

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

**DECEMBER 28, 2020**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Reports**

Supervisor

County Legislator

Town Clerk

- Approval of December 14, 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)

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

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

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

- Resolution Authorizing Supervisor to Execute Agreement with Ravena Rescue Squad for Ambulance Services Provided to New Baltimore District No. 1

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

Greene County Planning Board (Boehlke)

Highway (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

- Resolution to Appoint Town Representative in Employment Negotiations with Town of New Baltimore Highway Employees

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)

**Public Comment Period/Community Events**

- January 1, 2021 Organizational Meeting at 2 PM
- January 6, 2021 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM (If Needed)
- January 11, 2021 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- January 14, 2021 Planning Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- January 25, 2021 Town Board 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 7:02 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 4 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Councilmember Downes, County Legislator Linger, and Tax Collector Jordan

***Supervisor Jeff Ruso***

The monthly financial reports for October and November have been forwarded to all Board members. Has everyone had a chance to review them? I would like to make a Motion to accept those reports, seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

**Motion Carried**

**Supervisor Ruso:** I don't ever remember seeing one, but we got from the Comptroller's office indication that our budget is within the tax cap levy.

***County Legislator Pat Linger***

November saw the culmination of our 2021 budget negotiations end with the unanimous passage of a \$112.6 million adopted budget. Tax cap legislation would have allowed us to increase our levy by \$961,341 and remain within the cap; however, we were able to maintain all services with no increase over last year. There is a \$500k increase in expenditures, offset by a \$500k increase in sales tax receipts at \$32.7 million for 2021. This budget does include use of \$2.5 million from the Sales Tax Reserve fund, and results in a decreased tax levy for 9 of our 14 towns. The result is a 5.4% reduction in the rate for New Baltimore property taxpayers. Given the fact that we are expecting a 20% reduction in State reimbursements for 2020 and 2021, and the theft of \$600k in sales tax for AIM and Distressed Hospitals funding by NYS, our historically conservative budgeting and fiscal stewardship enabled us to develop a budget that I was happy to vote in favor of. Barring any additional unforeseen circumstances, my hope is to follow the same path in reducing rates for the 2022 budget as well. When compared to many other counties, we're in a very good position financially. The demolition of the old jail complex in Catskill is well underway. All asbestos abatement has been completed and block for salvage and reuse has been removed. The D block, Sheriff Office, and roughly half of the jail have been taken down. This project is scheduled to finish in December and will leave a stone parking lot available for Office of Court Administration parking for now. The vision for this site includes a parking structure with office and court space above and a bridge across the alley to the second floor of the courthouse. Funding is expected to come from several sources including the Public Defender's office, OCA, and the County. Discussions on this are still very preliminary. In regular business for this month, we approved our lead agency status in regards to a new communications tower in Hunter, intended to close gaps in the emergency services communications system. The Ag District 124 review is complete and the public hearing has been set for December 16 at 6:25 pm in the Legislature boardroom. We have reappointed Warren Hart as Deputy County Administrator. We have been working with B&L through Covid to get an estimate to repair and restore the Hudson River shoreline at the Catskill Point. Over the last several years, significant loss has taken place and the river is threatening to undermine the building. After divers were able to get into the water, we have an estimate of \$1.39 million to drive steel pilings and reclaim the shoreline. We passed a resolution to apply for a FEMA BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) Grant to fund this. This is a competitive grant that, if awarded, would require the County to provide \$375,000 in matching funds. I'll be working closely with Congressman Delgado in regards to this necessary funding. We also passed a resolution that requests the State establish an active and formal role for counties in planning efforts related to the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) and engage local governments throughout development and implementation of the Council's Scoping Plan. The State passed legislation in 2019 to develop this scoping plan, however, of the 127 individuals appointed to the Council, the Advisory Panels, and Working Groups, none represent any of the 62 counties of the State of New York. This is a failure to include those who will have the boots on the ground when a plan is formulated, and is unacceptable. We are moving forward in 2021 with a food waste composting initiative, beginning with our Catskill Transfer Station site. It's estimated that once operational, we can

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reduce the solid waste that is sent to the landfill by approximately 30 percent. The compost could then be sold as an additional revenue source, rather than an expense. Solid waste is also developing plans for Greene County to participate in a paint reclamation initiative if approved by NYS. This will eliminate the expense of this disposal through the hazardous household waste program, is funded through an up-front charge added to each paint purchase, and would be available all year as opposed to one day each year. In what is probably one of the best-kept secrets, the Boat N RV Warehouse has been sold to Gander Outdoors and RV. Some may wonder why this is a big deal for Greene County. The retail sale of an RV or boat is subject to sales tax, our number one revenue source. A loss of this would be significant to our bottom line. We were able to confirm with the corporate office for Gander that not only are they planning to bring the Camping World RV line to New Baltimore, but the Gander Outdoor retail store as well. Gander and Camping World both have good reputations and are expected to draw an increase of customers to our area. I would like to finish my report with information that I hope sticks with everyone as we enter the holiday season. COVID-19 cases are rising rapidly in our county, and in our region. Every community is affected, and our Public Health department is becoming overwhelmed with contact tracing on a daily basis. One issue that seems to be occurring is the hesitancy to be honest with our contact tracers. If you are called, please answer all questions so we can ensure we are isolating contacts as necessary. NYS is changing the rules on restrictions and shut downs on a regular basis. Please follow all guidelines, make informed decisions regarding contact with anyone not living in your household, and continue to wear a mask if social distancing cannot be maintained. Keep an eye on the County website for updates on operational changes we may enact as needed. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and stays safe!

**Town Clerk Finke:** I also just wanted to bring up that this Positively Greene came out, County-Wide Update from Greene County Government, Catskills, Greene County EDC, Buy In Greene Invest In Greene, Film in Greene and it says “Camping World’s Gander RV & Outdoors Opening In Coxsackie.” It bothered me and I did say something to Pat and had they just said West Coxsackie, everyone would have been happy. But I’m not happy with this.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** No, me neither.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I had the opportunity to send an email to Greene County Economic Development to remind that New Baltimore is in Greene County and sometimes I got the impression that they may have forgotten.

**Ellie Alfeld:** Well, they have priorities. Coxsackie’s one of them.

***Town Clerk Barb Finke***

**October 1-31, 2020** 10 Building Permits \$1,364.25, 3 CO Searches \$45, 6 E-ZPass Tags \$150, 15 Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$71.71, 29 Dog Licenses \$186, 1 Exempt Dog, 4 Late Dog License \$20, 2 Marriage Licenses \$35, 1 Demolition Permit \$75, 2 Minor Subdivisions \$90, 1 Mobile Home Double \$225, 13 Certified Copies \$130, 33 Photo Copies \$8.25, Recycle Fees \$13.50, State, County & Local Revenues \$3,673, to New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program \$33, to New York State Department of Health for Marriages \$45, to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$1,181.29, Total to Supervisor \$2,413.71. I received 7 FOILs in October for a total of 21 for 2020. **November 1-30, 2020** 6 Building Permits \$862.75, 1 Septic Tank Replacement \$40, 2 CO Serches \$30, 6 E-ZPass Tags \$150, 11 Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$36.05, 15 Dog Licenses \$102, 2 Late Dog Licenses \$10, 1 Marriage Licenses \$17.50, 1 Demolition Permit \$75, 3 Minor Subdivisions \$90, 6 Certified Copies \$60, 37 Photo Copies \$9.25, State, County & Local Revenues \$2,063, to New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program \$19, to New York State Department of Health for Marriages \$22.50, to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$538.95, Total to Supervisor \$1,482.55.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The December 14, 2020 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 the vote was as follows:

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AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

**Motion Carried**

***Tax Collector Diane Jordan***

**Report for November 9, 2020** Property/County Tax-Anyone still owing property/county taxes will now be required to call Greene County for amounts owed and information on how to pay the tax bill. Please call Greene County at (518)719-3530. Sewer District # 1 Sewer #1 payments are no longer collected as of October 31, The unpaid Sewer #1 payments went down to Greene County as a Relevy and will appear on your January property/county tax bill in January. The new 2021 billing will be out in January. Water District # 2 -The fourth quarter billing will have a 2% penalty added to the bill for those who still have an outstanding bill as of November 16, Payments will no longer be accepted as of the 16, of December. The First 3 quarter billing for Water #2 has gone down to Greene County as Relevy. These unpaid bills will appear on your Property/county tax bill in January. Anyone with questions please call me at (518) 756-6671 x2 and I will be happy to help you any time.

**Report for December 28, 2020** Property/County Tax—Tax bills will be arriving to you soon. Please send the entire tax bill with your payment to me and I will send you back your receipt. Due to the Covid 19 Virus this year the town hall is closed to the public at this time. If you need to come to the town hall for payments or any other reason, please call to make an appointment. Phone # is 518-756-6671 x2. The National Bank of Coxsackie will be excepting tax payments again this year at regular business hours at the West Coxsackie branch on 9W in Coxsackie or Ravena branch in the plaza Ravena. you can also mail in your payment to me at 3809 CR 51, Hannacroix, NY 12087. If you do not receive a bill by the first week in January, please call me so I can get the bill to you as soon as possible. Tax bills are due by January 31, 2020 without penalty. Mailings this year are being sent by the printing company and not by myself as in past years. Sewer District # 1 Sewer #1 bills will be going out the middle of January and are due by February 15, 2021. By appointment only or mail in your payment. Water District # 2 Water # 2 bills will also be going out in the middle of January and is due February 15, 2021. By appointment only or mail in your payment. Wishing everyone a great New Year. Anyone with questions please call me at (518) 756-6671 x2 and I will be happy to help you any time.

***Historian Ted Hilscher***

**November 2020** I responded to an email request from a man in Albany who remembered visiting his grandfather in New Baltimore in a big house on the river in the 1950s. That's all he knew. He wanted to know if I find out where the house was. I went to the County Clerk's Office and searched his grandfather's name, and then the subsequent purchasers of the property down to the present. I determined the location of the house – opposite Nodine Mountain Road, which a subsequent owner developed as a subdivision in the 1960s – and took pictures of the house, and sent it all with a timeline in fulfillment of the request. With the permission of the landowners, John Cannon and I have taken several hikes in search of the location of the Albany-Greene Turnpike, which in the early 1800s ran between the Riverside Cemetery in Coxsackie and the current Route 61 north of Coxsackie Creek. This was once the main highway between Catskill and Albany. At 18 years old, school teacher Ms. Emma Crow (late Schmitt) the mother of Roberta (Bobsey) Roberg in Coxsackie, walked this route each day to and from her house in Coxsackie to the Otter Hook School (at the east end of Hawley Lane) in 1927-1928. This will be the subject of a future newsletter article. Ellie Alfeld has donated to the town archives the voting machine ballot used in the town of New Baltimore on November 6, 1973 listing propositions and candidates for office. Vote totals have been written in pen. Cliff Baldwin was elected county legislator, and Nils Backlund supervisor. Fran Williams and Olive Jennings ran unopposed for highway superintendent and collector, respectively.

**December 2020** With the permission of the landowners, I have been twice to a site of an old mill off of West Dean's Mill Road. On the second occasion I was accompanied by Greene County Deputy Historian Jon Palmer. This is a very exciting find. The site is on no maps, and probably dates back to the early nineteenth century. There are remnants of the dam, evidence of the mill pond, and ruins of the foundations of several buildings, perhaps three or more. Jon and I will return and try to map the site. Research of the deeds in the chain of title may also yield information. With the permission of the landowner, I have been twice to the site of an old Bronck farm, off of County Route 61. Once I was accompanied by Jean and Cless Bush, and

once by John Cannon. Art Byas first disclosed this site to me many years ago. The purpose of the visits were to ascertain if this was the site of the house and barns illustrated in photographs the Bushes have seen, the location of which was unidentified but believed to have been in New Baltimore. The site is now covered in woods but ruins of the buildings are clear enough to give a sense of the layout of the buildings. It was decided that the site we visited and the site in the mystery photographs are not the same. Consequently, Jean learned that the mystery photos are of an old farm on Cole Road off of County Route 61. Jean and Cless remain very interested in local history, and are very generous in sharing their interesting finds with me.

***Agriculture/AgFest***

No Report

***Animal Control***

No Report

***Assessment***

No Report

***Audit and Budget***

**Supervisor Ruso:** I have sent notification to all the department heads as well as to Councilmember Downes that as of January 1 we have to start scheduling our audits of each department for their financials altogether. These are for departments that collect money which would be the Buildings Permits, it would also be the Town Clerk, certainly the Tax Collector, as well as the Courts. We have to do an audit every year and we're starting the schedule process, they've already been notified to be prepared and we'll be setting up a date hopefully in January for all those to be accomplished. We're also going to add to our audit this year making it a permanent part of our annual budget, the petty cash audit as well each year.

***Building & Grounds/Recycling Coordinator Kirk Trombley***

**10/27/2020-11/23/2020** 60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastic) 9, 18 Bundles of Magazines and Phone Books, 47 Bags and Bundles of Newspaper, 97 Boxes and Bundles of Cardboard, November 14 1 Washer and 1 Dryer

**11/24/2020-12/28/2020** 60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastic) 7, 10 Bundles of Magazines and Phone Books, 38 Bags and Bundles of Newspaper, 53 Boxes and Bundles of Cardboard, December 5 1 Dishwasher and December 16 1 Microwave Oven

**Ellie Alfeld:** Is the Recycle Center in New Baltimore gonna be open the Wednesdays and Saturdays as has been past practice?

**Supervisor Ruso:** The answer is yes, except when holidays interfere.

**Ellie Alfeld:** Because Coxsackie you know is closing...

**Supervisor Ruso:** We had discussions about changes but we held on.

**Ellie Alfeld:** Okay good to know.

**Councilmember Irving:** I believe Coxsackie is closed Sunday and Monday. Am I right?

**Ellie Alfeld:** Correct.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Which I don't think affects us much.

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

**Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for October, 2020,** is as follows:  
Building Inspections: 28 Building Permits Issued: 7 Building Permits Renewed: 3  
Certificates of Compliance Issued: 5 Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 2 Certificate of Occupancy Search Requests: 2 Temporary Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 1 Demolition Permit Applications Received: 1 Demolition Permits Issued: 3 Manufactured (Mobile) Home Permits Issued: 2 Total Number of New Applications Received: 4 Building Permit Applications Awaiting Permit Issuance: 6 Open Building Permits: 150 Septic Tank

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Replacement Permits Issued: 1 Sign Permit Applications: 1 (Referred to ZBA for Variance)  
Application Fees for October, 2020: \$1,410.25 Total Fees for Year to Date: \$12,477.25  
**Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for November, 2020**, is as follows:  
Building Inspections: 22 Building Permits Issued: 5 Building Permits Renewed: 2  
Certificates of Compliance Issued: 4 Certificate of Occupancy Search Requests: 2 Total  
Number of New Applications Received: 5 Building Permit Applications Awaiting Permit  
Issuance: 4 Open Building Permits: 151 Sign Permit Applications: 1 Sign Permits Issued: 1  
Application Fees for November, 2020: \$912.75 Total Fees for Year to Date: \$13,390.40

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

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

**RESOLUTION 156-2020**  
**DECEMBER 28, 2020**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE  
AGREEMENT WITH RAVENA RESCUE SQUAD FOR AMBULANCE  
SERVICES PROVIDED TO NEW BALTIMORE DISTRICT NO. 1**

**RESOLVED** the Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to execute an agreement with Ravena Rescue Squad for the period January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021 for basic ambulance services provided to New Baltimore Ambulance District No. 1 at a total cost of \$25,905.96.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

**Supervisor Ruso:** I'll point out that that is a \$507.96 increase from years prior. They kept their increases to I think a normal expansion.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

**Motion Carried**

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

No Report

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

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020. There were 7 EMS calls in October for a total of 67 for this year, 2020. We had a total 90 calls for all of 2019. The regular monthly meeting was held by conference call on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 because the 911 Center was shut down because of COVID. There were 15 EMS calls in November for a total of 82 for this year, 2020. We had a total 90 calls for all of 2019.

**Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti:** So we're basically on track for a similar year for 2021.

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

November 17, 2020, Zoom Mtg 1. Town of Catskill, Rt. 32 Replacement of current mobile home with another mobile home Approved 2. Town of Catskill Rt. 32A Replacement of current mobile home with a fourth single family dwelling Approved 3. Town of Catskill Ben Hill Rd. Existing porch due to denial of CO due to not obtaining building permit Approved 4. Village of Catskill Adopted of Zoning Law Revisions due to Amended Zoning Law and Map Approved 5. Town of Catskill Route 23A One chair salon/garage Approved 6. Town/Village of Athens Adoption of an updated Comprehensive Plan, updating their 2007 Plan Approved

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***Highway Superintendent Alan VanWormer***

**Highway Report October 26, to November 23, 2020** Cut rebates on Gedney Hill Road and Sodom Road for paving. Thank You to the Town of Coeymans Highway Department for the use of their rebate machine. Swept Gedney Hill and Sodom Roads for paving, Thank You to the Village of Ravena for the use of their sweeper Took item 4 stone to district 1 park for new parking area by the pavilion. Thank You to Ron Burns for donating his time and bulldozer to do the final grading so it could be rolled. Tuesday October 27, paved Gedney Hill Road, and about 2500 feet of Sodom Road, all employees worked until 6:30 pm Repaired electrical issue on tarp roller on 2002 International truck number 3 Repaired hydraulic leak on 1996 International 10 wheeler truck number 8 Took delivery of culvert pipe and other items for park work Wednesday November 28 interviewed potential new full time employee Thursday October 29 sent four people for drug testing, two preemployment, and two random Removed the water tank from 2006 f350, and put on leaf box Changed electrical plug on back of 2002 International truck number 3 October 30 snow, sent three trucks out to western portion of town to sand Repaired rusted exhaust on 1985 International truck number 6 Picked up bagged leaves in hamlet Replaced batteries on 1985 Oshkosh truck number 6 Picked up garbage at Town Hall Removed graffiti from gazebo at Cornell Park Cut fallen tree on Jennings Road Cut fallen tree on Haas Hill Road Fixed entrance to shale bank on Gedney Hill Road where plow truck turns around Patched Scheller Park Road, Jennings Road, and School Hill Roads with Blacktop Picked up tires dumped on Deans Mill Road Vacuumed leaves in Hamlet Put sanders on 2002, and 2013 Internationals Thursday November 12 new cover was installed on sand shed, the company did an excellent job. Rebuilt spinner assembly on sander for 2013 International Filled sand shed back up for winter Had electrical issues on the 2011 international, due to computerization we had to call Coffey's heavy truck repair to do diagnostics, and had to replace the starter. Replaced air brake can and slack adjuster on 2013 International truck number 7 Changed oil and serviced 2012 f350 pickup Winterized the blacktop roller and put away Changed oil and serviced 2013 International truck number 7 Welcome two new employees Mark Petermann and Krys Burke, so far they seem to be working out well. The person who was the high Bidder on the 1985 Oshkosh still has not made payment, he was told by the auction company that if he doesn't pay by the end of this week , the sale will be void, and he will no longer be allowed to purchase from Gov Deals.

**Highway Report November 23 to December 21, 2020** Repaired stress crack on wing mount on 2013 International truck number 7 Picked up bagged leaves in the hamlet Put plows and wings on all trucks Cleaned ditch on Dug Way Lane Picked up deer parts dumped on Scheller Park Road Sucked leaves from ditched and drains in Hamlet Replaced broken drive gear on Alamo Boom Mower Started to work on Engine Removal on 1985 International Hauled in washed screenings to restock our pile Cleaned debris from beaver pipe on West Deans Mill Road Hauled in number 1 stone and dry screenings to mix item 4 Patched some holes with winter mix Cleaned tracks on John Deere Excavator and put inside for winter Picked up left over scrap materials from District one park Checked anti freeze in all equipment parked outside for winter Wednesday December 9, light snow all trucks went out at 8:30am sanded all roads Cleaned steps and ramp at Town Hall and salted Replaced sander conveyer bearing on 1993 International truck number 4 Washed all trucks Repaired oil leak on gearbox on 2013 International sander Checked small oil leak on 1985 Oshkosh truck number 6, will need front engine seal in the spring. Replaced the propane heater in the recycle shed Thursday December 17, well you know! Called all in at midnight, We plowed and sanded all roads a lot. A few trucks drove off the road due to lack of visibility, we were able to get them all out on our own except for one, we had to get a large tow truck for. Replaced fuel shut off solenoid on 1985 Oshkosh truck number 6 Replaced broken wing cable on 1997 International truck number 14 Picked up garbage from Town Hall as needed. Our Highway crew did 10 hours of general repairs and maintenance on Town equipment as to not have to send it out.

**Town Clerk Finke:** Thank you also for the stairs out here.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** You guys did a great job with the snowstorm.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** It was challenging. I'll be the first one to tell you.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** We had a few new people there so that makes it a challenge also.

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**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** I want to thank the Board and Town Clerk for the lunch you sent over for us on Wednesday. It was delicious, it was very much appreciated.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Quick question, did anyone ever finally make payment on that Oshkosh?

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Yes, we got \$6,600 for it. Said it was a wire transfer so I'd be surprised if we didn't have it.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I'll double check. I didn't see it.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Paid by wire transfer, should be \$6,600.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** That offset the purchase of the truck a little bit there right?

**Supervisor Ruso:** Well, the other truck was \$29,000, \$6,600 makes it \$22,400. This relates to both Personnel and Highway.

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

**RESOLUTION 157-2020**  
**DECEMBER 28, 2020**

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT TOWN REPRESENTATIVE  
IN EMPLOYMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH  
TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES**

*WHEREAS* the Highway Department employees have designated the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 294 as their collective bargaining agent for employment negotiations.

*RESOLVED* the Town Board approves the engagement of Brian J. Clark, Esq. from Venable LLP to represent the Town of New Baltimore in said negotiations at a cost of \$610 per hour and \$450 for Associate Counsel.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** My question is are the funds for this attorney going to be a Highway expense?

**Supervisor Ruso:** I think it very well may. I'm not perfectly sure, but I think it may.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** We're talking \$1,000 an hour.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Well, no, it's going to be one or the other, it won't be that. I would tend to believe so, yes, because it's not a Townwide thing.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** I just want to make sure so we plan for it

**Councilmember Boehlke:** Do we have a written agreement with these two attorneys?

**Supervisor Ruso:** No, this is a resolution to allow us to hire them so we don't have that agreement. That would happen as a result of this. We've had some dialog with them.

**Ellie Alfeld:** Where are these people from?

**Supervisor Ruso:** I believe their headquarters are in New York City. I did have a conversation with Mr. Clark, I do not know him. Nevertheless, he was recommended and we had called a couple of other people, but this one is stepping forward and has the appropriate experience.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

**Motion Carried**

***Insurance***

No Report

***Personnel***

No Report

***Planning Board Chair Rob VanEtten***

The Planning Board met on November 12 with the following business conducted; Public Hearing was held on the Estate of Armand Bozzetti Minor Subdivision Application for a two-lot subdivision of property located on School Hill Road. In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed; ...Bozzetti Minor Subdivision was approved. ...Continued discussion with anticipated purchasers of the Budget Motel who wish to convert the existing motel into a 14-unit senior living residence. As a result of the continued discussion, it was determined that Variance consideration would be necessary for applicant to proceed with plans as outlined. Planning Board will issue required ZBA referral letter. ...Minor subdivision application was received from Robert and Kathryn Turan for a three-lot minor subdivision of property located on Beaver Lane. On approval, there would be one newly created lot; other lot created by the subdivision would be added to and enlarging parcel currently containing Turan residence. Required Public Hearing scheduled for 7 p.m., December 10. ...Held discussion with William Burns, Jr. regarding procedure necessary to amend and/or make changes to originally submitted and approved subdivision maps in 2019 to reflect the applicant's original intent with regard to access points to the lots created and/or already existing at that time.

The December 10 Turan Public Hearing and Planning Board Meeting was cancelled. The Turan Minor Subdivision Public Hearing has been re-scheduled to 7 p.m., January 14, as well as the other business scheduled for December.

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

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet on November 4 since there were no applications to come before the Board. The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for December 2 was cancelled. Applications pending will be heard at the January 6 meeting.

***Town Courts***

In October, Court fees were \$18,067.50 of which \$10,134.50 was sent to the State Comptroller and the Town retained \$7,933. Justice Huff \$11,926 Justice Melewski \$6,141.50

In November, Court fees were \$14,138 of which \$9,306 was sent to the State Comptroller and the Town retained \$4,832. Justice Huff \$7,650 Justice Melewski \$6,488

**Wastewater Treatment**

No Report

**Public Comment Period**

None

**Community Events**

- January 1, 2021 Organizational Meeting at 2 PM
- January 6, 2020 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM (If Needed)
- January 11, 2021 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- January 14, 2021 Planning Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- January 25, 2021 Town Board Meeting at 7 PM

**TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE**                      **Draft 12/29/2020**  
**COUNTY OF GREENE**                              **Adopted 1/14/2021**  
**TOWN BOARD WORK MEETING**  
**TOWN HALL, 3809 COUNTY ROUTE 51, HANNACROIX, NY 12087**  
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**Audit of Claims**

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

**RESOLUTION 158-2021**  
**DECEMBER 28, 2020**

**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-12-01 to 2020b-12-26, it is

*RESOLVED* that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2020b-12-01 to 20120b-12-26.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the Town Clerk will prepare and abstract and hold it for public review until January 31, 2021.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

**Motion Carried**

General \$22,434.02, Highway \$4,766.41, Sewer 1 \$48.92, Sewer 2 \$198.82, Ambulance 1 \$3,904.11, Ambulance 2 \$2,292.89, Total \$33,645.17

Motion by Councilmember VanEtten seconded by Councilmember Boehlke to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

**Motion Carried**

**Supervisor Ruso:** Thank you everybody.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC  
Town Clerk