

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

**DECEMBER 14, 2015  
AGENDA**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes**

- November 23, 2015 Town Board Work Meeting

**Public Comment Period**

**Correspondence**

- Greene County Mortgage Tax
- Senator George Amedore Cell Phones for Soldiers

**New Business**

- Resolution Requesting that NYSDEC be Designated as the Lead Agency in the SEQRA Review of the Pilgrim Pipeline Proposal
- Resolution to Authorize the Supervisor to Execute Documents or Take Action to Release a Portion of Landfill Closure Funds
- Resolution to Authorize the Town Clerk to Attend the Association of Towns of the State of New York Newly-Elected Officials 2016 Training School
- Resolution to Transfer Funds from the General Fund to the Highway Fund
- Resolution for Public Hearing on Proposed 2016 Water Rates
- Resolution to Set Date for 2016 Organizational Meeting
- Audit of Claims

**~~Executive Session~~**

**Upcoming Meetings**

- December 24, 2015 Town Hall Offices Close at 12 Noon
- December 25, 2015 Happy Holiday
- December 28, 2015 Public Hearing on Proposed 2016 Water Rates at 6:45 PM
- December 28, 2015 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- January 1, 2016 Town Board Organizational Meeting at 12 PM
- January 6, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM
- January 11, 2016 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
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**Public Comment Period/Community Events**

**Adjournment**

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

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**OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING**

**Supervisor Dellisanti** opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also Attending Deputy Supervisor Ruso, Councilwoman VanEtten, Town Clerk Finke, and 4 members of the public who signed the attendance sheet.

Absent: Councilwoman Benway, Councilman Norris, Tal Rappleyea, Esq., Tax Collector Jordan, and Highway Superintendent Jordan

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion to approve the November 23, 2015 Town Board Work Minutes submitted by Town Clerk Finke was made by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**Supervisor Dellisanti** introduced Ellie Alfeld to speak on Seniors.

**Ellie Alfeld** reported I wanted to have the Board have an update on how our luncheon went. We had it as planned December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Pegasus. We had in excess of 60 people apply and in fact had a waiting list. I think the total number of applicants were 69, so you can see there is a desire for this. Because of the unexpected death of John Stoltz, some of the people that had signed up dropped out because they were either very close friends of John and Mary Ann's or wanted to help out with the family. He was a resident of this Town for quite some time and in fact they did attend our picnics. So that in effect made it possible for us to use the backup lists that we had. We notified those people and told them they were welcome to come and we did have a seat for them and so we were able to accommodate everybody that we had on the list both with reservations and with the vacancies that happened. All the food went fantastic. I checked every table; I asked every table there with the people that were seated if they were happy with it, if they had any comments, if they had any suggestions as to how we can improve it and the overall response was 'put us on the list for next year.'

**Supervisor Dellisanti** responded excellent.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** suggested and so then maybe I will get you that grant application, it's not that long and you can fill it out. That's an extra \$1,000.

**Ellie Alfeld** continued we can accommodate more people, the room will hold it. I think Barbara can back me up on that, she's been at these luncheons. I'd hate to see a senior not be able to come if in fact we have the monies in order to provide this.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** asked do you have a mailbox here?

**Ellie Alfeld** replied I do have a mailbox for Seniors.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** advised I won't be in tomorrow, but the next day I will bring it in and put it in your mailbox.

**Ellie Alfeld** said because it's at Christmas, leading up Christmas week almost, I'll have to see how the rest of the people...

**Councilwoman VanEtten** noted see how they feel, it doesn't have to be done by Christmas.

**Ellie Alfeld** added and can you put it on the website that the Senior Committee will be holding once we get a date so that anybody in the public that wants to come, can come.

**Councilman Ruso** asked so how many people did go?

**Ellie Alfeld** answered 60.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** questioned I'm a little confused, put what on the website?

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**Ellie Alfeld** answered that we will be holding a meeting. I need a consensus of opinion, I don't make the decisions.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** pointed out this grant application is not going to wait until past January, so I don't know if you are having a meeting.

**Ellie Alfeld** noted that's what I'm saying to you. I've got it written here already that there is a deadline for this. I'm going to have to contact the people that have been coming to the meetings to see if we can get together. If four out of five of us can come, we'll get together and see if we can put something together or suggestions or I don't know, but...

**Councilwoman VanEtten** explained the grant application is not that complicated. They want your expenses that you paid and what you are doing with the money and you'll see, it's a form with instructions.

**Ellie Alfeld** continued and I'm sure you can get us those numbers from the Town vouchers.

**Town Clerk Finke** reported it's \$1,500.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** agreed it's \$1,500, that's basically it.

**Ellie Alfeld** inquired didn't we return \$4 or \$5?

**Town Clerk Finke** observed the check was made out for...

**Supervisor Dellisanti** confirmed \$1,200-and something.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** advised so basically what you have to do is write a statement of what you're hoping to accomplish kind of thing.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** asked do you know how much the grant is for?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** answered I thought it was \$1,000 for each.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** agreed that would be good.

**Councilman Ruso** noted that will go a long way.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** added I might be wrong, don't quote me on that, but I think it was \$1,000.

**Ellie Alfeld** reported I believe the Church, the Church in New Baltimore, had their monthly luncheon and they gave a report for all the monies that they have collected and since the inception they did make note that as the Senior group was formed, we did donate to them the first year of their start \$500, the second year of their beginning \$250 out of our Town Budget and so far they are in the black, they are doing very well. I know they have applied for this grant as well.

**Town Clerk Finke** asked did they do that before, do you know? Have they ever applied for this grant?

**Ellie Alfeld** replied no, this was the first.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** advised it just really opened up to more...

**Ellie Alfeld** expanded from the Youth to Youth and Seniors.

**Councilman Ruso** added this is the County grant.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** confirmed I will have that in your mailbox on Wednesday, the grant information for you and like I said, the financial part we can help with, but you will really have to just look it over and it's not that complicated.

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**Ellie Alfeld** stated I'll get in touch with Conrad and the Polverellis.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Supervisor Dellisanti** reported on the Greene County Mortgage Tax, just to let everyone know that this year we received a check in May for \$24,984.04 and November for \$21,825.94 totaling \$46,809.96. Unfortunately that's a shortfall of about \$33,190. I spoke with the County and since 2012 we have been taking in approximately \$80,000 and she said that there have been numerous amount of refinances and non-housebuilding and no mortgages expanding and she said that she would have these figures for us in August of 2016 to help Jeff and I with the budget process. So we will be contacting her at that time.

**Councilman Ruso** pointed out we unfortunately had budgeted based upon experience.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** confirmed from 2012.

**Councilman Ruso** observed three years in a row at \$80,000 and now we're at \$50,000.

**Ellie Alfeld** said but you've got to look at the economy before anything.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** continued I received an announcement from Senator Amedore, "The holidays are a season of giving, so I am pleased to announce that I have partnered with AT&T and Cell Phones for Soldiers to give back to the military men and women who sacrifice so much for our safety and security. From now through December 20<sup>th</sup>, area residents and businesses can donate their unwanted cell phones and/or tablets. Proceeds from the recycled devices are used to buy long distance calling cards for troops at home and abroad. One device with a value of just \$5 can provide up to two and a half hours of talk time." We have a box in our lobby for anyone who wants to donate. Jeff just brought in a whole box of phones. We've had a number of people already stop in and drop off the phones, so this is a great project and I'm very happy that the Senator is doing that.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** reported I just received today a letter from the Environmental Facilities Corporation that we will be getting 0% financing on the Sewage Treatment Plant. Mary Beth Bianconi will be making a presentation here on the 28<sup>th</sup> at our Work Meeting. Barb and I sent her this documentation today. She's very happy that this took place. She did a lot of hard work to get to this point. This is very good for our Town, especially when we need \$2.5 million for the project.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** added I also received a letter from the Department of Transportation, "Dear Supervisor Dellisanti: I am writing to make you aware of an effective mechanism that allows NYSDOT to provide emergency assistance to municipalities in the absence of a Governor's Emergency Declaration. For services or materials that are valued at less than \$10,000. NYS Comptroller rules allow NYSDOT to "trade" services under a simple one page agreement. Having such an agreement in place facilitates things much more quickly when an emergency arises." There is an application process attached and the Highway Superintendent, we gave this to Denis to fill out and we will also be involved with this as well. It's emergency funds up to \$10,000; I'll take it.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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**RESOLUTION 167-2015  
DECEMBER 14, 2015**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT NYSDEC BE DESIGNATED AS THE LEAD  
AGENCY IN THE SEQRA REVIEW OF THE PILGRIM PIPELINE PROPOSAL**

**WHEREAS** a project has been commenced whereby a pipeline is proposed to be constructed within the NYS Thruway right of way which runs through the Town of New Baltimore; and

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*WHEREAS* in accordance with the SEQRA regulations a Lead Agency must be designated and,

*WHEREAS* it is the belief of the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore that the NYSDEC is best suited to fulfill the duties of Lead Agency for such project, it is hereby

*RESOLVED* the Town of New Baltimore encourages and requests that the NYSDEC be designated as the Lead Agency for the SEQRA review associated with the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso

**Councilwoman VanEtten** commented I just think that being that the Thruway Authority is the one that is benefitting from it, they shouldn't be the Lead Agency and that's I think how everybody felt.

**Councilman Ruso** noted I think DEC would have more expertise when dealing with something like this.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** added they have equipment too.

**Ellie Alfeld** said following what Kingston, Athens, Catskill...

**Supervisor Dellisanti** pointed out it's like 21 different Towns that are involved with this as well so we are getting on board.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

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**RESOLUTION 168-2015  
DECEMBER 14, 2015**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS  
OR TAKE ACTION TO RELEASE A PORTION OF LANDFILL CLOSURE FUNDS**

*WHEREAS* the Town of New Baltimore and several other municipalities including the Town of Catskill entered into an agreement in 1993 regarding the closure of landfill located in the Town of Catskill for the purpose of closing said landfill and financing the cost thereof; and

*WHEREAS* the term of the said agreement is nearing its end the parties to the agreement have deemed it appropriate to disburse a portion of the funds on account in accordance with the said agreement, there it is hereby

*RESOLVED* the Supervisor of the Town of New Baltimore is hereby authorized to execute any necessary paperwork or take any action required to accomplish the partial release of funds to the parties to the agreement, including the Town of New Baltimore.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso

**Supervisor Dellisanti** explained apparently back in 1993, I can't tell you how many Towns were involved, but they collected approximately \$1 million from all the local agencies. They also got a grant from the State for \$3 million. So from that period of time, the Town of Catskill was responsible for the maintenance and welfare of this landfill and it cost somewhere between \$30-35,000 a year and from the last 22 years it's been coming down. And right now there's \$2 million left in the fund. The contract will expire in 2022. So at this point, the powers to be from the State had authorized Catskill to start disbursing some of the funds back to the communities that put the funds into this particular program. So we're supposed to get a check

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back to the Town somewhere in the amount of \$40,000 which is a great check. And then in 2022, there would be another approximate \$40,000 payment back to the Town and that would disburse all the funds. And then the Towns that were in the program under the contract will no longer be responsible for the welfare of that landfill, it will be back to the State. So that's the information I have on that; I have to go to a meeting tomorrow night to give them a copy of this resolution.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

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**RESOLUTION 169-2015  
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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN CLERK TO ATTEND THE  
ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK NEWLY  
ELECTED OFFICIALS 2016 TRAINING SCHOOL**

*WHEREAS* the Association of Towns of the State of New York has scheduled a Newly Elected Officials 2016 Training School from January 13-15, 2016 at the Desmond Hotel & Conference Center, 660 Albany Shaker Road in Albany.

*RESOLVED* that Town Clerk Barbara Finke is authorized to attend said training at a cost of \$150.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

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**RESOLUTION 170-2015  
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**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE  
GENERAL FUND TO THE HIGHWAY FUND**

*RESOLVED* that \$20,000 from the General Fund Account A9901 be transferred to the Highway Fund Account DA5031 to pay additional Highway expenses.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

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**RESOLUTION 171-2015  
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**RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED  
2016 WATER RATES**

*WHEREAS* the Town Board recognizes the concerns of residents in Water District 2 about their current water rates and the proposed 2016 water rates for operation and maintenance are scheduled to decrease.

*RESOLVED* that an informational meeting will be held on December 28 at 6:45 PM to hear the concerns of said water district residents.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

**Supervisor Dellisanti** pointed out the word I did use was decrease.

**Councilman Ruso** noted we have a lot of people concerned about that I expect.

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**RESOLUTION 172-2015  
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**RESOLUTION TO SET DATE OF 2016 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

*RESOLVED* that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore will hold the 2016 Organizational Meeting on January 1, 2016 at 12:00 PM at the Town Hall, 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, New York.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

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**RESOLUTION 173-2015  
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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 2015-12-01 to 2015-12-66, it is

*REVOLVED* that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2015-12-01 to 2015-12-66,

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the Town Clerk will prepare an Abstract and hold it for public review until January 30, 2016.

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Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

General \$16,680.05, Highway \$7,947.56, Sewer 1 \$2,550.35, Sewer 2 \$30.75, Lighting 2 \$146.20, Total \$27,354.91

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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- January 6, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM
- **January 7, 2015 Veterans Committee at 10:00 AM**
- January 11, 2016 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- January 14, 2016 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- January 25, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

**Public Comment Period/Community Events**

None

**Supervisor Dellisanti** asked if there were any other business to come before the Board and hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM on a Motion by Councilwoman VanEtten seconded by Councilman Ruso.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

**Supervisor Dellisanti** concluded thank you all for coming.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke  
Town Clerk