

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

March 9, 2015

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Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

- February 23, 2015 Town Board Work Meeting Minutes

Public Comment Period

New Business

- Resolution to Adopt Supervisor's 2014 Annual Financial Report Update Document Submitted to the State Comptroller and on File in the Town Clerk's office for Public Inspection
- Resolution to Authorize Purchase of Property and Casualty Insurance
- Resolution to Authorize Agreement with SolarCity
- Resolution For Amendment to Town Employee Handbook
- Resolution to Approve Emergency Purchase by Highway Superintendent
- Resolution to Approve Advertisement for Summer Youth Program Director, Assistant Director, and Counselors
- Resolution to Establish the Friends of New Baltimore Recreation Committee
- Resolution to Authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to Attend Training
- Resolution to Authorize Tax Collector Training
- Audit of Claims

Upcoming Meetings

- March 12, 2015 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- March 19, 2015 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 7 PM
- March 23, 2015 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- March 25, 2015 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM
- April 1, 2015 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- April 9, 2015 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- April 13, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM

Public Comment Period/Community Events

Adjournment

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

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OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Dellisanti opened the meeting at 7:01 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also Attending Deputy Supervisor Ruso, Councilwomen Benway and VanEtten, Ralph Ambrosio, Esq., Town Clerk Finke, Tax Collector Jordan, Highway Superintendent Jordan and 18 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

Absent: Councilman Norris

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion to approve the February 23, 2015 Town Board Work Meeting 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, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT: Norris

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Dellisanti introduced Kevin Kemnah.

Kevin Kemnah began on November 10, 2014 I attended the Regular Town Board meeting. During this meeting the whole Board spoke extensively about the new proposed Employee Handbook. During the meeting it sounded to me as if the Town Board was giving permission to the Highway personnel to be able to carry deer rifles and pistols with them in the Town trucks while on the job. On November 24, 2014 at about 6:45 just prior to the start of the Town Board Work Meeting, I spoke with Mr. Dellisanti and Mr. Norris about my concerns of what would be the Town's liability in allowing employees to carry deer rifles and pistols in their trucks while on duty on the job. At that time both Mr. Dellisanti and Mr. Norris assured me that I heard wrong and that they gave no such permission as that. On or about the middle of December I stopped at the Town to purchase a copy of the November 10th Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes. I was informed that I could not receive a copy until those Minutes were approved by the Board. The November 10 Minutes were finally approved approximately 11 weeks later on 1/26/15 at which time I was able to get a copy. Now I would like to read: *'Town of New Baltimore, County of Greene Town Board Regular Meeting November 10, 2014 Page 24'* it starts out with *'Councilwoman Benway remarked because if someone has their Pistol Permit and they have a right to carry, I am not taking that right away from them. Councilman Ruso stated I am not troubled by that. Although there may be a place and' ... 'time where you don't want them walking through the Court with it hanging out either. Councilwoman Benway said correct.'* Mr. *'Don Curtis asked does this have an effect on deer season coming up, are we still going to be able' to, the Highway guys,' ... 'going to be able to put a rifle in the back of a truck and lock' it 'up?'* Councilman Ruso replied *that's not unlawful possession would it be? Don Curtis said that's going to be unlawful possession. Councilman Ruso corrected that no that would not be unlawful, why is that unlawful? Don Curtis replied' is it 'not going to be unlawful, its worded like that. Councilman Ruso clarified you can do it, that's what we are saying. Councilwoman Benway noted as long as you have it lawfully, you are good. Councilman Ruso added now if you stole the gun. Councilwoman Benway said and you planned on robbing a bank on your way home' with 'a Town truck. Councilman Ruso pointed out if you are a felon, certain people cannot carry a gun. I don't think that applies to our Town employees here.'* Mr. *'Don Curtis explained sometimes when we go out late at night or at 2 in the morning to cut a tree up, someplace out on Meadow Lane, a dead end road, only one or two houses, somebody sees you drive up' or 'whatever. There have even been cases where wild animals, coyotes, have been out snooping around. If we legally have a Pistol Permit, are we going to be able to carry our pistol with us for something of that nature? Councilman Ruso replied I think the nature' of 'the intent of the Board is that' it 'would be okay,' now 'that's what I'm hearing' it. Councilwoman Benway agreed absolutely. Don Curtis said just double-checking,' This is page 25 of the Minutes: *'Councilman Ruso suggested again, I don't want to speak on behalf of the Board, but I am hearing it. Don Curtis added I'm not saying every single day to strap a gun on your side and just because you can, but in certain cases.'* By reading this it sounds to me like the Board gave permission for employees to carry weapons in their vehicles. I would like if you clarified that and just to remind you of what the legal ramifications might be if one of those guns go off or I mean they might be using it to hunt on the job. I don't think it's a good idea*

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Supervisor Dellisanti asked Councilman Ruso do you want to comment because you spoke on it the last time?

Councilman Ruso indicated I don't think anyone gave any permission to be hunting on the job, I thought it was mostly that type of protection as Don was speaking about.

Kevin Kennah inquired okay from what I just read, did you get the same thing out of that that I did, that yes you gave permission for him to carry a deer rifle on the job?

Councilwoman Benway explained I think Don was talking about actually having it in his truck; I don't think he was talking about having it in the Town truck unless it's a 2-3 o'clock in the morning thing where there is a tree across the road, he's out there trying to cut it up worried about the wildlife.

Kevin Kennah said okay that's exactly why we have a Sheriff's Department, not....

Councilwoman Benway noted but if there is wildlife coming at our employees I'd like them to be able to defend themselves.

Kevin Kennah interrupted I don't think at any time any of the town employees should be allowed to carry a gun on the job. We are not paying them to do that. So it's up to you, I mean you are the Town Board, but I just thought I heard that and I just wanted to bring it to the Town Board's attention that I did hear that so....

Councilwoman VanEtten asked what does the Attorney, I mean is there some kind of precedent for this kind of thing?

Ralph Ambrosio Esq. explained if a person is allowed to carry any weapon including a handgun, I don't think it is the intent of the Town Board to either restrict that or take responsibility for that and that whatever the person does if they are hunting illegally as you mentioned or doing anything that's inappropriate, that's up to the town employee. I think the bottom line is that the Town Board took the position that they would not across-the-board restrict anyone from exercising their right under the Second Amendment to carry a weapon. If they are not allowed to, if they are a felon that would be highly unusual. There was a lot of shorthand in those Minutes. A person who is convicted of a felony, it would be very unlikely that that person would be a public officer and it would be unlikely that that person would have a job here, but if they did and had a Certificate of Relief from the Governor, which is what felons do, then they would have a right to carry a weapon. The Board is not restricting that right. And the responsibility of how that weapon is used and carried in a safe manner is up to the individual who carries it. I think that was the sense that I heard.

Councilwoman VanEtten added I wasn't here, so.

Supervisor Dellisanti introduced Dot Davis on past Minutes of meetings.

Dot Davis said I would like to find out if I want to get a copy of any of the meetings that were in the past, can I just go into the Town Hall and request it or do I have to FOIL anything?

Councilwoman Benway replied they are all on the website.

Dot Davis pointed out I don't have a computer, no computer.

Supervisor Dellisanti suggested you can go into the Town Clerk's Office and ask for a copy.

Dot Davis continued the 50 percent set-aside that we have been discussing about mandatory/voluntary, why is it taking so long to get this changed?

Councilwoman VanEtten clarified because there is a process and we have a Committee and our lawyer suggested that we do the whole Zoning and Code Book. In fact we are almost done with it. We have been meeting all of last year and into this year. We are almost done with rewriting it, then there is a process. It has to come before the Town Board, go the regular Planning Board, then the County Planning Board, and then back to us again. And we can't

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circumvent that process. But we are almost done. In fact the Comprehensive Plan you are welcome to come to, it's an open Committee meeting.

Dot Davis said okay, thank you.

Supervisor Dellisanti introduced Diane Louis on a Town matter.

Diane Louis began this is in reference to the January 12th Minutes, the first item under the Public Comment. That person that's in there does not speak for me. As a member of the Hamlet, I support the Highway Superintendent's four-year office and I ask you to amend these Minutes that were previously adopted.

Supervisor Dellisanti stated this is for the January 12 Minutes.

Councilwoman VanEtten asked you want us to amend what the public said?

Diane Louis answered January 12 Minutes yes.

Councilwoman VanEtten reiterated you want us to amend what the public said?

Diane Louis continued the previously adopted.

Supervisor Dellisanti noted we will put your comments in this Minutes which will cover that particular period.

Councilman Ruso inquired I'm not sure I understand.

Councilwoman VanEtten agreed I don't understand either, we can't change what somebody else said.

Supervisor Dellisanti responded I don't know how I can change somebody else's discussion.

Councilman Ruso pointed out that they were speaking for the Hamlet.

Diane Louis continued it wasn't like it was said, you know it doesn't have quotes around it so I don't think it was what's said.

Councilman Ruso asked was your name specifically mentioned, I don't remember that.

Councilwoman VanEtten added it was during the Public Comment.

Diane Louis said there was a name mentioned, yes.

Councilman Ruso inquired your name was mentioned, I didn't know that.

Councilwoman VanEtten explained it was during the Public Comment so obviously somebody from the public was commenting, and that's what you wanted to mention.

Diane Louis continued I'm not sure that they said exactly that. You can look at the Minutes and decide.

Supervisor Dellisanti responded okay we will go back to that. David Louis, Town matter.

David Louis began good evening, I am David Louis, I reside at 96 Liberty Street where our family has lived for the last 30 years. For some that may seem a long time, for others I may be considered a relative newcomer. Some of you may know that I served as Town Supervisor for 11 years, the second longest tenure in our Town's history. I am here tonight to express my gratitude for the hard work and dedication of the Town of New Baltimore Highway Department and in particular our Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan. As we all know has been one of the most difficult winters in many years. Each day I am on the road at 5:25 AM. For all the bad weather we've experienced -- snow, ice, etc. -- I found the roads in New Baltimore to be plowed and/or salted each morning and except for keeping to a safe speed have

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not been slowed down in getting to my destination. I'm not at all surprised because year in and year out Denis and his crew have been there for us. As much as I wanted to express the thanks for the work of the Highway Department, I am concerned that there is a fracture in the collaboration between the Supervisor, Town Board, and the Highway Superintendent. This year's Highway budget reflects a cut from the year before, and most surprisingly the snow removal budget appeared to be reduced by one-third. Under the circumstances of a difficult winter and increasing prices for road salt documented today in the *Times Union*, I can only imagine how stressed the Highway Budget will be when this long winter finally ends. Will a budget shortfall be laid at the feet of our Highway Superintendent or will the Town Board take responsibility for questionable financial planning? In prior administrations under the leadership of either political party, we enjoyed a strong working relationship between the Town Board and the Highway Superintendent. This included planning together for budgets that were fiscally responsible while focused on making sure our roads could be properly maintained. This good working relationship continued with providing regular information to the highway superintendent about finances so together we could monitor spending against the budget. And yet it is my understanding that the Highway Budget was formulated and adopted without input from the Highway Superintendent, that regular spending reports are not being provided to the Highway Superintendent and that the Town Board has attempted to interfere and influence personnel decisions that fall under the jurisdiction of the independently-elected Highway Superintendent. If true, this would exemplify an unprecedented deterioration in the relationship between the Town Board and the Town Highway Superintendent. I don't think that's good government and I don't think it's good for the citizens of New Baltimore. As we come out of a long and challenging winter, I ask that the Town Board go on record in commending our Highway Superintendent and his crew for the outstanding job they have done and reassure residents and taxpayers like me that the Town Board supports the efforts of the Town Highway Superintendent. Thank you.

Councilman Ruso noted I would actually like to add something to that if I might. The winter has been tough and it's taken a toll on a lot of the folks working in the garage and a lot of the equipment and they still found their way through it, so thank you.

Supervisor Dellisanti introduced Bob Knighton on Highway Superintendent term.

Bob Knighton stated I live in the Hamlet, 406 Main Street. I read in the Minutes from a few meetings ago that there was discussion about shortening the term of the Highway Superintendent from four to two years. And I just wanted to suggest that in my opinion that's not a good idea. I think that any leadership position in government requires a, particularly an executive position where you are supervising staff, managing a project, requires a pretty sharp learning curve. And it takes some time for someone to get their feet on the ground, to learn the ropes, and then once they've done that, to make their leadership felt in the organization. I think that shortening the term from four years to two years removes a lot of that opportunity. By the time someone has gotten to the point where they have learned the ropes, where they have gotten familiar with the personnel and the equipment and the roads, their term will be at least half over and they won't really have the time to make the impact that they want to on the Highway Department. I think probably Nick realized in the last few months how much there is to learn in that learning curve to be the Town Supervisor. It's not that different for the Highway Superintendent. Perhaps it is even more so because he supervises a large staff and has a lot of complexity with supervising the staff as well as finding and following all the rules and regulations. So I would hope that you don't decide to do that, I understand that it does require a referendum. I think that it would be wise for the Town Board to recognize that it's not a good idea and simply not put it to referendum. Thank you.

Supervisor Dellisanti introduced Eilleen Vosburgh on changing the Superintendent of Highway's term from four years to two years.

Eilleen Vosburgh said I live at 42 Mill Street in the Hamlet and I have lived there over 30 years. Recently I read on the website the January 12th Meeting Minutes and I'm going to quote them. 'Dot Davis began as part of the campaign that we campaigned for you was to get the Highway Superintendent back down to two-year terms rather than four and that doesn't seem to be happening and the people in the Hamlet want to know why because that was one of the reasons as to getting you the votes.' I do not know Dot Davis, but I understand you are Dot Davis, nor do I even know if she lives in the Hamlet, nor was I promised this during last year's

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election. I do know that she doesn't speak for me or for many other residents that I have spoken to who also have not heard of this same campaign promise. I believe this is a mistake to consider changing the term of office from four years to two years. The Highway Superintendent is the second most important job in our Town. He's the man that makes sure we all are able to get to work, school, and for emergency vehicles to get to us. In my opinion Denis Jordan does a superb job and has been doing this job for many years along with his staff. I would think his time would be better spent every two years concentrating on his job rather than campaigning for reelection. We need consistency in this position. I would like to hear the reasons why this campaign promise was made and why the Town Board is considering this. Has there been any research as to how many other highway superintendents are two-year terms in New York State or even in our county? Have other towns made this change and what is their experience with the change or have other towns gone from two years to four years and what is that experience? I just want to know why and I think these questions should be answered.

Councilwoman VanEtten responded it was a person from the public that came and said this and suggested it to us. I don't remember ever discussing that while I was campaigning.

Eileen Vosburgh stated I think that that's what Diane was talking about that it was stated that that was a campaign promise.

Councilwoman VanEtten replied it was stated, but it doesn't necessarily...

Eileen Vosburgh said well it is also in the Minutes.

Councilwoman VanEtten explained but we have to put in the Minutes what people said.

Eileen Vosburgh continued and because they are in the Minutes, I am addressing the fact that she is not speaking for me or for other people in the Hamlet. Thank you.

Superintendent Dellisanti called on Warren Curtis.

Warren Curtis began first I would like to thank you people for being up there. I sat there for seven years and I understand what you do and the labor you put into it. I am standing here tonight to support David's letter. I also was a Board member and a Supervisor and had from a little different perspective I was on this Board, I was on the Highway Committee at the time that Denis came to work for the Town. I had been on it before he came. I was very familiar with the condition of the equipment and the amount of work that we were getting done on the highways and the improvement of the highways before he came on and I was there to watch the improvement he made in the equipment, the talent that he had as a mechanic and a welder. I saw when he had the trucks running and the equipment running mechanically well I saw him strip the equipment down, sand blasts, repaints to the point where -- at that time we had an Open House once a year and we took in tires that anybody wanted to bring in tires we would take in the tires and we made that an Open House with hot dogs and soda -- I asked Denis if he would put a sign on the front of each truck with the year and the mileage on the trucks because the equipment looks so good that I was afraid that people would come in and say what are you doing here, you are buying all new equipment. Most of everything else I have to say has already been said this evening. It is one of the most important positions that we have in the Town, probably gives us more service than anything else and although I have been away from the Town Board for some time, in my estimate and it is an estimate, that if we were to lose his services, it would cost the taxpayers dearly in repair costs and the necessity of farming out the repair work and probably require another employee in that department. If the Board is considering reducing the term or reducing the budget to the extent that Denis cannot maintain the service had he has maintained to this point over these years, I think the Board should reconsider that thought. Thank you for your time.

Supervisor Dellisanti introduced Steve Pilatich.

Steve Pilatich said I was just listening to Mr. Kennah talk about the guns in the Town trucks. I warn you people have a right to own guns and carry guns. However, 1) you can't fire a gun on a road within 500 feet of the house across the road, you can't fire it on private property, and if you are out cutting a tree down 1) you shouldn't be by yourself with a chainsaw; 2) if you can make it back to the truck, you're safe. You aren't going to be chainsaw in this hand and rifle in

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this hand. Isn't happening. So I am totally against the gun deal being in the trucks because if somebody fires a gun on my property, the cops are coming and I'm going to have them arrested. They shouldn't be out there by themselves in the first place, that's the key. I've never heard of anybody in any town talk about putting guns in public vehicles. I didn't put it down there, Nick, but since the other thing came up about the Highway Superintendent term. Originally in this Town it was two years. In February 2001, Mr. Curtis was the Supervisor and they did a referendum to get it on the ballot for four years. The Board is not changing it from four to two, it is put out to the vote of the people. All of the elected people work for the people of the town. You do a good job, you get reelected. If you don't, you're out. Mr. Dellisanti's job is two years. And I believe the House of Representatives is two years. So if you are good, you are going to keep getting reelected. But if you had a bad apple at any time in two years you have a chance to vote them out of office. So nobody is directing this at Denis at all. We are directing it at the position of the Highway Superintendent. But when I am listening to people taking, they seem to be referring to Mr. Jordan and that's wrong. Nobody is after Mr. Jordan. All we are saying is we are asking to have it put back on the ballot so then let the people decide in the town what to do. As far as some of the people in the Hamlet, I have talked to some, I don't talk to everybody. I don't talk to everybody in this town, nobody in this room talks to everybody in this town. And there are people that would like to see it back to two years. All we are asking is 1) that the Board can do it by referendum, put it back on the ballot or 2) people can do a petition and 1) we are waiting for the number of people on a petition that is required so the Board can do a referendum for it. That's about it, thank you, I appreciate it.

Supervisor Dellisanti introduced Arlene McKeon.

Arlene McKeon began I live right over here, you can go outside this back door and be in my backyard. I think Mr. Pilatich had a great point. The fact that in 2001 the people spoke and said let's make it four years. Why do it again, let's leave it as it is. Thank you very much.

Supervisor Dellisanti noted last card Dot Davis.

Dot Davis said I just want to reiterate that I never said anybody's name in the Hamlet so I don't know where you are coming from Mrs. Louis over there. I never mentioned anybody's names. We know people that live in the Hamlet that have approached us when we were campaigning for the Board members and some of the questions that were asked is why can't we get it back to two years? And it was spoken about with the people up here that were campaigning. Okay thank you.

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**RESOLUTION 61-2015
March 9, 2015**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SUPERVISOR'S 2014 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
UPDATE DOCUMENT SUBMITTED TO THE STATE COMPTROLLER AND ON
FILE IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION**

WHEREAS the Supervisor shall submit to the Town Clerk, within ninety (90) days after the close of the fiscal year, a copy of the Annual Financial Report to the State Comptroller, and that the Town Clerk shall place a notice that the report is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, to be so published within ten (10) days after receipt thereof, in the official newspaper of the Town of New Baltimore. Said report was submitted by the Town's Bookkeeper in a form approved by the State Comptroller on February 19, 2015.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

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RESOLUTION 62-2015
March 9, 2015

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY
AND CASUALTY INSURANCE

WHEREAS Marshall & Sterling attempted to obtain quotes from five companies – New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR), Selective, Traveler’s, Prime, and Trident – for the Town’s insurance coverage renewal.

WHEREAS NYMIR and Selective were unable to offer a quote, Traveler’s was not competitive along with loss history, Prime was unable to quote due to losses, and Trident’s premium was \$29,587.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby authorizes the Supervisor to renew coverage with Trident Insurance Co., through Marshall & Sterling Agency effective March 5, 2015 for one year.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso

Councilwoman VanEtten commented that I feel bad that we could only get one company to give us a quote because of our history and losses. Apparently we had an accident back on 8/14 of 2013 and so far we are at \$60,000 and still rising to get over that accident.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

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RESOLUTION 63-2015
MARCH 9, 2015

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH SOLARCITY

WHEREAS it is the ongoing objective of the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore to operate town premises in a cost-effective manner and continue to be fiscally responsible to all residents;

WHEREAS the Greene County Legislature by Resolution No. 375-14 adopted on December 17, 2014 has entered into an agreement with SolarCity for a solar energy plan and all power generated will be distributed to the power grid to be used by Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corp. for distribution to the local area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Supervisor is authorized to enter into any and all agreements with SolarCity to provide solar power to the buildings maintained by the Town of New Baltimore.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

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RESOLUTION 64-2015
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RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENT TO TOWN EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore adopted an Employee Handbook on November 24, 2014, and

WHEREAS, such Manual allowed for the payment of an employee's salary for three (3) days of jury duty but did not specify payment for grand jury duty, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that the service on grand jury is an important civic duty which is necessarily long in duration and time consuming.

RESOLVED, that the Town of New Baltimore Employee Handbook is hereby amended to include the following language at the end of the Jury Duty paragraph: "However, upon proof of service for Grand Jury, employees shall be compensated full pay for all days served, less Jury Pay. In the event a full or part-time employee is released from jury duty on a given day and there are four or more hours remaining in the employee's scheduled workday, the employee must report to work."

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

Councilman Ruso asked is this retrospective or prospective?

Supervisor Dellisanti answered this is retrospective.

AYES: Dellisanti, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS: Ruso

ABSTAN:

ABSENT: Norris

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RESOLUTION 65-2015
MARCH 9, 2015

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EMERGENCY PURCHASE BY
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

WHEREAS the Town Board adopted a Procurement Policy on January 1, 2015 concerning the procurement of goods and services.

WHEREAS Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan contacted Callanan Industries Inc. to procure 1B Screenings Washed for use on Town roads when the current supply was unable to be moved due to its frozen condition.

WHEREAS due to the emergency condition of this purchase and according to Procurement Policy 6 b, Section 103(4) of the General Municipal Law, this service had to be performed immediately and an alternative proposal might threaten the life, health, safety or welfare of the residents.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approves said emergency purchase from Callanan Industries, Inc., Invoice No. 673636, Purchase Order H-2015-48, Town Voucher 2015-03-34 for \$3,778.76.

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Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman Benway
AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Norris

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**RESOLUTION 66-2015
MARCH 9, 2015**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADVERTISEMENT FOR SUMMER YOUTH
PROGRAM DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, AND COUNSELORS**

WHEREAS, the Summer Youth Program has been provided to children who reside in the Town of New Baltimore for many years and the 2015 program is tentatively scheduled for July 13-August 7.

WHEREAS, the Summer Youth Program annually advertises for a Director, Assistant Director, and Counselors to administer this recreational and educational program.

RESOLVED, the wording for the advertisement has been approved by the Attorney for the Town and following approval from the Town Board; the advertisement will be submitted to the Town Clerk for publication in The Daily Mail for one week. Additional copies will be forwarded to the Coxsackie-Athens Central School, Grapeville School, Greenville Central School, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School, and post offices within the Town of New Baltimore.

**TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE SEEKS SUMMER RECREATION
DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AND COUNSELORS**

Director, Assistant Director, and Counselor positions are available for our annual recreation program from July 13-August 7, 2015 from 8:30 AM-12 Noon Monday-Friday. The Director will need to fundraise, plan and manage the program with an Assistant Director and Counselors. Please send cover letter/resume for Director/Assistant Director and applications for Counselors are available at www.townofnewbaltimore.org under "Parks" or at Town Hall and can be submitted to Councilwoman Shelly VanEtten, 3809 CR 51, Hannacroix, NY 12087 by 4 PM April 30.

Councilman Ruso asked is that date in July correct?

Town Clerk Finke confirmed it should be July 13.

Councilwoman VanEtten agreed I was going to say it's up here, she didn't put the 1 in.

Councilman Ruso pointed out July 13 not July 3.

Councilwoman VanEtten noted yes, up here it is correct.

Councilman Ruso said okay, I see it.

Motion by Councilwoman VanEtten seconded by Supervisor Dellisanti

Ellie Alfeld had a question, I just want to know how many counselors?

Councilwoman VanEtten answered the same as last year, what did we have three or four last year?

Councilman Ruso replied yes we had four at least five.

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Town Clerk Finke added it depends on how many we have.

Councilwoman VanEtten continued we don't have a steady stream of kids, so we usually...

Supervisor Dellisanti confirmed we had four last year, it depends on how many kids.

Councilwoman VanEtten explained we cut them back last year and I think it was four. That worked well, I don't think we needed any more. We do have substitutes in case we get a lot.

Councilman Ruso noted alternates in case there is a ground slought.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

**RESOLUTION 67-2015
MARCH 9, 2015**

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE FRIENDS OF NEW BALTIMORE
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS the infrastructure of the Town park facilities is in need of upgrading for our residents.

WHEREAS due to the overwhelming cost involved, a need exists for outside income to supplement the Town's budgeted funds for operation and maintenance of the park facilities.

RESOLVED that the Friends of New Baltimore Recreation Committee is established with members Scott Briody, Andrea DiPace, Harrison Hunt, Dennis Kiefer, Sean O'Connor, and Mark Peckham with the intention to raise funds for programming, facility upgrades, and community events.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

Ellie Alfeld asked I have a question pertaining to this Committee that you are now forming. I'm asking if in fact you are expecting them to set up a separate bank account like you have done or suggested that the Seniors have to do in order to keep their donations. So will you be setting up a bank account for this Committee?

Supervisor Dellisanti confirmed yes it will be in the title of the *Friends of New Baltimore Recreation*.

Ellie Alfeld inquired who will be the overseer as far as bookkeeping and stuff like that?

Supervisor Dellisanti replied we haven't had our first Committee meeting yet, that has to be established by the Committee.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 68-2015
MARCH 9, 2015

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO ATTEND TRAINING

WHEREAS Code Officer Training is being held on Thursday, March 5 and Friday, March 13 at the Schoharie County Office Complex at no cost to the Town.

RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approves the attendance of the Code Enforcement Officer who will be compensated for mileage.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman Benway

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 69-2015
MARCH 9, 2015

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ATTEND TRAINING

WHEREAS the New York State Tax Receivers & Collectors will be holding their 2015 Annual Training Seminar on Sunday, June 7 through Wednesday, June 10 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in East Syracuse, New York.

RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approves the attendance of the Tax Collector and the Registration Fee, overnight accommodations, and mileage for this training.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman Benway

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 70-2015-
MARCH 9, 2015

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 2015-03-01 to 2015-03-50, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2015-03-01 to 2015-03-50.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until April 30, 2015.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

General \$26,013.28, Highway \$55,493.05, Sewer 1 \$4,025.39, Sewer 2 \$26.63, Ambulance 1 \$4,001.97, Ambulance 2 \$2,350.36, Total \$91,910.68

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- March 12, 2015 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- March 19, 2015 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 7 PM
- March 23, 2015 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- March 25, 2015 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM
- April 1, 2015 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- April 9, 2015 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- April 13, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM

Supervisor Dellisanti read a letter from Carol Melewski, President of New Baltimore Conservancy: 'It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that the New Baltimore Conservancy was awarded a Parks & Trails New York's growing the Grassroots capacity building grant in the amount of \$700 for printing and distributing membership brochures. We intend to create a trifold brochure detailing the activities of the Conservancy which will also include information on how to become a member. We will distribute them at the kiosk at the Hannacroix Preserve, Scenic Hudson Longview Park, local libraries and businesses, and I hope you will consider having them available at Town Hall too. If you would like to learn more about this program, please feel free to contact me at cmelewski@gmail.com. The New Baltimore Conservancy has appreciated the support it receives from the Town of New Baltimore and we look forward to continuing our excellent working relationship.'

Notice of Public Hearing from the Town of Coxsackie

Public Notice is hereby given that on March 10, 2015 at 7 PM at Coxsackie Town Hall, 16 Reed Street, Coxsackie, The Town Board of Coxsackie will hold a public hearing on proposed Local Law #1 of 2015. Said proposed Local Law which would amend the zoning law of the Town of Coxsackie to regulate Commercial Event Venues. Proposed Local Law #1 provides for the following: a) Regulations pertaining to the operation of Commercial Event Venues. b) Procedure for application for permits necessary for Commercial Event Venues. c) Partial or total exemptions from Commercial Event Venue regulations and/or permitting procedures for certain existing businesses. Proposed Local Law #1 would apply to all lands and zones in the Town of Coxsackie. All persons wishing to be heard on this matter are invited to attend said public hearing, or to provide the town board correspondence with any comments, or both. By order of the Town Board, Bambi Hotaling, Town Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD/COMMUNITY EVENTS

Supervisor Dellisanti introduced Ann Marie Vadney.

Ann Marie Vadney began I had a question and then I just wanted to comment on how I think our community has come a long ways in the last few years because although we don't all agree about what everyone is talking about tonight, I think it is very important that systemically we are addressing even the terms of each of our public officials and if we tried to just keep it at that level and not personalize it, I think it is an important step that it shows that so many of our members of our community are learning about the difference processes available to them to have a voice in our local government. I hope that on the other hand that I question why there are different terms for everyone in office and it would I think be beneficial from a cost perspective as well as a political, I hate that word political, but from the perspective that instead

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of costing taxpayers different the monies to pay for two-year elections and four-year elections and because of the discussion tonight I am bringing that up because maybe we should be thinking about making all the elected officials the same term. So that when there is an election everyone's up for election instead of having the two-year, the four-year and I am sure there must be some cost involved in it every time we hold an election. I don't know those numbers though. Also I had a question. Someone mentioned that we did have a cut in the budget for the Highway Department, but my question in regards to that is 1) if that is valid, would that type of financial cut have impacted on the safety of our roads etc. because sometimes when there is a cut it may be in areas that it would not have achieved that specific goal, not that it was a goal, but also in previous years, what was the precedent for that? So I just was curious as to the validity of that budget cut for the Highway Department and what precipitated that cut and did it actually impact on the implementation of what would insure the safety of our roads?

Councilman Ruso responded I can answer one part of your question, you had a couple in your whole package. I believe by General Municipal Law we have to have an election every other year, I am talking about the Town Council at the very least. It is built in that two Town Council people, not the Supervisor, but the Town Council people, it is a four-year term and they are offsetting. You cannot have everything on the same year. I believe the same is with the Justices as well. I don't recall any others, but I believe that prevents everybody doing it all at once. I think they want continuity; it is better to have two people here to know what happened last year than nobody. Do you want to talk about the Highway?

Supervisor Dellisanti summarized during the budget process for all the departments, we did happen to meet with Denis in the month of August going over the budget for 2015 and there were a couple of categories that were overinflated from 2013 which we all had agreed -- Jeff, myself, and Denis -- to reduce. Now if we get to a point where we are in a position of going over those numbers, we will specifically make a transfer of funds from another account that we hadn't gone over to balance his particular budget, the Highway Department's budget. As of right now we are in very good shape, he's done a good job, the road are in good shape, the crew has done an outstanding job, and I think we are moving forward in the right direction. Anything else that you would like to add?

Ellie Alfeld mentioned Wednesday is corned beef and cabbage at the Church at noontime.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM on a motion by Councilwoman Benway seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

Supervisor Dellisanti concluded thank you all for coming.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke
Town Clerk