

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

FEBRUARY 26, 2024

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Reports

Supervisor

- Resolution to Request New York State Board of Elections to Take the Following Actions to Assure Domestic Tranquility through provisions of Fair and Honest Elections

County Legislator

Town Clerk

- January 22, 2024 Town Board Regular Meeting
- February 12, 2024 Town Board Regular Meeting

Historian

Agriculture/AgFest (Member VanEtten)

Animal Control (Chair Kash, Member Sottolano)

Assessment (Chair Sottolano/Member Kash)

Audit and Budget (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

Buildings & Grounds/Recycling (Chair Downes/Member VanEtten)

Code Enforcement Officer (Chair Downes/Member Ruso)

Fire, EMS & Law Enforcement (Member Dellisanti)

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

Greene County Planning Board (Sottolano)

Highway (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

Insurance (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member VanEtten)

- Resolution to Define Town Records to be Included in Official Personnel Files

Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals (Chair Downes/Member Kash)

Seniors (Chair VanEtten/Member Ruso)

Technology/Website (Chair Downes/Member VanEtten)

Town Courts (Chair Kash/Member Sottolano)

Veterans and Memorials (Chair VanEtten/Member Downes)

Wastewater Treatment (Chair Sottolano/Member Kash)

Water Districts (Chair Kash/Member Sottolano)

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

Zoning Board of Appeals (Chair Sottolano/Member Kash)

Upcoming Meetings

- March 6, 2024 Zoning Board of Appeals at 7 PM
- March 11, 2024 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- March 14, 2024 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- March 25, 2024 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

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.

**TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE
RESOLUTION 51-2024
FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO
TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS TO ASSURE DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY
THROUGH PROVISIONS OF FAIR AND HONEST ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS it is a central component of our representative system of government that all levels of state government rely upon fair and secure voting systems, and

WHEREAS that the election systems employed by the state should have the confidence of all residents in New York State, and

WHEREAS we believe that to gain such confidence that a complete end-to-end audit, from registration through certification, of the New York State 2022 General Election, for both paper and electronic records, including ballots is necessary to maintain trust and confidence in the election process, and

WHEREAS such audit should be conducted by a mutually agreed upon external, third-party bonded auditing firm, possessed of adequate insurance and indemnification for the handling and protection of the personal identifying information of millions of New York citizens, in order to determine the true error rate. This audit will provide a comprehensive report and analysis of all lapses and errors with explanation of cause where it can be determined, and

WHEREAS for future auditing needs would require the enactment of legislation which would define a mutually agreed upon process by which an end-to-end audit would be triggered in any future elections, including:

1. Defining a mutually agreed upon accuracy rate for the voter roll database.
2. Allowing for anonymous vote verification and tracking by the voter including automatic mechanisms to report and remedy errors during the canvass period following an election, regardless of ballot entry source.
3. Criminalize election misconduct explicitly with regard to State election law and increase penalties to reflect the societal and generational harm inflicted by these crimes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore NY stands in support of the concerns and remedies presented here. We implore your cooperation to fulfill these firm requests of the people of this community, the Town of New Baltimore NY.

To: New Baltimore Town Board Members
From: Pat Linger, County Legislator
Re: February 2024 Report
Date: February 26, 2024

I am attending the 2024 NYSAC Conference this week in Albany. If I'm finished in time to make the meeting tonight, I will try to be here. If I can't make it, here is my monthly report.

In February, I attended 8 regular committee meetings, 3 special committee meetings, 1 special Legislature meeting, and 1 regular Legislature meeting. This month, the legislature listened to a presentation by the NY Citizens Audit group and received a request from them for a resolution supporting a statewide audit of the voter rolls. That request is currently being considered with the hopes of having support to pass a resolution during the March cycle. We also had a presentation from our Mental Health Director on the Oxford House Program.

We authorized ratification of both CSEA contracts. All contracts recently approved have combined budget implications of roughly \$1.3 million added to our budget in salary increases. Employee contributions to health care expenditures is now 12.5 percent across the board. We authorized the purchase of 6 new vehicles for the Sheriff Department for a total of \$240,904. We authorized purchase of 5 new backhoes, loaders, and excavators for Solid Waste and Highway for a total of \$596,319 after \$180,000 trade value of two 2017 loaders. Our policy change to trade vehicles before they die has again proven valuable as these are items that would have previously been sold at auction for under \$5,000. Also once again, the \$837,223 in funds are in reserves, requiring no bonding.

We authorized hiring CDM Smith as consultants for engineering services for the investigation and repair of two slope failures along CR 61. The boring technique we used in Prattsville will not work for this application. There is not a timeline yet for this reconstruction, but it will be a locally funded project. We've begun to set these funds aside. The replacement of the Rt 61 bridge over the Cocksackie Creek is scheduled for the spring of 2025 and will include repairing the slide in that area. We authorized hiring CD Perry & Sons of Troy for the Catskill Point shoreline stabilization project. Much of this work will be performed from a barge in the river and is restricted by the time spent in the water.

The Speenburgh grant application for an AED for town hall has been received and will run through the March cycle. This month we held a ceremony for Employee of the Year, Team of the Year, and the Chairmans Award. The Team of the Year is a new award to recognize work that is done across departmental boundaries to benefit the County. This award went to the Real Property Services and County Records departments for their efforts to design a new electronic reporting system used by all Assessors in the County. The Chairman's Award went to Gayle Shermerer, the Paralegal for the County Attorney. The Employee of the Year award went to Jill Sirago at Mental Health. The extraordinary efforts from all of these employees are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Linger



TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE

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Barbara M. Finke RMC
Town Clerk

Marjorie Loux, Deputy Town Clerk
Amanda Eldred, Deputy Town Clerk
Sandra Trombley, Deputy Town Clerk

Town Clerk Report **January 1-31, 2024**

4 Building Permits \$809.96, 4 CO Searches \$200, 2 Fishing Licenses \$2.76, 14 Dog Licenses \$90, 1 Replacement Tag \$2, 4 Late License \$20, 1 Fire Inspection \$100, 1 One-Day Officiant License \$25, 2 Demolition Permits \$150, 16 Certified Copies \$160, Total State, County & Local Revenues \$1,622.96, \$16 to New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for the Spay/Neuter Program, \$47.24 to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses, Total to Supervisor \$1,559.72.

Account Description	Fee Description	Account#	Qty	Local Share
Building Permit	Building Permit	A2555	4	809.96
			Sub-Total:	\$809.96
Certificate Of Occupancy Search	Co Search	A1255	4	200.00
			Sub-Total:	\$200.00
Conservation	Conservation	A1255	2	2.76
			Sub-Total:	\$2.76
Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	A2544	9	54.00
Dog Licensing	Male, Neutered	A2544	4	24.00
Dog Licensing	Male, Unneutered	A2544	1	12.00
Dog Licensing	Replacement Tags	A2544	1	2.00
			Sub-Total:	\$92.00
Fire Inspection	Fire Inspection	A1255	1	100.00
			Sub-Total:	\$100.00
Late Fee	Late Fee	A2544	4	20.00
			Sub-Total:	\$20.00
One Day Officiant License	One Day Officiant License		1	25.00
			Sub-Total:	\$25.00
Other Permits	Demolition	A2555	2	150.00
			Sub-Total:	\$150.00
Town Clerk Fees	Certified Copies	A1255	16	160.00
			Sub-Total:	\$160.00
				Total Local Shares Remitted: \$1,559.72
Amount paid to:	NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program			16.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation			47.24
Total State, County & Local Revenues:				\$1,622.96
				Total Non-Local Revenues: \$63.24

To the Supervisor:

Pursuant to Section 27, Sub 1, of the Town Law, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Barbara M. Finke, Town Clerk, Town of New Baltimore during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.

_____ Supervisor	_____ Date	_____ Town Clerk	_____ Date
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TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE BUILDING DEPARTMENT
Hannacroix, New York

Monthly Report
February 26, 2024

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for January, 2024, is as follows:

Building Permits Renewed: 1
Building Permit Renewal Letters Sent: 7 First Notice:
Certificates of Compliance Issued: 4
Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 1
Certificate of Occupancy Search Requests: 5
Code Violation Investigation: 1
Complaint Forms Received: 1
Do Not Occupy: 1
Total New Building Permit Applications Received: 3
Permit Issuance Denial: 1
Roof Top Solar Applications: 1
Building Permit Applications Awaiting Permit Issuance: 11
Open Building Permits: 219

Application Fees for January, 2023: \$959.96
Total Fees for Year: \$959.96

Allan Jourdin, CEO

GREENE COUNTY EMS

The regular monthly meeting was HELD

Tuesday, **JANUARY 23, 2024.**

- There were **17** EMS calls in **DEC.** *and*

For a Total of **171** *for* this year~ **2023**

*We had **180 calls** for all of **2022***

Respectfully submitted by:

Nick Dellisanti, Deputy Supervisor

GREENE COUNTY EMS

The regular monthly meeting was HELD

Tuesday, **FEBRUARY 20, 2024.**

- There were **29** EMS calls in **JAN.** *and*

*For a Total of **29** for this year~ **2024***

*We had **171 calls** for all of **2023***

Respectfully submitted by:

Nick Dellisanti, Deputy Supervisor

Highway Report January 29 to February 23, 2024

January 29, all in at 4am for light snow, cleared all roads before school.

Repaired back up alarms on 1993 and 1997 International plow trucks

Washed all trucks and loader

Patched large hole on Mirror Lake Road

Replaced wing blade on 1993 International plow truck

Patched holes with colds patch

Cut tree limbs along roads with pole saws

Went to the Town of Hurley and picked up large storage tank and 7 truck mounted liquid deice spray systems that were declared surplus equipment by their town, and given to us at no charge.

Took 2006 Ford F350 to Albrights fore NYS inspection

Took 2017 Ford F350 to Albrights for NYS Inspection

Cleaned out corner of back equipment shed, and build platform for deicing storage tank, and set tank in place

Removed unneeded items from hallway at Town Hall for Town Court

Checked over the new spray systems and started to install on our trucks

Looked at sidewalk on main street, and made temporary repair for safety until spring

Removed two dead animals from roadway on West Deans Mill Road

February 12 checked all trucks over for the snow that didn't come.

Picked up 2002 International from Coffey Heavy Repair

Replaced some road name signs that were stolen, Gedney Hill Road, and Mount Missery,

Picked up two control units for spray systems at Reed Sales in Ellenville

Welded plow support rod on 1993 International plow truck.

February 16 all in at 4am for light snow sanded all roads

Replaced passenger side Mirror on 1993 International plow truck

Storage system

Alan VanWormer <nbfdprez@yahoo.com>

Fri 2/23/2024 7:28 AM

To: Highway <Highway@townofnewbaltimore.org>

Good evening everyone, I hope you all enjoyed the nice weather we have been having, because it looks like it is all coming to an end. We are expecting a moderate snowstorm to arrive Monday night or very early Tuesday morning with total snowfall expected as of right now, 5 to 8 inches. Your Highway crew will be ready, and all available trucks will be on the roads.

I would like to let a little cat out of the bag from this past week. When I took over as Highway Superintendent 5 years ago, we started a new process of adding a liquid deicing agent to our road salt to make it more effective, and work at lower temperatures. We would go and get this solution each time we received a delivery of salt, and sprayed it on the salt as it was put into the shed. This process worked, and was used because we didn't have any on site storage at our Highway garage. I have been looking recently for a large storage tank of at least 2000 to 2500 gallons which would allow us to store the deicing liquid on site rather than have to run and get it every time we needed it, but they were extremely expensive. One day I decided to put a post on Facebook that we were looking for one to see what might be out there.

The next day I received a message from the highway Superintendent from the Town of Hurley in Ulster County saying that they had two 2500 gallon tanks that they no longer use, and that we were welcome to one of them, if we could come and get it. We took a ride down and looked at it, and it was exactly what we needed. Their board declared it surplus equipment, and we went and picked it up. It has been moved to our shop with the help from the Town of Windham, Town of Coxsackie, and the Greene County Highway Department, and has been set in place, ready for use. That is not all, while we were there picking up the storage tank they offered us 7 spray systems that could be mounted on our plow trucks which would allow us to spray liquid deicing solutions directly onto the sand and salt as it is being placed on the roadway. We also brought these back with us, and two of the seven have been installed on our trucks, and will be used during this next storm. Having the ability to use liquid deicing agents along with our sand and salt should result in more effective melting of snow and ice, and clear roads much quicker. The remaining 5 units will be installed as time and weather permits. I should also mention that all of these items were brought to our Town at zero cost to the Town of New Baltimore including the installation on our trucks. If we had to pay for all of this we would have been looking at easily in the area of \$30,000.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Truck Updates

Highway <Highway@townofnewbaltimore.org>

Mon 2/12/2024 7:22 AM

To: Jeff Ruso <JRuso@townofnewbaltimore.org>; Janet Kash <jkash@townofnewbaltimore.org>; Kelly Downes <kdownes@townofnewbaltimore.org>; Shelly VanEtten <svanetten@townofnewbaltimore.org>; Debra Sottolano <dsottolano@townofnewbaltimore.org>

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New truck price increase.pdf;

Good morning all, here are updates o our trucks that are out for repairs

2011 International truck number 13 that is at HL Gage for rear brake, and engine repairs is complete, and we hope to pick it up today, and have it in service for tonight's storm

I received a call from Rob Coffey on Friday afternoon regarding the 2002 International that has the anti freeze in the oil, and he is no longer interested in doing the job, so we will be going to pick it up and bring it back to the highway Garage today. My thought is at this point we are a good way through the winter and have been doing ok without it, that we take the sander off of it, and put the truck on the auction site, and get what we can get for it, and wait out the arrival of the new one.

On the new truck that we are still waiting for, the build date is June 20, 2024, however we will be receiving a \$15,668.40 price increase as of right now. I am arguing with them, and have attached a copy of the email that i sent to both Navistar, and HL Gage, we will see where that goes, if anywhere. i would ask that the board be prepared to pass a resolution to pay the extra \$15,668.40 to keep the process moving if need be. If we were to cancel the contract right now, and start over, im sure it would end up costing us more for the truck, and would put us at the end of the production line again.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

**RESOLUTION 52-2024
FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

**RESOLUTION TO DEFINE TOWN RECORDS TO BE INCLUDED
IN OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FILES**

WHEREAS the official personnel file for all employees for the Town of New Baltimore is located in the Town Clerk's office safe.

RESOLVED any and all personnel documents including payroll certification, disciplinary forms, employee applications, employee payroll forms, rates of pay, Teamsters Union correspondence, random drug and alcohol testing, and updated LENS reports from the Department of Motor Vehicles are required to be included in said official Town Clerk office personnel files.

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Town of New Baltimore Planning Board

Monthly Report
February 26, 2024

The Planning Board met on February 8, 2024, with the following business transacted:

Public Hearing was held on the Central Hudson Site Plan Application for addition to the substation located on New Baltimore Road.

In the regular Monthly Meeting that followed:

...Central Hudson Site Plan application was approved.

...Discussion was continued with representatives from LSE Monoceros LLC on their New Baltimore Solar Project Site Plan Application, our Town Attorney's assistant and Town's engineer for project. The Site Plan Application was deemed complete and required Public Hearing scheduled for 7:15 p.m., March 14.

...Mark James submitted Minor Subdivision Application for a two-lot subdivision of his 70-acre parcel of land on High Rock Road. Required Public Hearing was scheduled for 7 p.m., March 14.

Robert Van Etten
Planning Board Chair

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TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Monthly Report
January 22, 2024

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on January 3, 2024, with the following business transacted:

...Heard the application submitted by Attorney James Warren on behalf of Daniel and Barbara Bernesser to allow for the division of 3.6 acres of land owned at the corner of Route 9W and School House Lane into two parcels of less than two acres. The Board advised applicants that they will not move forward to Variance consideration based on two substandard parcels but rather wish to see the front parcel fronting on Route 9W a two-acre parcel and rear parcel containing residence 1.6 acres. Applicants to contact surveyor for redrawing of property lines in such a way that the residence, well and septic meet required setbacks.

...Heard the application presented by Kasselmann Solar on behalf of Ralph Rominger's authorized representative David Mancini for construction of a residential ground mount solar project in excess of 25kW on Rominger property owned at 426 Hillcrest Road. Proposed project is for a 29.625kW array. Applicant did not have from electric company, believed to be National Grid, letter stating that the project would be allowed if approved. Discussion will be continued at a later meeting when this is received. It was determined the next day following meeting that electric company servicing that area is Central Hudson and not National Grid. Applicant's representative was so informed.

William Boehlke, Chair

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Hannacroix, New York

Monthly Report
February 26, 2024

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on February 7, 2024, with the following business transacted:

...Continued discussion with the Kasselmann Solar representative on the Ralph Rominger Variance Application for a Ground Mount Solar in excess of 25kW to be placed on property owned at 426 Hillcrest Road, Hannacroix, NY. Public Hearing on the application was scheduled for 7 p.m., March 6, and then soon thereafter, postponed to a later date due to some contingent issues on the site needing to be addressed first.

...Having received Planning Board referral letter and Use Variance Application from applicant, the Board discussed with Brad Jourdin plans for the placing of a Mulch and Compost Site on property owned by Michael Carroll at 1881 River Road. The Board requested that additional information be provided before moving forward on the application.

William Boehlke, Chair

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Town Justice

Hon. James W. Huff
Hon. Anthony C. Konsul

To: New Baltimore Town Board

From: Hon. James W. Huff
Hon. Anthony C. Konsul

Subject: Monthly Town Court Report

January 22, 2024

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

- Total December monies received was \$12,378.00
 - Judge Huff \$5,609.00
 - Judge Konsul. \$6,769.00
 - State/County Share*
 - Town Share *
- Total 2023(January – December) received \$170,933.00.
- Total new cases received 81

*State Report not available

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

**RESOLUTION 52-2024
FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

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 2024b-02-01 to 2024b-02-, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2024b--02 to 2024b-02-.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until March 31, 2024.