

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2022 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AT 6:30 PM

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

OCTOBER 25, 2021

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

Reports

Supervisor

County Legislator

Town Clerk

- September 27, 2021 Town Board Work Meeting
- October 13, 2021 Town Board Regular Meeting

Tax Collector

Historian

Agriculture/AgFest (Chair Boehlke/Member Irving)

Animal Control (Chair Irving, Member Ruso)

Assessment (Chair VanEtten/Member Ruso)

- Resolution to Appoint Board of Assessment Review Member

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)

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

Greene County Planning Board (Boehlke)

Highway (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

- Resolution to Seek Posted Speed Limit Signs for Old Kings Road and North Ridge Road

Insurance (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member VanEtten)

- Resolution Appointing Part-Time Clerk

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

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 Approve Use of Bank of Greene County Youth Program Grant for the Cornell Hook & Ladder Auxiliary Children's Holiday Party

Upcoming Meetings

- November 2, 2021 Town Offices Closed for Election Day
- November 3, 2021 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM (If Needed)
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- November 8, 2021 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- November 11, 2021 Town Offices Closed for Veterans Day
- November 22, 2021 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- November 25-26, 2021 Town Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Public Comment Period/Community Events

Audit of Claims

****** 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.

Public Comment Period/Community Events

Adjournment

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Supervisor Ruso opened the meeting at 7:12 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending Councilmembers Boehlke, Downes, Irving, and VanEtten; Deputy Town Supervisor Dellisanti; County Legislator Linger; Town Clerk Finke; Highway Superintendent VanWormer; and 12 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Tax Collector Jordan

Supervisor Jeff Ruso

Supervisor Ruso: I know that you folks have received the monthly financials for the month of September. They've been forwarded to all of you. Have you had a chance to review them? I note that I always looked at the September reports as a very good gauge to how we're gonna turn out at the end of the year. I will suggest based upon our three-fourths of the year, 75% of the year done, we're gonna have a pretty good surplus once again. The exact dollar figures are yet to be seen, but I think we're gonna be alright.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes to accept the September financials

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

County Legislator Pat Linger

First, I'd like to update you on a few items I've previously reported on. Paving and striping on CR 51 and CR 61 has been completed for this year. GC Highway continues to monitor the two slides on CR 61 and we've approved the engineering and design costs for replacement of the Cocksackie Creek bridge to take place in 2023 and that project will likely include the stabilization of the slides that's in that area. The repairs to CR 17 in Jewett are ahead of schedule and that road will be open to traffic tomorrow with final pavement and final stream mitigation to be completed next spring. I met with officials from CGCC regarding their updated plans through 2026. I participated in a round table discussion on Saturday regarding rural broadband funding with the Under Secretary for USDA Rural Development. We were able to express the concerns we typically have with USDA funding, and offer suggestions for improvement to help small rural communities to apply. Following this discussion, Congressman Delgado and the Under Secretary held a press conference announcing \$1.15 Billion in funding being released for projects like ours. This press conference was held in Greene County because of the progress we've made in accurately mapping street level maps of the "final mile" of service required. Under Secretary Torres Small has offered to write a letter of support if we apply. The study we recently finished shows 96% broadband coverage, and 1,300 addresses on 186 miles of roads in Greene County that remain unserved. We released two major announcements on the economic development front this month. First, the approval to purchase 2.2 acres of land from the NYS Thruway surrounding the former Quality Inn site in Catskill, now known as the 21 East project. The Thruway Authority approved the sale to the County in late September. This acquisition will enable the most efficient re-development of this property. We will take possession shortly and turn the property over to the IDA, who has already reimbursed us the \$421,000 purchase price. The IDA will then merge all parcels into one, and subdivide into 3 or 4 individual parcels to be developed. The first parcel will be sold to Stewarts, who wishes to move across the street with a new building. As part of the development agreement with the IDA, the County will receive the first \$800,000 from the sale of these parcels to reimburse taxpayers for the taxes owed. The second announcement is a partnership with CMH to develop a medical campus on the 21 West Business Park property. Using ARPA funds, we will extend the natural gas line to that 61-acre parcel, a necessity for their project. It will also allow us to place a new community health building to replace Mental Health in Cairo, and build space for public health uses. We expect CMH will announce additional partners in this venture shortly. This will bring much needed health care services and good jobs to Greene County, with space and infrastructure to expand in the future. We approved a contract to move to a new single-stream recycling contractor. This will enable Greene County to recycle much more waste than our current system allows. We've also approved a negative declaration for our composting facility in Catskill, and expect to move ahead on this soon. Regarding composting, we're investigating equipment that will use

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compostable bags for homeowners to use and drop off at one of our transfer stations, and will convert 500 lbs of organic waste per day to a highly concentrated compost. We advanced scheduled paving at the fire training center from next year to this year. Given the fact that we're paving the shared parking lot with the soccer field, this move will result in a more efficient and cost-effective project, saving approximately \$18,000. You may have seen the NYS Attorney General announcement of settlements with opioid producers. GC has open cases against these producers as well. This month, we resolved to sign on to the larger settlements, avoiding costly and uncertain litigation. These settlements should net GC somewhere between \$600,000 and \$1.2 million, over a period of several years, to be used locally in fighting our own opioid epidemic. Next Saturday, November 6 at 10 am, we'll hold our Honor a Vet ceremony. This year, our honoree is Vietnam War Veteran Equipment Operator 2nd Class Tom Andreassen from Catskill. Please join us at the Point for the ceremony that returns this year after cancellation last year due to Covid. Majority Leader Lawrence and Minority Leader Lennon recently resurrected a former "Greene County Treasures" program. This year we honored Chris Allgozine, a GC Boy Scout troop leader who led over 180 scouts to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, Bob Beyfuss, a 40+ year member of Cornell Cooperative Extension who has helped GC mitigate everything from Lyme disease and gypsy moths to invasive species, and Tom Plank, former GC Sheriff Deputy and one of the last DARE officers in NYS who will retire next spring. We hope to continue this program into the future.

County Legislator Linger: Just a reminder, I did mention last month our Tentative Budget Public Hearing is this Wednesday at Catskill High School at 6PM, zero levy increase.

Rich Guthrie: Just a quick clarification, the bridge replacement that you mentioned is where?

County Legislator Linger: Over Cocksackie Creek, the further south one as you're heading toward Cocksackie on River Road.

Rich Guthrie: On 61. That's Sickles Creek.

County Legislator Linger: No, that's the one that's just down the hill from the farm. It's the next one heading toward Cocksackie.

Rich Guthrie: Both of them are kind of not great shape.

County Legislator Linger: They are, that one we can use for Bridge New York program to fund that so that's the first one they're heading for. Sickles Creek is gonna be a larger repair there.

Rich Guthrie: Timetable for that?

County Legislator Linger: For Cocksackie Creek, it's on the schedule to build in 2023. So the design, all that will be done next year, construction in 2023.

Rich Guthrie: Thanks very much for looking at it.

Town Clerk Barb Finke

4 Building Permits \$910, 1 Deck & Porch \$75, 1 Septic System Replacement \$40, 5 CO Searches \$75, 4 EZ Pass Tag \$100, 19 Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$134.26, 18 Dog Licenses \$126, 1 Replacement Tag \$2, 1 Late Dog Licenses \$5, 1 Junkyard \$100, 1 Marriage License \$17.50, 1 Demolition Permit \$75, 1 Excavation Fees Culvert Under Driveway \$35, 1 Solar Residential \$50, 1 In-Ground Swimming Pool \$100, 8 Certified Copies \$80, 1 Commercial Zoning \$200, State, County & Local Revenues \$4,353, to New York State Agriculture and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program \$24, to New York State Department of Health for Marriages \$22.50, to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$2,181.74, Total to Supervisor \$2,124.76 The Townwide Yard Sale was held on September 18 and Lynn Taylor and I added 42 sales to the map. Ads were placed in the Times-Union and press releases were sent to the *Daily Mail*, *News Herald*, and *The Greenville Pioneer*. Announcements were also included in September State Telephone residential bills. Maps were available at Town Hall, District 2 Park, the Reformed Church, and Cornell Hook & Ladder.

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I would like to also thank the Highway Department for installing and removing the three signs around Town. I attended a New York State Town Clerks Association Regional Conference on Monday, September 20 at the Desmond Hotel with the New York State Retirement System. The subject was the Reporting of Time for Elected and Appointed Officials and there was no cost to the Town.

Supervisor Ruso: I think that I did want to point out something else that we had budgeted, another part of the budget that we didn't discuss, we budgeted for 2021 the Clerk Fees would be \$2,500 and through the 6th of October, Barb's Clerk Fees are actually \$3,800. That's already \$1,300 more than we budgeted and we still got a couple months left to go and because she was that much more improved, we thought we'd turn the screws up a little budget for her to receive \$4,000, but, nevertheless, thank you

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The September 27, 2021 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:

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The October 13, 2021 Town Board Regular 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 the vote was as follows:

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Assessment

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 157-2021

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RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW MEMBER

RESOLVED that Lynn Taylor is reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review until September 30, 2026.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: Lynn, as most of you know, was our former Tax Collector. I think she'd fit in perfect.

Building and Grounds/Recycling Coordinator Kirk Trombley

September 29-October 25 60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastics) 8, 15 Bundles of Magazines & Phone Books, 35 Bags & Bundles of Newspaper, 55 Boxes and Bundles of Cardboard, September 29 and October 20 2 Microwave Ovens

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Supervisor Ruso: We did get a check during the month, I can't remember the dollar figure, but it was for metals that were donated, inclusion of such things such as microwave ovens.

Janet Kash: Chuck, we've been having trouble recycling our plastics out at Greene County, they're not taking a lot of them. Is the New Baltimore one still taking all of them regardless of what symbols they have on them? What is the difference there? Do you understand what it is?

Councilmember Irving: Actually I'm looking into that. I'm aware of what you are taking about because I take my recyclables here and there.

Janet Kash: We have like a ton of plastics in our house that we know we can't take to Greene County.

Councilmember Irving: Pat might be able to fill you in on that a little better than I.

County Legislator Linger: Yeah, that's actually part of our switch to a single stream contractor. You'll see an increase in the number of plastics that they'll take.

Janet Kash: At the Greene County facility?

Councilmember Irving: That was interesting. I'm glad you brought that up.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Alan Jourdin

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for September, 2021, is as follows:
Building Inspections: 26, Total Number Building Permits Issued: 8, Building Permits Renewal Letters Sent: First Notice 3; 2nd Notice: 1, Certificates of Compliance Issued: 7, Certificates of Occupancy Search Requests: 6, Demolition Permit Applications Received: 1. Demolition Permits Issued: 1, Total New Building Permit Applications Received: 10, New Building Permit Applications Awaiting Permit Issuance: 8, Open Building Permits: 173, Outside Boiler/Woodstoves, etc. Permits Issued: 1, Solar Roof-Top System Application: 1, Pool Permits Issued: 1, New Septic Systems: 3, Septic Field Replacement Permits Issued: 1, Application Fees for September, 2021: \$1,250.00, Total Fees for Year to Date: \$134,393.92

Greene County EMS Representative Nick Dellisanti

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021. There were 7 EMS calls in September for a total of 76 for this year, 2021. We had 89 calls for all of 2020.

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: Which is leading me to believe we will be going over what we had last year.

Highway Superintendent Alan VanWormer

Installed 60' of 15" culvert pipe on School Hill Road, Cleaned ditch on School Hill Road, Spread item 4 on School Hill Road and rolled, Mowed parks as needed, Bagged dead grass at Cornell Park, Mowed along roads, Blacktopped entrance to Lydon Lane, and in front of Town Hall where we plow, Picked up fresh oil signs from roads that we chip sealed, Picked up garbage from Town Hall, Got 1996 International inspected, Cut dead and hanging limbs at Cornell Park, Picked up garbage dumped on Scheler Park Road, Installed new fuel tank on 1985 International Truck number 9, Hauled in washed screenings for winter, Cleaned up fallen tree on Lime Kiln Road, Grader Patched Staco Road with Blacktop, Cleaned up fallen tree on Deans Mill Road, Serviced all plow trucks and checked over for winter, Patched intersection of Rt.26 and Honey Hollow Road with blacktop, Grader patched Lime Kiln Road, Mowed, weed wacked, and cleaned up Cornell Park for a wedding, Cleared beaver debris from culvert on West Deans Mill Road, Picked up steel from Albany Steel to rebuild grate system on 1993 International sander, Truck number 4 this was done inhouse, Cleaned up fallen tree on West Deans Mill Road, Serviced John Deere Loader and washed, Put new muffler and tail pipe on 1997 International Truck number 14, Adjusted clutch on 1985 Oshkosh Truck number 6, Winterized bomag roller and put away for winter, I attended the annual fall conference of the NYS association of Town Highway Superintendents in Saratoga from Tuesday September 28 to to Friday October 1st. There were a little over 400 highway superintendents from throughout the State in attendance.

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Bonnie Torcia: So in his report he spoke about that he had bought parts and that the men fixed the trucks so is anyone designated as like a Mechanic? Is there designation between, is there an actual?

Supervisor Ruso: Not specifically.

Bonnie Torcia: So if the Town outsources that work it would really cost a lot of money to outsource that to a mechanic correct?

Supervisor Ruso: It depends upon what it is, of course.

Bonnie Torchia: So the men that work for the Town Highway are doing work that if you outsourced it, it would cost a lot more money,

Supervisor Ruso: Yeah.

Bonnie Torchia: Just putting that out there.

Supervisor Ruso: Alan, I had question for you. I had a request from a Town resident and I meant to call you and I know it's somewhat being addressed in the next resolution. It's somewhat being addressed, but a request for a speed limit sign on Deans Mill Road not far from your home. And when you come off of Route 51, there is no speed limit sign for quite a distance and the homeowner points out that the...

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Are there any on that road?

Supervisor Ruso: I think there's one close...

Councilmember VanEtten: It's West Deans Mill.

Supervisor Ruso: West Deans Mill, excuse me.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: If there's a sign already there, we can go ahead and put one up. But if there's not one there, the speed limit is 55 mph. So whoever this is, we can talk about it after, all they have to do is send me an email with a request.

Supervisor Ruso: He's about three doors from your house.

Councilmember VanEtten: I don't know all the times I drive that if there is a sign there.

Supervisor Ruso: You and I will address it.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: That's our policy.

Councilmember Downes: So that's the process, we just need to email or they need to email.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: They need to send a request and fill out that form

Supervisor Ruso: Parts of that road should not be 55.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: It's not a quick process. I did one for Schoolhouse Lane two years ago and still haven't gotten anything back.

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TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 158-2021
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RESOLUTION TO SEEK POSTED SPEED LIMIT SIGNS
FOR OLD KINGS ROAD AND NORTH RIDGE ROAD

WHEREAS a number of families with young children live on Old Kings Road and North Ridge Road Highway Superintendent VanWormer has received numerous requests for posted 30 MPH speed limit signs.

WHEREAS without said signs, the speed limit will remain 55 MPH.

RESOLVED the Town of New Baltimore supports this safety concern for families on Old Kings Road and North Ridge Road, forwards support to the Greene County Highway Superintendent, and requests that said proposal be submitted to the New York State Department of Transportation for a lower maximum speed on said roads.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Personnel

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 159-2021
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RESOLUTION APPOINTING PART-TIME CLERK

WHEREAS a vacant Clerk position exists and the Town has advertised said position in the *Daily Mail* for one week.

RESOLVED that Sandra Trombley is appointed at a salary of \$12.50 for a maximum of eight hours per week.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

Supervisor Ruso: I'll point out that in a previous conversation we've mentioned this position was going to assist the Assessor and as of January 1 that's when that raise goes up to \$17 for those that don't know

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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Youth, Parks and Recreation

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RESOLUTION 160-2021
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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE USE OF BANK OF GREENE COUNTY YOUTH
PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE CORNELL HOOK & LADDER AUXILIARY
CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY**

WHEREAS the Grants Committee received a 2021 Youth Grant from The Bank of Greene County Charitable Foundation with the expectation that a Summer Recreation Program would be held.

WHEREAS due to COVID precautions and the delay in guidance from the Governor's Office, the program was not held and the grant was not used.

RESOLVED following approval from The Bank of Greene County, \$500 of the 2021 Youth Grant will be transferred to the Cornell Hook & Ladder Auxiliary for the Children's Holiday Party.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

Councilmember Downes: Just so everybody's aware we did check with Medway-Grapeville and they are not doing a Christmas party this year. So that's why all the funds when to Cornell.

Supervisor Ruso: Correct, to add to that I had correspondence with the President of the bank. They're the ones who gave us the grant and he emailed me, I just wanted it in writing, he emailed me and said 'we think it's a great idea, please use the funds.'

Town Clerk Finke: It's attached, the correspondence is attached.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Planning Board Chair Rob VanEtten

The Planning Board met on October 14, 2021, with the following business transacted: ...Maps were presented and approved by Planning Board to correct the non-conforming status of two parcels owned by Daniel Aggers and Sandra A. Slater on Route 51. ...Special Use Permit application submitted by Erin Patrick and Erol Kekic several months ago and then revised from a ground mount solar system to a smaller ground mount/roof mount system was approved. ...Discussion was continued with Hannacroix Solar representatives on the solar project planned for property located just south of New Baltimore Thruway Service area. ...Maps were presented to correct the non-conforming status of parcels owned by New Baltimore Station and for Paul Schiller. The Board found them to be in order. Copy was referred to attorney for Town for his review prior to Planning Board Chair stamping and signing. ...Discussed was held with a Town resident regarding possible proposed plans for a parcel owned fronting on both 9W and School House Lane.

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Town Court

The following is the Town of New Baltimore Court monthly report for September 2021.

- Total September monies received was \$27,764.00
 - Judge Melewski \$13815.00
 - Judge Huff \$13,949.00
 - State/County Share \$16,978.00 Town Share \$10,786.00
- Total 2021 (January-September) monies received \$267,098.00
 - State/County Share \$171,884.00 Town Share \$95,214.00

Total New Cases Received 164

Audit of Claims

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RESOLUTION 161-2021
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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 2021b-10-01 to 2021b-10-24, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2021b-10-01 to 2021b-10-24.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until November 30, 2021.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

General \$33,566.54, Highway \$12,235.04, Sewer \$395.83, Total \$46,197.41

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Supervisor Ruso: Now we're gonna talk a bit here if you don't mind, we do have an Executive Session that we'll go into in a few moments, but I wanted to bring forth some correspondence I received. I just got it today, I guess it was dated from a couple days, but I'm glad it came up. It's important and I'll read it. It says 'Dear Supervisor Ruso and Town Council Members, On Monday morning, September 20, Marjorie discovered that her two political signs in support of Thomasina Winslow had been uprooted from their places along the road in front of her home at 1106 Medway Earlton Rd. One sign was entirely gone. The placard of the other sign was laying in a puddle, its metal framework missing. On Saturday morning, September 25, Phil and Anne discovered that the political sign in support of Thomasina Winslow placed at the end of their driveway at 1250 Honey Hollow Road was missing. On Tuesday afternoon, October 5, Anne and Phil discovered that the political sign at the other end of their road frontage, which was intact at 9 in the morning, was gone at 4pm. We don't have to tell you that tampering with

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election signs is a crime. The unneighborly and undemocratic behavior cannot be tolerated, no matter one's political persuasion. Accordingly we ask that: oThe Town Supervisor and Town Council issue a press release decrying such tampering with election signs, and reminding Town Citizens that such actions constitute a crime under New York law. oThe Supervisor read such press release aloud, and into the minutes, at the next meeting of the Town Council. oIf necessary, the Town's ordinance be amended to prohibit tampering with another person's election signs. We are confident that each of you will join us in condemning such behavior. Sincerely, Marjorie S. McCoy Anne W. Mitchell Phillip H. Hershberger'

Supervisor Ruso: Well, I'm gonna go out front and say absolutely right and I'm really glad that someone sent this to me.

Councilmember VanEtten: Yeah, it's been a problem all the time.

Supervisor Ruso: Because I don't think it's a surprise that I think a lot of peoples' signs are being messed with and I could hardly write a letter to myself asking me to do some action so I'm glad you guys brought it up is my point. And I don't know if it's worse than normal. It's been going on for years. This is not my first election, but it seems to be kind of stupid and I don't know if it's one person who hates all politicians or it's people from different persuasions. I will say that I know the candidates, of the six candidates, there's not one of them who I would question their integrity. None. So it's somebody acting on their behalf. One person told me it was an older woman who came by her house and took the signs.

Councilmember VanEtten: I would have thought it would be kids.

Supervisor Ruso: I gave her a new set of signs. I have signs with some of our names on them that someone took a black magic marker and wrote foul language. I mean not just taking sign so, I don't think it was said here, but defacing them is wrong too. Now a crime is a crime and I would really hope that people will call the Police. Of course, who did it? You wake up in the morning, your sign's done, whatever. I know that Mr. Dellisanti had someone drive across his lawn and damage to the signs are the minor part of it. I'm disappointed in what's going on so I'm glad that this was brought up. I'm glad to know it's not just one side because then it's more targeted, not that I want anybody to be targeted. It's really shameful.

Councilmember Van Etten: We've had a lot of problems in our neighborhood with people driving through lawns, through hayfields. Somebody ran down a deer in our hayfield the other night and not to say destroying tons of hay. So there's been a lot of things going on. What are they gonna do?

Councilmember Boehlke: It's definitely not restricted to political activity by any means.

Supervisor Ruso: Sometimes it seems it, though.

Councilmember VanEtten: It does, but it's happened every year every time anybody's campaigned.

Supervisor Ruso: Nevertheless, I will join whomever in condemning and a lot of regards I'm not necessarily for those that know what I try to do here, I try to keep the political side different from the operational side. I don't like to necessarily get in the middle of it. In a sense, I'm not in favor of doing a resolution, but I do think that everybody up here and I will say forthwith and strong words I, too, and I think that we do need to be condemned and I would like the Police to be called especially if you know who did it.

Ellie Alfeld: That's the problem.

Councilmember VanEtten: That's the problem, it's in the middle of the night which I'm surprised it's an older woman. Who can stay up that late.

Supervisor Ruso: It's a crime. This one here gives an indication it happened in the daytime.

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County Legislator Linger: Just to reiterate your point, it is a crime just as the letter stated. Please call the Sheriff's Department. Stealing a sign is petit larceny, if you damage a sign it's criminal mischief, and if the sign was taken under the purviews so somebody can't express their First Amendment rights, then it's a violation of the First Amendment rights. So there's multiple ways that this can go, please call the Sheriff's Department.

Supervisor Ruso: I know that one person said that they didn't want to stir up any problems and they just asked for new signs.

Councilmember Downes: And like Shelly said, my neighbor they went right across their front lawn. I don't know if any of you know the old Deyo house right on 26, they went right across the lawns to grab it and ruin the front lawn.

Supervisor Ruso: Well, anyway, I'm glad they brought it up because as I said it's highly inappropriate for me to write a letter to myself, but thank you to Marjorie, Anne, and Phil. We do have to retire to the back room for an Executive Session and I'll read it as to what our reasons are: 'the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation' Basically what I'm saying is we're gonna sit and talk about personnel matters that should not to be made public. So we're gonna retire to Executive Session.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes for Executive Session at 7:49 PM

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

On a Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten, the Town Board returned to the Regular Meeting at 8:15 PM

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 162-2021
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RESOLUTION TO APPOINT FULL-TIME HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE

WHEREAS there exists a vacancy in the Town of New Baltimore Highway Department.

WHEREAS Tavis Stupplebeen has applied for this vacant position.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Tavis Stupplebeen is hereby approved for hire at a probationary rate of \$17.81 per hour for six months from start date.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

COUNCILMEMBER BOEHLKE: NAY

COUNCILMEMBER DOWNES: AYE

COUNCILMEMBER IRVING: NAY

COUNCILMEMBER VANETTEN: AYE

SUPERVISOR RUSO: AYE

Motion Carried

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Supervisor Ruso: Remember that proviso, Sir.

Motion by Councilmember Downes seconded by Councilmember VanEtten to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC
Town Clerk