

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

**MAY 8, 2023
AGENDA**

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period

New Business

- Resolution to Authorize the Town Supervisor to Sign a Contract with Crawford & Associates
- Resolution to Request New York State Department of Transportation to Conduct a Complete and Thorough Study of State Route 144 in the Town of New Baltimore
- Audit of Claims

Upcoming Meetings

- May 11, 2023 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- May 22, 2023 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- June 3-4, 2023 AgFest at VanEtten Farm
- June 7, 2023 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM (If Needed)
- June 8, 2023 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- June 12, 2023 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- June 26, 2023 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- September 16, 2023 Townwide Yard Sale Day

Public Comment Period/Community Events

Adjournment

***** Agenda Subject to Change******

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC CONDUCT DURING TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

1. The Supervisor shall preside at the meetings of the Town Board. In the absence of the Supervisor, the Deputy Supervisor shall be the acting Supervisor. In the event both the Supervisor and the Deputy Supervisor are absent, the other members shall designate one of their members to act as temporary chairman. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a lesser number may adjourn.
2. Town residents who wish to speak shall fill out a card at the entrances of the meeting room listing their name, contact information, and the subject matter in which they would like to speak. These cards will be collected prior to the beginning of the Town Board meeting and given to the Town Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor in the absence of the Supervisor.
3. Speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer and then proceed to the lectern and state their name and address. They must limit their remarks on official town business to up to three minutes on a given topic and may not yield any remaining time to another speaker. They must address their remarks to the Board as a body and not to any member thereof and not to other members of the audience in the form of a debate.
4. Speakers should present their remarks in a courteous manner and may not make disparaging remarks or personal comments about public officials, town residents, or others. All speakers will observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity, and good taste with no cursing, swearing, clapping, booing, finger pointing, bullying, whispering, or talking that disrupts the proceedings of the business of the Town Board.
5. Any speaker who disregards the directives of the presiding officer in enforcing the rules, disturbs the peace at a meeting, makes impertinent or slanderous remarks, or generally conducts themselves in an inappropriate manner shall be barred from further participation and will forfeit any balance of time remaining for their comments.
6. After a final warning, if a speaker willfully refuses to step down, the Town Supervisor shall contact the appropriate authorities to remove the speaker from the meeting room and to restore order.
7. The Town Supervisor, or in their absence the Deputy Supervisor, shall ensure compliance with these rules.

This policy will be amended by Majority vote of the Town Board.

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OPENING OF WORK MEETING

Supervisor Ruso opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending Councilmembers Boehlke, Downes, Irving, and VanEtten; Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti; Town Clerk Finke; and 10 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Highway Superintendent VanWormer

Public Comment Period

None

New Business

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 72-2023
MAY 8, 2023

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN
CONTRACT WITH CRAW FORD & ASSOCIATES**

WHEREAS Crawford & Associates has been identified by the Town of New Baltimore as a qualified Engineering Firm in the Organizational Meeting on January 1, 2023, and

WHEREAS Crawford & Associates has submitted a proposal to perform engineering services to the Town in relation to the Lode Star Energy solar project currently being reviewed by the Town Planning Board,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the contract with Crawford & Associates to perform engineering services on said project.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 73-2023
MAY 8, 2023

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A COMPLETE AND THOROUGH STUDY OF
STATE ROUTE 144 IN THE TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE**

WHEREAS 150 residents of the Town of New Baltimore have submitted a petition to the Town Board, and

WHEREAS said petition has also been submitted to State Senator Hinchey, Assemblyman Tague, Greene County Sheriff Kusminsky, Greene County Legislator Linger and Major DeQuarto of the New York State Police,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board is in full support of the request for NYS DOT to conduct an engineering study/report of State Route 144.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution and copy of the resident petition will be submitted to the Greene Legislature, Senator Hinchey, Assemblyman Tague, Sheriff Kusminski, and New York State State Police Major DeQuarto indicating the support of the Town Board to conduct a study of State Route 144.

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Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 74-2023

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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 2023-05-01 to 2023-05-38, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2023-05-01 to 2023-05-38,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an Abstract and hold it for public review until June 30, 2023.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

General \$24,866.74, Highway \$18,553.26, Sewer 1 \$522.74, Sewer 2 \$345.51, Street Lighting 1 \$2,082.72, Street Lighting 2 \$223.09, Total \$46,594.06

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- **July 15, 2023 Veterans Committee Picnic at Cecil Hallock Park at 12 Noon, Rain Location is Cornell Hook & Ladder Fire Company**
- June 26, 2023 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- September 16, 2023 Townwide Yard Sale Day

Public Comment Period/Community Events

None

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Downes seconded by Councilmember VanEtten, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes, VanEtten

Motion Carried

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Supervisor Ruso: That's the quickest meeting we've had in a long time. Thank you everybody.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke

Barbara M. Finke RMC
Town Clerk

