be extremely dangerous to these people. There’s a great deal of radiation that comes off of it. I have sent the Town at the beginning of the corona initiative in March, I had sent to our Secretary Planning Board quite a bit of information to share with the Town Board and the Planning Board because many towns are going to their local officials to request that they pass resolutions to cease and desist any implementation of this system within their communities. They are having a lot of good luck in doing that because this organization that I sent again today to Mr. Ruso and Shelly because I didn’t have anyone else’s emails quickly. The organization that has a great deal of information is americansforresponsibletech.org. In the information I shared it includes scientific studies. It has information of this wireless technology and where they have proven that is so dangerous to individuals. It has biological affects which most United States government does not have any information on long term affects. There have been other scientific studies done throughout the world that certainly identifies the long-term affects in all aspects of our life. There’s a great deal of information about the communities within New York State as well as other states in the United States that have outlawed it in communities especially when it involves residential areas because of the radiation that comes off of it. Some scientists have termed it as terminology as warfare because you can get radiation burns from it and those are the wires that go up on our poles and that’s where most of the wires would be and then there’d be other equipment on the ground. So I’m here representing myself as well as other people in the community who are not here because of the limitations on how many people can be here, but they are more than happy to come. Mainly we would like to request our local government is to somehow inform our people in the community be it newsletter, website, fact sheets about 5G and then after that take actions. I don’t think we have any type of code for small cell antennas which is what the

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terminology they're using for the information on these wires, but some type of, I don't like codes, but some type of policy or guidelines for our Town that these, our local Central Hudson or whoever is hired to put these things in, will know that we don't want it in our community and we have restrictions in regard to it's implementation.

Councilmember VanEtten: Has there ever been anything from Central Hudson saying that they have any plans or anything?

Ann Marie Vadney: I called Central Hudson, but I couldn't get too much information. A lot of this is going on and people don't even know about it which is very sad because like I said people don't know what 5G is unless you start a discussion with them and share it. I only know about it because I've gotten emails about it and also I was looking into some other issues and it came up, but there's a lot of people in our community that are very familiar with it and have also shared additional information with me in regard to how harmful it is which I didn't realize that until probably four months ago.

Councilmember Boehlke: It's one of the issues that the media is not reporting on right now, Ann Marie, is that why they're after Huawei and ZTE they're two companies that are putting out frequencies on 5G that are way off band and they cause neurological and cellular damage in individuals.

Ann Marie Vadney: Yes, cognitive, neurological.

Councilmember Boehlke: They're well aware of it which is why certain agencies have termed this thing actually a biological weapon.

Ann Marie Vadney: Yes, and also the information that I have read is that in most places where there's 4G, we've already paid for fiber optics that will give you 4G and no one needs anything more than 4G. This is all a scam just to again harm biological harm to individuals and animals. So anyway there are two things awareness, three things excuse me, update our own policies so that people know we are aware of this, of course after everyone does their research and reads about it I think. And then thirdly the cease and desist resolutions. I just read what happened in White Plains and they went to their locality and they demanded that it be not in their neighborhoods, not near the schools. Out west I know I have family out there and they caught them sneaking the installation of 5G into their schools. So any feedback you can give our community would be appreciated.

Supervisor Ruso: Well, I for one need to find more about what you're taking about. I almost get the appearance that I'm the least aware of what 5G is of anybody up here although maybe you guys know something. I almost know nothing of it.

Ann Marie Vadney: The information I sent you will give you...

Supervisor Ruso: I'll review. You sent me something some months ago. I'd like to absorb and hear it all. I don't know

Ann Marie Vadney: Oh, absolutely. I found the site very nice or excellent because of all the scientific studies that are on that site.

Supervisor Ruso: Well, thank you for your time on that.

Motion by Councilmember Boehlke seconded by Councilmember VanEtten to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

Motion Carried

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Supervisor Ruso: Thank you everybody.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC
Town Clerk