

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

JUNE 26, 2023

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Reports

Supervisor

County Legislator

Town Clerk

- State of New York Department of State Receipt of Local Law 3&4 2023
- June 12, 2023 Town Board Work Meeting

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)

- Resolution to Appoint Town Hall Laborer

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 Approving Amended 284 Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Moneys

Insurance (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member VanEtten)

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

- Motion to Accept the Resignation of Zoning Board of Appeals Member

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)

Upcoming Meetings

- July 5, 2023 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting (If Needed)
- July 10, 2023 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- July 13, 2023 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- July 15, 2023 Veterans Committee Picnic at Cecil Hallock Park at 12 PM
- July 24, 2023 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- August 12, 2023 Family Fun Day at Cecil Hallock Park at 12 PM
- September 16, 2023 Townwide Yard Sale Day at 9 AM

Public Comment Period/Community Events

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.

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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; County Legislator Linger; Town Clerk Finke; Highway Superintendent VanWormer; and 9 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

Supervisor Jeff Ruso

The monthly reports have been sent out for May, the financials, and they've been forwarded to each and all. Has everyone had a chance to review them? Okay, I'll make a Motion to accept them.

Councilmember Downes: I'll second.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

County Legislator Pat Linger

As we welcome summer to the Northeast, the GC Legislature finds ourselves neck-deep in several multi-year projects. This month, we approved moving forward with some of them, and continue to investigate the best way forward on others. We declared lead agency status, authorized up to \$25million for bond issuance, and approved the letting of bids for the new Criminal Justice building. This will be built behind the County Courthouse on the former GC Jail site, and will include lower level parking, two floors of office space for NYSOCA, GCDA, and GDPD offices. The new building will connect to the existing courthouse with an interior footbridge. As we retire existing debt service this year, we will be able to build this with no increase to County taxes. The second project is related to the 21 East IDA property. Stewarts will be the first to build on that site. The IDA has set aside \$700,000 for rehab of the building/property and we have set aside another \$400,000 to rebuild the existing Stewarts into a new GC Tourism Center. Again, there will be no impact to property taxes as all funding is set aside already. We approved a negative SEQR declaration for the Cohotate Preserve Field Station Infrastructure Improvement and Renovation Project in Athens. Authorization to go out to bid was approved for this project as well. When complete, there will be power, heat, and bathrooms at this educational location, making it available for year-round use by our schools and CGCC classes. Funding for this project is set aside in fund balance already, and there will again be no impact to property taxes. The final large project we investigated this month was our Mental Health building in Cairo. This building was built in the 1890's and has gone through many different uses including a food co-op, a county poor house, housed several County offices including PH, MH, Soil and Water, and Veterans, among others. The current building is very expensive to maintain, has no central hvac, and sits in two flood plains. We met with the architect who is designing the Criminal Justice building to get references on a full rehab of this building for conversion to useable office space. With good estimates for rehab, we can accurately compare that cost to building a new facility at a yet-to-be-determined location. Using Federal ARPA funds and retired debt service, the hope is to also complete this project with no increase to property taxes. We replaced the roof on the 911 center, stabilized a collapsing wall at the records storage building, and will replace the roof on the West Main St Highway building next month. We approved the purchase of a license plate reader and speed trailer through a \$40,000 homeland security grant, purchased a \$56,000 vehicle fire training simulator, and approved bids of \$96,000 to install ice shields at the Hunter and Windham tower locations to protect equipment from falling ice. Our HHW collection day went very well on Saturday, despite the rain. We awarded quick quote paving bids including 1.77 miles of CR26 from CR51 to Alcove Rd. I met the County Highway Super on-site to discuss the collection of water at the 26/51 intersection. Prior to paving, we will be replacing one culvert and removing another to direct water away from local residences and toward the pond. This should greatly improve drainage in that area. We

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authorized bids for three dual axle and one single axle trucks with snow and ice equipment. We also authorized the purchase of two tractors for roadside mowing, and the purchase of 2 additional composting machines for Coxsackie and Hunter. Dedicated fund balance will be used for all of the equipment purchases. We have scheduled a Public Hearing for LL#3 of 2023 pertaining to the residency of Assistant District Attorneys. That will be held in the 4th Floor Legislative Chambers on Wednesday, June 21st, 2023 at 6:25 p.m. We received a report from Real Property Services on the Senior tax exemption. County-wide there were 1,037 parcels with an exemption, shifting 1.04 percent of the tax, leaving the average property owner without the exemption to pay an additional \$1.72 in county tax for 2024. Specific to New Baltimore, the shift was 1.74 percent on 88 parcels with an average increase of \$2.41 in Town tax. There were 24 parcels in the RCS school district exempt, averaging a \$1.24 increase. I was proud to present Greene County's Employee of the Year award for 2023 to Sabrina Ersken, Probation Assistant in the Greene County Probation Department. Also, the 2023 Chairman's Award to Tyrone Chapman, Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Mechanic at the Greene County Sheriff's Office/Jail. Congratulations to both and many thanks for their dedicated service to Greene County! Greene County Youth Fair will be held in Cairo July 27-30. The theme this year is Enchanted Forest.

Councilmember Downes: Pat, the building in Cairo is that gonna be a..., I mean there's always been something in that building. Is that a historical site, is that...?

County Legislator Linger: It is not an historical site, it is an old building. It's not on the registry at this point anyway. So right now it's looking at the condition of the building, what it will take to bring it up to current code, get rid of any lead paint, asbestos, any of that stuff so we have an apples-to-apples comparison on a new building versus a refurbished existing building. You know I think I have a pretty good idea as to where that's gonna fall just based off of other projects that we've done such as the jail. Generally, it's less expensive building new. I want to find out for sure rather than just say 'well, we think it's gonna be more expensive and we're not gonna rehab this.'

Councilmember Downes: Right, but there's always been something in that building.

County Legislator Linger: If it's worth rehab, then we'll rehab it.

Ellie Alfeld: Patrick, do they have an elevator in...?

County Legislator Linger: No.

Ellie Alfeld: So the third floor where everybody's gonna be.

County Legislator Linger: There's no elevator in that building and that will be one of the requirements that you have to bring it up to code.

Councilmember Irving: Patrick, is that land all adjoining where the Greene County Youth Fair is in the building?

County Legislator Linger: No, the Town owns part of the land. We actually own about 140 acres out there. Our solar field's out there.

Town Clerk Barb Finke

4 Building Permits \$1,533.50, 1 CO Search \$50, 7 Fishing Licenses \$18.37, 27 Dog Licenses \$198, 7 Late Licenses \$35, 1 Replacement Tag \$2, 2 Park Rentals \$50, 1 Park Rental Non-Resident \$50, 1 Mobile Home – Single \$150, 1 Solar Residential \$626.50, 1 Swimming Pool In Ground \$100, 3 Certified Copies \$30, 6 Photo Copies \$1.50, Recycle Fees \$152, Total State, County & Local Revenues \$3,337.50, \$39 to New York State Department of Agriculture and

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Markets for the Spay/Neuter Program, \$301.63 to the Department of Environmental Conservation for Fishing Licenses, Total to Supervisor \$2,996.87.

State of New York Department of State ‘RE: Town of New Baltimore, Local Law 3 & 4 2023, filed on June 12 2023 Dear Sir/Madam: The above referenced material was filed by this office as indicated. Additional local law filing forms can be obtained from our website, www.dos.ny.gov. Sincerely, State Records and Law Bureau’

Minutes

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The June 12, 2023 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

Building and Grounds/Recycling

Recycling Center Operator Kirk Trombley

05/24/23 to 06/26/23, 28 Tires Up to and Including 16” Without Rims \$112, 60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastic) 14, 19 Bundles of Magazines & Phone Books, 58 Bags and Bundles of Newspaper, 141 Boxes and Bundles of Cardboard, 1 Microwave Oven 5/31, Total Income \$112

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 85-2023

APRIL 26, 2023

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT TOWN HALL LABORER

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

RESOLVED that Colleen Porter is appointed to the position of Laborer at a salary of \$17.00 per hour.

Supervisor Ruso: You’ll see the other material on her behalf included.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Code Enforcement Office Allan Jourdin

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for May, 2023, is as follows: Building Inspections: 28; Building Permits Renewed: 3; Building Permit Renewal Letters Sent: 3 First Notice; 2 Second Notice; Certificates of Compliance Issued: 2; Demolition Permits Issued: 1; Manufactured (Mobile) Home Permits Issued: 1; Applications Awaiting Permit Issuance: 16; Open Building Permits: 189; Pool Permit Applications Received: 3; Pool Permits Issued: 1; Solar Applications: 1 Residential Roof Top; Total New Applications Received: 8; Total Permits Issued: 7 Application Fees for May, 2023: \$2,310.00 Total Fees for Year to Date: \$11,610.03

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Greene County EMS Representative Nick Dellisanti

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. There were 10 EMS calls in May for a total of 60 for this year 2023. We had 180 for all of 2022.

Nick Dellisanti: So we're actually doing better this year than we did last year. Unfortunately, we did have four OD's in Greene County for the month of May.

Highway Superintendent Alan VanWormer

5/22/23 Began Culvert replacement on High Rock Road replaced 3 12"x 60' metal culverts to plastic; 5/23/23 Replaced last 2 metal culverts on High Rock Road; Backed up driveways on Staco Road after paving; Mowed and weed Whacked all cemeteries; Picked up bags of leaves in hamlet; Mowed north end of Town before Ag-Fest; Mowed all parks and Town Hall as needed; Made hydraulic line repair on Massey Ferguson Tractor; Patched Saw Mill Road with Blacktop; Moved picnic tables from District 1 park to Ag-Fest; Brought plastic trash cans to Ag-Fest, and truck for trash; Marked Old King Road, and North Ridge for new speed limit signs; I need to order the posts to complete the installation. I have attached a third copy of the PO to this Highway Report.; Replaced front brakes on 2017 F-350 truck #2; Picked up trash from Town Hall as needed; 6/6/23 Sent 1 truck and 1 loader operator to help Town of Cairo pave; Picked up dead deer on Alcove Road; Worked on both roadside mowers, they are both back working at the present time; Adjusted brakes on 1996 International #8; Cut 2 dead pine trees near pavilion at District 1 park; Cut 1 dead tree on Flatbush Road, thank you to the Town of Athens for their assistance with their bucket truck; Replaced 40MPH signs on Flatbush Road, with 35MPH; Patched High Bridge Road with Blacktop; Mowed and weed whacked at Highway Garage; Worked on Engine in 1985 International Dump #9; Hauled in #1 Stone, and dry screenings from Callanan to make item 4; Marked areas on Reservoir Road to be patched with blacktop; Patched Reservoir Road with blacktop; New Employee Tim Mayo started working on June 19th; Put finish mower on Ford tractor and mowed outfield at District 1 park; Replaced drive belt on John Deere finish mower; Cut dead trees and trimmed high Rock Road, before paving; 6/22/23 Alan went to St. Lawrence County and picked up tires purchased on Auction International; 6/22/23 sent one truck to help Town of Athens chip seal; Wednesday June 21, we took delivery of the new haul truck from HL Gage, should have the rest of the paperwork in a week or so to register it. I would like to ask permission before we start using it to have it ceramic coated to protect all the finishes from the elements. This is a one and done process that will keep the truck looking new and protect the paint, chrome, and aluminum surfaces. There is a local company in Town called New Era detailing that will do it for \$1800.00. This is a small investment on a \$206,000.00 truck. I received a call on Friday Afternoon that the new drainage at District 1 park had been damaged by the company installing the new playground equipment. I went down and sure enough a section of the 6" underdrain had been dug up, and rather than notify the Town what had happened they threw some dirt back in the hole, and proceeded to pour concrete over it. I have left an email for Robert Pettinelli, but have received no call back. We may be able to dig up the drainage back further, and around the piece of equipment, and try to replace the piece that was damaged. I was also approached by a resident in the grocery store and asked why the area where the company is working isn't fenced off, or at least wrapped with caution tape, as there are piece of pipe sticking out of the ground, and open holes that someone could get hurt on, and the park was being used on Sunday. I explained to them that it wasn't our employees that were doing the work. The tentative dates for the paving on High Rock Road will be Wednesday July 5, Thursday July 6, and Friday July 7. With July 7th being a Friday, the employees have offered to Take Monday July 3rd off and work the full day on Friday the 7th so no overtime will need to be paid.

Councilmember Boehlke: Alan, just a quick rundown, what's the status of the trucks under repair now.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: The one at Gallagher's right now is done. We'll probably pick it up tomorrow and bring it back. The other one that we talked about at the last

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meeting has antifreeze in the oil. Estimates are looking at around \$8,000, \$3,000 for parts and \$5,000 in labor.

Councilmember Boehlke: What are they thinking it's the head or head gasket?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: No, it's either a head gasket or those engines are known for... There's 0 rings or piston sleeves, 0 rings.

Councilmember Boehlke: Oh, it's a wet sleeve engine.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: And it's a wet sleeve yup and that's what they're leaning towards. They actually make a kit to repair that, but that's what they're leaning towards is it's one of those 0 rings.

Supervisor Ruso: But it's not fully diagnosed as...?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Correct.

Councilmember Boehlke: Is this the truck we got from Catskill?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Yeah, yup.

Supervisor Ruso: I don't think it's a problem with the \$1,800 myself. I've done it on my own vehicles. It wasn't \$1,800, but it was I think \$300 not much more.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: They'll do the whole truck except for they don't do the dump body.

Supervisor Ruso: He had already brought up or it had been brought up about the drainage in District 1. I noticed, I was also down there on Friday, and you know where the wellhead and I see that the cap to the well...

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Yeah, Nick talked to me about that today too.

Supervisor Ruso: I didn't know how that happened. I didn't know if it was them, I saw a downed tree right nearby. I didn't know how it is, but can we...

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Yeah, we'll take a look. I told them I think what we're gonna do there is 'cus I'm afraid without those trees there now somebody's gonna back into the well if they drive down there or get moving around so I think we're gonna make some kind of a cover to go right down over the well casing, put a top on it, made out of plastic so if somebody does back into it, it won't damage their car and it won't break the well casing.

Supervisor Ruso: Well, I picked up the cap, but there's wires underneath there and once we turn the water on, those wires are live and I was concerned about that.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: I'll take a better look at it tomorrow, but that was our plan to make some kind of a cover to go over the well casing.

Councilmember Irving: Do we have a document or a diagram of the drainage in the Park?

Councilmember VanEtten: For District 1?

Councilmember Irving: For District 1.

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Highway Superintendent VanWormer: I might have photos, but I don't think like I have an actual map.

Councilmember VanEtten: You can easily see.

Councilmember Irving: You don't have..., but I mean it's all underground right?

Supervisor Ruso: Oh, of course, yeah.

Councilmember VanEtten: You can easily see where it goes.

Councilmember Irving: But there is no diagram of the, where it is so...?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Yeah, actually there is because we have the engineer's thing, the drawings from the engineers. That's what I said I mean if you look you can see right where it goes.

Supervisor Ruso: You can see the grass or...

Councilmember Irving: And that stump that, you cut that tree down next to the pavilion, do we have a grinder?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: We'll probably just dig it out.

Councilmember Downes: Alan, this \$1,800, do we know, is that typical for this of work?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: For that big of a truck, yeah. That's what he told me anyways. I've never had it done because I'm poor, I can't afford to.

Councilmember Downes: Right. No, no, no. I just didn't know it that's across-the-board.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: It's a one-and-done thing, this ceramic coat will last 15-20 years.

Supervisor Ruso: I don't know about that, but, nevertheless.

Councilmember Downes: No, I mean I'm glad we're trying to do in Town. I just want to make sure we're getting a decent price on it that's all.

Supervisor Ruso: Yeah, I think that's a great question.

County Legislator Linger: They're good.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 86-2023
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**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDED 284 AGREEMENT FOR
THE EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONEYS**

AGREEMENT between the Town Superintendent of Highways of the Town of **New Baltimore, Greene** County, New York, and the undersigned members of the Town Board.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

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1. **GENERAL REPAIRS.** The sum of **\$76,000** shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon **42.68** miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof.

2. **PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.** The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of Town highways:
 - a. On the road commencing at **Sunset Hill Road** and leading to **Albany County Route 112**, a distance of **1 mile**, there shall be expended not over the sum of **\$142,291.15**.
 Type: **Cold Mix Pave** Width of traveled surface: **20 feet**
 Thickness: **3 inches** Subbase: **N/A**
 Cold mix pave 1 mile of Staco Road from Sunset Hill Rd to County Route 112 and Single Coat Chip seal.

 - b. On the road commencing at **County Route 51** and leading to **Roberts Hill Road**, a distance of **1.8 miles**, there shall be expended not over the sum of **\$155,025.00**.
 Type: **Blacktop Overlay** Width of traveled surface: **21 feet**
 Thickness: **1.5 inches** Subbase: **N/A**
 1.5 inch Blacktop overlay with T&L coat High Rock Road from County Route 51 to Roberts Hill Road.

 - c. On the road commencing at **County Route 51** and leading to **County Route 54**, a distance of **0.5 miles**, there shall be expended not over the sum of **\$56,913.55**.
 Type: **Blacktop Overlay** Width of traveled surface: **20 feet**
 Thickness: **1.5 inches** Subbase: **N/A**
 True and Level, and pave Roberts Hill Road from County Route 51 to County Route 54.

Executed in duplicate this _____th day of June, 2023.

_____	_____
Supervisor	Councilmember
_____	_____
Councilmember	Councilmember
_____	_____
Councilmember	Town Superintendent of Highways

County Superintendent of Highways	

NOTE: This Agreement should be signed in duplicate by a majority of the members of the Town Board and by the Town Superintendent. Both copies must be approved by the County Superintendent. One copy must be filed in the Town Clerk's office and one in the County Superintendent's office. *COPIES DO NOT HAVE TO BE FILED IN ALBANY.*

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

Councilmember Downes: So our total amount is gonna be coming from the State. We can get up to \$361,000. Is that correct?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: I don't have the breakdown unfortunately, the sheet was the breakdown.

Councilmember Downes: But it's (unable to understand). So we're still that \$7,000 under what we thought what we're, we're not overbudget on this with these numbers? Okay.

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Highway Superintendent VanWormer: No. What happened at the last meeting I just couldn't grasp it while I was here, but the \$95,000 that we had for Staco didn't include the stone. The stone is a separate purchase and what the \$95,000 was that was for the asphalt, the equipment, and the workforce from Gorman to come and do the work. Then we had to add in the stone which I totally drew a blank that night. That's why it's back up to what it is.

Councilmember Downes: Because I think we had it at \$150,000, these aren't adding up so. Okay, great.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Planning Board Chair Rob VanEtten

The Planning Board met on June 8, 2023, with the following business transacted: ...Continued discussion with Cindy Agar concerning her proposed two-lot subdivision of property on Route 61. Required Public Hearing on her Minor subdivision Application will be held at 7 p.m. on July 13. ...Representatives were present from J.B. Car Services. Following discussion, the Board passed resolution renewing their Special Use Permit for a one-year period expiring June 30, 2023, with no additional conditions applying beyond those currently applying to the Permit. ...Passed the resolution formally approving the Special Use Permit Application for Nicole Schaffer to allow for the placement of a 14.22 kW roof mounted solar array on her home on Sodom Road. Verbal approval had been given at the May 11, 2023, Planning Board Meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Pat Linger

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet on June 7 since there were no applications to come before the Board.

Supervisor Ruso: I have a resignation from the ZBA. This is from Mr. Jeffrey Carlson on Scheller Park Road, I shouldn't read it because he has personal items in there, but basically we are accepting his resignation, he'll be turning into the Town Clerk the code book as well.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes to Accept Resignation of Jeffrey Carlson from the Zoning Board of Appeals

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Town Courts

The following is the Town of New Baltimore Court monthly report for May 2023.

- Total May monies received was \$17,355.00
 - Judge Huff \$8,615.00
 - Judge Konsul \$8,740.00
 - State/County Share* Town Share*
- Total 2023 (January-May) monies received \$73,302.00
 - State/County Share * Town Share *
- Total New Cases Received 168

*State report not available

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Veterans

Councilmember VanEtten: The Veterans picnic is on July 15 and all veterans and their families are invited and everything is free.

Supervisor Ruso: Just so you know I've invited a representative from the Greene County Office of the Aging to attend.

Councilmember VanEtten: To the Veterans?

Supervisor Ruso: Yes.

Councilmember VanEtten: Oh, okay. We do have the Veterans Miracle Network and the Freedom Flight attending.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 87-2023
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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 2023b-06-01 to 2023b-06-24, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2023b-06-01 to 2023b-06-24.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until July 31, 2023.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

General \$16,958.94, Highway \$3,037.82, Sewer 2 \$278.32, Total \$20,275.08

Upcoming Meetings

- July 5, 2023 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM (If Needed)
- July 10, 2023 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- July 13, 2023 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- July 15, 2023 Veterans Committee Picnic at Cecil Hallock Park at 12 PM
- July 24, 2023 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- August 12, 2023 Family Fun Day at Cecil Hallock Park at 12 PM
- September 16, 2023 Townwide Yard Sale Day at 9 AM

Public Comment Period/Community Events

James Eckl: Thank you Mr. Supervisor, Ladies and Gentlemen. This is in reference to the Complete Streets study which was dealt with in the letter that you mentioned to us at the previous Town Board Meeting. And I begin by noticing that Resolution 73 of this year was approved by this body on the 8th and it expresses its purpose as requesting a complete and thorough study of Route 144. Now the Department of Transportation Regional Director sent a

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reply letter dated May 30 and that references a request for a Complete Streets study. So it sounds like the Department is offering the Town a little bit less than what the Town asked for. From the June 7 letter from the Supervisor to Concerned Citizens, that mentions only a Complete Streets study and I am very concerned that the Town is agreeing to the idea that the relationship with the Department will only involve a Complete Streets study and the reason for my concern is that as I understand it a Complete Streets study alone can't be a complete and thorough study. This isn't a matter of semantics. This isn't a matter of saying the same thing in different words. The problem as presented here is that the term Complete Streets has a very specific meaning as it's used by the Department of Transportation. There's a lot of information at the Department website about what the Department means when the Department uses the term complete streets. Let me just quote you this, this is from the definition in the introductory material on the Transportation Department website. Here I'm quoting now from the Department website: 'A Complete Street is a roadway planned and designed to consider the safe, convenient access and mobility of all roadway users of all ages and abilities. This includes pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation riders, and motorists; it includes children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Complete Street roadway design features include sidewalks, lane striping, bicycle lanes, paved shoulders suitable for use by bicyclists, signage, crosswalks, pedestrian control signals, bus pull-outs, curb cuts, raised crosswalks, ramps and traffic calming measures.' And there's nothing that I have found in my quick review of the information on the website that even hints that the Complete Streets approach includes improvement and safety by excluding certain traffic. Everything I found suggests that it is limited to improving safety by literally building safety into the design and that means I believe that excluding heavy truck traffic is a nonissue in a Complete Streets study and such a study is certainly desirable, but if the Town settles for only a Complete Streets study, it cannot get serious consideration of the approach of implementing safety by excluding heavy truck traffic and accordingly I urge you to clarify in this meeting that is to be scheduled with Department of Transportation staff to obtain their assurances that whatever the Department wants to call it, the Department will do a study that addresses the nature of the commercial traffic that's using the highway. Thank you for your attention.

Kelly Halloran: I just wanted to make a quick comment about the speed study results for Route 144 that was in the newsletter and so since you said that you were going to update people just two thoughts real quick. I'm hoping that when you do refer to these results that you can remind people that the suggested speed limit is 10 mph and there are signs both ways from DOT that the recommended speed going through there is actually 10 mph. So if we can surmise that people are still going at these speeds past the Post Office, then they're still at a speed higher than what DOT has suggested for the area. Obviously it stopped at the Post Office as you were coming south when they turned it around, it was never appropriately (unable to understand) because it only went approximately to my driveway because I kind of was watching to see what speeds were and it never went to that sharp corner right there by Church Street. So I know I've emailed the Sheriff and said that it's not going all the way to the corner. So we never got an accurate gauge of how fast that people are taking that corner. So that's just a thought. So the thought is to hopefully remind people that it's suggested that it's 10 mph as you're going around that corner. I didn't want people to feel that they were you know driving within the speed limit when it's a little bit faster than what's suggested.

Supervisor Ruso: The only results that I received at this moment was the southbound. I have not received results of those who came around.

Kelly Halloran: You're not gonna get 'em. It never went as far as the corner. So when they turned it around, it stopped at approximately right by my driveway and not by where they were coming around that corner. And then the next thing that I wanted to ask about was whether you had given any thought about getting an additional streetlight for that corner.

Supervisor Ruso: I've had some outreach to Central Hudson and there is a couple of other little issues such as the nature of the lights themselves, LED's versus...

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Kelly Halloran: Are you saying the nature of the lights, LED versus the other one?

Supervisor Ruso: Yeah, the mercury vapor so I was looking at having some replacements, little brighter as well. So they haven't finished getting back to me but they are looking at it. They said they'll drive down and look.

Kelly Halloran: About adding an additional light is that what you're saying?

Supervisor Ruso: Yes.

Kelly Halloran: Oh, okay, I just wanted to make sure. When you were talking about placement...

Supervisor Ruso: And different lighting. And different lighting, yes.

Kelly Halloran: When you were talking about replacement, I thought maybe you were talking about the one further down on Church Street so I just wanted to make sure I understood.

Supervisor Ruso: Well, there are other lights that they were looking at and they were a little bit concerned some of the branches are blocking the effectiveness of the current lights as well, but you can see that when you drive down the road.

Kelly Halloran: Believe it or not I call Central Hudson when there's a streetlight out. You'd be surprised. You know I call them. You have to call them and let them know that the lights are out, they don't have a way to monitor it.

Supervisor Ruso: Called them more than once, thank you.

Eilleen Vosburgh: Parks, do we have a finish date when it's gonna be completed?

Councilmember VanEtten: Well, they were working on it all day today and it's looking pretty well done.

Eilleen Vosburgh: Okay. And in the newsletter it says that the Park was 95% finished and that work was done by the Highway crew and Cornell Hook & Ladder wasn't it?

Councilmember VanEtten: The drainage was done by the Highway crew, yes, but the playground equipment was done by the Town and a contractor.

Eilleen Vosburgh: The additions to the pavilion, wasn't that done by Cornell Hook & Ladder?

Councilmember VanEtten: I don't have a clue, Pat?

County Legislator Linger: Um, I think they replaced (unable to understand).

Councilmember VanEtten: I know that the Town, we put in new...

Supervisor Ruso: Last year, the year before last.

Councilmember VanEtten: Yeah, but did we put in new poles? We replaced all the footings and stuff.

County Legislator Linger: That was before last year's convention.

Councilmember VanEtten: Yeah, yeah, the Town did that, but Cornell did some work too.

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Eilleen Vosburgh: So there was a letter on May 30th sent to Mr. Ruso, Bob Rice

Supervisor Ruso: I read it at the last meeting.

Eilleen Vosburgh: Bob Rice wanted to set up a 144 scoping meeting? Has that meeting taken place?

Supervisor Ruso: No, it's scheduled for...

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: 12th.

Supervisor Ruso: Yes, thank you, the 12th.

Eilleen Vosburgh: July 12th.

Supervisor Ruso: Yeah. It's an initial meeting. They plan on having public involved, but the first kind of setting up meeting is on the 12th.

Eilleen Vosburgh: Okay, thank you.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Downes seconded by Councilmember VanEtten, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC
Town Clerk