

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

April 13, 2015

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Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation by Sheriff Gregory Seeley

Approval of Minutes

- March 23, 2015 Town Board Work Meeting Minutes

Public Comment Period

New Business

- Resolution to Accept Surplus Vehicle from Sheriff's Department
- Resolution to Authorize Attendance of Part-Time Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator at the New York Rural Water Association Technical Conference
- Resolution to Authorize Town Supervisor to Execute Agreement for Portable Standard Toilets
- Resolution to Accept Grant from the Bank of Greene County
- Resolution Authorizing Expenditures Proposed by Town Justices to be Funded by Grants Received for the Town Justice Court
- Motion to Change the Hours of the Town Court from Thursday, April 30 to Monday, May 11 to 9 AM-3 PM
- Audit of Claims

Upcoming Meetings

- April 16, 2015 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation Committee at 7 PM
- April 22, 2015 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM
- April 24-26 and May 1-3 Town Roadside Clean-Up Days
- April 27, 2015 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM, 2015
- May 6, 2015 Senior Citizens Committee at 1 PM
- May 6, 2015 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- May 8, 2015 Agriculture Committee Meeting
- May 11, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- May 14, 2015 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- June 6, 2015 Greene County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day (Flyers will be sent soon.)
- June 17, 2015 Seniors Committee Picnic at 12 Noon Hallock Park
- June 18, 2015 Seniors Committee Picnic Raindate

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 Councilwomen Benway and VanEtten, Councilman Norris, Tal Rappleyea, Esq., Tax Collector Jordan, and 14 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Deputy Supervisor Ruso, Town Clerk Finke, and Highway Superintendent Jordan

Supervisor Dellisanti said tonight I would like to start off with one of our guest speakers, our Greene County Sheriff. Would you please welcome Sheriff Seeley. (Applause)

Sheriff Seeley began thank you, good evening ladies and gentlemen and I would like to thank Nick and the Town Board for inviting me here once again which I do want to make as many appearances I can at Town Board meetings just to let you know what is going on in your Town and more importantly what's going on with your Sheriff's Office. I would just like to first start out with I know Nick and myself and most of the Town Board, we have been in negotiation -- every year we are allocated three or four brand new vehicles because obviously in the law enforcement business we can't have cars running around with 200,000 miles on it, it's a tremendous liability. So we try to keep it right around 100,000 and then we either trade them in or we hand them down to another agency within the County. I have had a couple conversations with the Supervisor that we had a couple vehicles at the Athens Highway Garage that were in very good shape and would the Town of New Baltimore be interested in a vehicle to help out with your Code Enforcement or whatever. So to make a long story short, we were able through the Legislators and our County Administrator to be able to give you one of these vehicles and I'm sure there will be the resolution which will probably be taken care of tonight, but it's my honor to do that because if I could help you out whether it's with vehicles or patrols or whatever that's what it's about. It only has like 70,000 miles on it?

Supervisor Dellisanti answered 112,000.

Sheriff Seeley replied this one has 112,000, they shorted you on the other one.

Supervisor Dellisanti noted I got beat out of that one.

Sheriff Seeley continued it is in very good shape and I am sure it will do well for the Town of New Baltimore. I'm pleased obviously Mr. VanSlyke was also very much aware of it, he was very much in favor of it, and I want to make sure everybody knows that because I also brought it to the Town Board as well as the County Administrator. But as soon as I brought it up to Jim he said 'absolutely, if that's what you can do for the Town of New Baltimore, that's what we want to do.' But I would just like to give you a little overview of what's going on. What I do have here is the Sheriff's Annual Report, I have some over here, we have as many copies as you want. I have more in the car, but if there's not enough to go around, just call me and I will come to your house with one because I think this is your Sheriff's Office ladies and gentlemen, you paid for it, you should know exactly what goes on at all times. Because I am going to say it again, I work for you and whatever you need to know about this Sheriff's Office, you just call me and I'll make sure that you know about it. But what I would like to do here tonight and I don't want to take too much of your time because it is nice weather out there, I really don't want to be cooped up inside. But just a few things I want to go down and let you know what we are doing and why we are doing it. 1. We just signed into an Agreement, it's a Mutual Aid Agreement; I've been after this for years. I believe in consolidation and I believe in sharing resources and information with law enforcement. I've always been a person that says you cannot solve a crime with one person or two people. I make it very clear, I don't care if you are Pinkerton, Local PD, County Sheriff, State Police, Federal, it doesn't matter. If we get into a situation and it could be a minor situation or it could be a multi-murder, the more heads you have looking into it and I don't care if you just got out of the Academy yesterday or if you have 40 years on the job. I personally feel that the more heads into a situation is better than none. So I have been after this for the last five or six years for consolidation. We all know that Governor Cuomo is a big thing on consolidation so I was able to speak with the other County Sheriffs, our local adjacent County Sheriffs -- which is Ulster County, Greene County, Columbia County, Schoharie County, Delaware County, and Albany County -- and we signed an Agreement, so in other words if something happens here in New Baltimore, a major issue, all I have to do is get on the phone with any one of these Sheriff's Offices and they will send me whatever they have, whatever resources they have, whatever equipment they have and we don't

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pay for it. Our Agreement is if they come to Greene County, it's on their dime, if we go to their County it's on our dime. A perfect example was last year in Schoharie County, the Warrior Dash used to be in Windham, 10-15,000 people at this event, it could be an issue in traffic. So Sheriff Desmond calls me up and says, 'Greg, listen we have the Warrior Dash in Gilboa, I have very limited road patrol and resources, can you help me out?' I said 'Sheriff how many road patrol guys do you need? How many Sheriff's cars do you need?' He says 'well what can you spare me.' I said 'you tell me.' To make a long story short, I sent three cars right up to him. I know Delaware County sent a couple cars. This is what it's all about, it's just sharing resources. The key issue to this is we all know, these criminals just don't stay in Greene County; they go to Albany County, they go to Schoharie County, they go here. We can talk; the investigators will talk with each other, their Sergeants will talk, the Deputies will talk. All the time in Greeneville right at the Hot Dog Stand our Greenville car is talking with Albany County Deputies all the time sharing information. That constant sharing of information; I'm a firm believer in that. That is one thing we did. We have a Special Response Team as we call it, you have to be careful how you say it. What it is it's highly specially-trained Deputies and Investigators for you've got somebody that's boarded in the house, a felony warrant that you know he is very, very dangerous, these are special people that have special training. Yes, they have their suits on and yes they look like Army guys, but they train twice a month and they train for eight hours a day. What we did was we teamed up with the City of Hudson and the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, everybody knows there's major issues in the City of Hudson down at the crack house down by the Towers and since this team has been deployed, --what it is they have five guys from the City of Hudson, five guys from the Columbia County Sheriff's, and we have five guys. We are the team leaders to it because we actually started our response team and we actually signed the Agreement through the Legislatures and all County Attorneys and just so everybody knows as far as through the other Sheriff's Office I did, before we signed this Agreement along with the County Attorneys also reviewed this to make sure the liability issues, so there is nothing that stands out saying 'hang on a second, there could be a major issue on that.' So anyway what we did with this Special Response Team, we also consolidated those three agencies together. We have already been deployed in the City of Hudson, take down the crack house raided about a month ago. It worked very well, everything went smoothly and we got a bunch of drug dealers off the streets, got a bunch of crack, some money to go with it, and it worked out very well. The key issue with both of these teams is under the Governor's Consolidation Program, there's thousands and thousands of dollars of grant money out their available for this similar thing of consolidation. So in other words this year Greene County could put in for a \$200,000 grant to buy equipment that we can share amongst us all. Schoharie County could do it; Albany County can do it. And when it goes to the Special Response Team, the City of Hudson could do it one year, we could do it one year, and Columbia County. And the key issue is if they get awarded more than \$200,000, it is split between the three of us. So Greene County is benefitting as well as the City of Hudson and Columbia County. So I just wanted to make sure everybody is aware of that and I personally feel, and speak out if your don't think it's right, but I think it is something that we don't have to go, because we all know things are expensive, to the tax dollars. There is no line item; none of this is coming out of your tax dollars. These are all funded by grants and donations. Once you get into these Special Teams, there could be a huge expense to it, but they are being funded solely by grants. Our canines, you heard me speak about that. I love those canines. You will see an article in the paper, she is going to interview them tomorrow. A week ago 2:30 in the morning going down the bypass two deputies in the car witnessed a vehicle making an illegal u-turn. They stopped them and were going to warn them, 'too bad you missed the Thruway, but go down to the next intersection and turn around.' To make a long story short, two young kids in a \$70,000 Camaro were there. Obviously they could smell the odor of marijuana and to make a long story short, the dogs were called in and we got \$17,000 worth of cash. I don't know who owns it, it's not mine, it's not my bag. What we did on that of course is we used the National Guard on drug interdictions with the helicopters when you see us flying around during the summertime, they have a tremendous amount of equipment. They have this special machine that you could take \$10 bills, any kind of currency, and put it in and check any kind of drugs on it. They came down last week and we tested, not every \$17,000 but they're in bundles, one bill from each bundle, tremendous high concentration of cocaine. This \$17,000, hopefully, because they make these laws to protect the criminals, they did change the laws here about three years ago, especially the Thruway was big time. They'd stop a car and get \$20,000 out of it, thank you very much. Well, not so easy anymore. It is looking right now that the \$17,000 is coming back to the Sheriff's and the DA's coffers for the drug monies. This is what these dogs are for. We

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spoke the other night, a year ago the guy jumping out the back of the State Police car on the Thruway naked. Well, our dog got there and we found him in two seconds. That's what it's for. Again, make it very clear and I'm going to keep bragging about it because as long as I'm your Sheriff, they are not going to be line items, it is not tax dollars coming out of your tax dollars. In fact, Hannaford just gave us \$20,000 to support the canines, Stewart's gave us \$5,000, somebody else just gave us \$10,000, but we are always getting \$5, \$10, \$100 in donations for the canines. Make it very clear, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Special Events, in Cairo we are building a training center for the dogs. We are going to invite the public as soon as it is up and running, everything is built, it's all cleared, we want to invite you there to see how these dogs are trained, they get the jumps through, and we are going to have food for whoever wants to come and see it. Again, in New Baltimore at the Firehouse, the Girls Scouts, there were like 200 of them there because it was some project they had to do. The canines were there all day. The Special Response Team, if anybody really wants to see how that works and operates, you give us a call, we will set a Saturday up and have them come up here and do a complete demonstration for you. If anybody is interested in that just to see how they are, give us a call. Getting back to those canines, I truly believe in them, these dogs will walk right in and lick you to death right now, some of them can be a little nasty. Training, constantly going to go through training every day. Today we had some people down in Poughkeepsie, DCJS training. As I said here a week ago, since I have been the Sheriff, there are seven hours out there where three or four personnel go to a seminar and you have coffee, piece of cake, you talk about the ballgame last night, you may listen to a film and you come home with nothing. We are not wasting our money on that. Our personnel go to training, they are going to a certified where you are coming home with a certificate in your hand. So if you have to sit in Court and testify that you are an expert in something, you are going to be able to say 'that's right, I've been trained here, I am an expert in that.' We do have a budget for training, but a lot of it is free. DCJS does put a lot of training out there at no charge, but we do have a budget for training and we have no problem going to training and we will continue to train. That's the Deputies, that's the Investigators, that's Correctional personnel, whatever. We have to keep up with the Jones' and the only way we are going to keep up with the Jones' is to be out there and try to keep one step ahead of them. Our Marine Patrol, you are going to see our boat out. We have a state-of-the-art boat that was Parks and Rec's, like \$300,000 to buy it brand new. It didn't cost us a dime, it cost Parks and Rec \$300,000. We are going to team up with EnCon this year because what has happened in the River here in the last four or five years and there's been a lot of complaints and I really can't blame them. A family ends up spending \$50-\$60,000 for a boat, then you have to spend \$100 for gas just to go from Coxsackie to Catskill, I'm not so sure you need five police departments looking at you or saying 'what are you doing out here.' What we did in the last couple of years, we teamed up again with Columbia County because they are right across the River, EnCon, even Park Police is out there and we said the Sheriff's are going to be out there on Saturday and Sunday and maybe Wednesday. Park Police will be out one day; EnCon will be out there one day, Columbia County, so you only have one agency. Obviously if something happens on the River, it is my responsibility, on the Greene County side that is. It is my responsibility; our boat is in the water 24 hours a day. I believe it is up to the Marina right now getting serviced. As far as normal patrol route, routine patrols out there for jet skiers, excessive drinking, and alcohol offenses, we are not going to have five or six agencies out there because there are not as many boats out there the way it used to be and that's a shame. Dive team. We have a Dive Team and they train with the Ulster County Sheriff's Office, the County has a huge dive team and they have been into it for years and years. Again, same equipment, so in other words if something happens here in New Baltimore down at the River or one of your lakes around here and a couple of our guys are off, we get right on the phone with Ulster County, they come right up here, jump right in the same equipment that's in our truck because we have the vehicle for it, thanks to Empire Merchants who donated us one of their vehicles, that we have now into our SCUBA vehicle. They can jump right into it and rescue or whatever they have to do. Again no line item, no cost to your tax dollar, solely sponsored by grants. Our Pistol Permits, everybody knows the last couple of years that we upgraded our Pistol Permits. In 2013 we did like 16,000 when the hype of the SAFE Act was in there. I don't want to beat it up, but ladies and gentlemen we are no safer now than we were ten years ago, the poor, honest citizen is really the criminal now. We were getting questions, especially the elderly folks that probably won't go buying more pistols in their day, do they have to upgrade to the plastic? No you don't, you do not have to. If you want to keep your regular paper permit, that's fine too. The only time you have to upgrade it is if you sell the gun or buy a new gun. I like it because I got two or three of them in my time because they are in the wallet and now it looks just like a driver's license, anybody that has a normal one. We are

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down like \$6,000, we still did over \$10,000 last year. We paid for the system in like four months when we bought it. Most importantly, in 2015 one of my main goals here is to make sure that we continually work with the Town Board and all your residents to have that substation here. I think it's the best thing for this northern part of Greene County to have it here. We appreciate you letting us be here. It was just brought to my attention, your arrests have gone up since last year 14 to 113, but a lot of that is traffic stops where you arrest somebody for drugs, burglaries, don't be alarmed. I would be the first one calling Nick, the Town Board, all of you, there is something going on that you really need to be knowing about. The Deputies are a little more aggressive, a couple of them that are here, Kenny does a fantastic job. Kenny is not a real big V&T guy, every once in awhile I have to say 'Kenny that is just part of our job, you have to write a ticket or two.' But if you call him, we are getting called down to the RV place, it is just the bad design of the building, the wind rattles there and that alarm goes off 24 hours a day and Kenny knows. He gets in the car and he drives down there and he walks around that building. It just takes one time and you know what is going to happen. He is an outstanding guy. We are going to be up to full strength. We just had a lady graduate out of the Academy Saturday which will get us up to full strength. I am very adamant that New Baltimore stays in New Baltimore and just a little bit of Greenville. Greenville stays in Greenville, Oak Hill, and some of Cairo. Catskill stays in Catskill. A couple of times we had to rob Peter to pay Paul because a complaint was down there and we were shorthanded and unfortunately the New Baltimore car was down there. We are up to full strength now. I am very adamant about it, sometimes the phone has to be right there because I want to know why the car is in Cairo when it should be in New Baltimore. But again I want to make it very clear to all of you and I can't thank the Town Board enough for having us here because I think it is essential they are in this area here and I think since they have been here it's proven it's while, that it's worth it. Corrections, I am pleased to say that, besides burying his truck up to the axels in Cocksackie, they did survey where the Governor gave us 50+ acres and anybody in the room that doesn't realize that with your permission and your guidance through and you are to say yea or nay about building a new facility hopefully in 2016. But they did the survey down there because the Governor did give us 50+ acres and just so you know where it is, if you go down 9W just look to the left and see the ribbons in the field, you have the state facility, Cocksackie, that's open fields right here, that's where it is going to go. I will assure you and there's been a Task Force that's been working on this for a year and nothing will be done until everybody in Greene County is aware how much this is going to cost from soup to nuts. This will be not be jammed down your throat I will promise you that. I will make it very clear to everybody I don't think you want us to spend \$1 million-\$2 million of your tax money boarding the inmates out to all different other counties and that's what we are doing now. We have the oldest jail in New York State. Anybody wants to tour that, I am embarrassed to have anybody go in there. Everything is falling down. The facility is only 56 beds; I think we are down to 48 that we can legally house in there because State Corrections are coming down and closing us down all the time. It is a state and federal law, every County in New York State will have a jail. You may hear out there it is cheaper to spend \$1-\$2 million. I have a 17 year-old kid, many people in here have grandchildren, do we want to put the burden on them another 20 years from now? We have the land being donated to us, the water, the sewer, we now use the Cook Chill, we now use the medical from the State Corrections, this is all expenses that we are saving. It is going to be a huge savings right there. But one thing I will assure you, this Task Force that's working on this for over a year now, there will be a public referendum and you can come to and listen to, what the cost and how many beds it is going to be, we want to move the 911 Center right next to there, have the Sheriff's Office, should be all right there. It is all law enforcement; instead of having one here in one part of the County and another in another part of the County. Just making sure everybody is aware of it, I don't want anything to be 'what's this about, what's that about.' I will assure you as your Sheriff, there will be nothing jammed down your throat, that won't happen. I am not the Chair, Bill Lawrence is the Public Safety Chair, he is the Chair of this Jail Task Force. There are people from all walks of life on it, we have business people on it, obviously law enforcement on it, Judge Roberg is on it. They have been going around to jails, and we are in touch with Ulster County because we know what a nightmare that was, like a \$72 million override. We are in contact with them, where 'don't do this, don't do that, keep your local contractors.' It is on the rise and it is coming and I pray it goes through because we really need it. I do want a nice facility and I want to be able to say 'do you want to stop in my office and have a chat and a cup of coffee,' I don't want to have to worry about the glass hitting you in the head and knocking you out. I will take you for a tour in the back, in the jail too; we can take you for a tour there. What is the most disturbing to me is my Corrections Officers have to work in this environment. In another month when it's 80-90, it's like 110 in there,

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there's no air conditioning. There is constant bickering back and forth, feces are being thrown on the correctional officers because that's just the way it's set up. Brand new facility is a pod system, one officer sits here and can look at 50-60 inmates out in front to see what they are doing at all times. Obviously once this thing is in, you can tour, come in and see what it's like. The Summer Camp, I want to touch on that, because I thank everybody if you sent in \$1 in to the New York State Summer Camp. My secretary has now contacted all the schools in Greene County with the Guidance Counselor and we are looking for children that probably will never be able to go on vacation through their family matters and it is a week-long out in Penn Yan and I've been there. It's a start-of-the-art camp, obviously they upgrade it every year, and there's counties -- I think it's like 7 or 8 counties per week that are there, maybe 200-300 kids -- and these kids get to mingle with all their friends, make friends, baseball to what you can image. I never had one kid, some were leery leaving their parents, but when they came back they wanted to go back. It is heartwarming to see a kid who would never get to go on vacation, but at least he can go out there for a week and make friends. To make a long story short, if you donate \$1 to this camp, it is solely funded by donations, no state money goes into it. This is strictly donations throughout the State of New York. If anybody can help out, I'd appreciate it. I can tell you right now since I became Sheriff, Greene County has one of the highest donations that was in the State. Thank you all whoever donated.

Audience member asked what age group is that?

Sheriff Seeley answered I think it is fifth and sixth grade. Just give me a call down in the office and I will put you on the phone with my secretary and she will tell you exactly. I got a phone call on the Mountain the other day from a friend saying 'can you see if you can get this kid in summer camp.' So if anybody knows of a family that this may be a good thing for them, give us a call. We are slotted 15 kids so if anybody has a good friend or kid that this would be good for, give me a call and we will get right to the Guidance Counselor in that school he goes to. I went out and inspected it myself with our correctional inmates work release, how they go out and help out not-for-profit organizations. I know we did your cemetery; it is in the back here. There is a picture of it in here. If anybody has anything else, I know we have four or five things on the Mountain we have to do this year, we did a big gazebo up there last year, people were very happy about it. If you have anything in the Town here that you need to have done, give me a call.

Supervisor Dellisanti promised we are going to talk about the pavilion in District 3 Park.

Sheriff Seeley agreed absolutely we are paying for these people being in our facility -- room and board, food, medical. A lot of them come in for a hernia; some of them need to have their teeth worked on. They will get arrested because they know we are going to pay for them. As long as they didn't murder somebody and they're not a flight risk. If anybody feels I'm not so sure I want an inmate walking up and down my street, obviously you have two correctional officers there with them. Those that come out and do this are DWI, disorderly conduct thrown in there for two or three weeks or a month, so don't worry about any flight risk. I want them out there, I want to get some work out of them because it's your money while they are in there. Does anybody have any questions?

Dot Davis inquired is there any way we can get a picture of what these drugs or pills are what they look like?

Sheriff Seeley responded absolutely, at the next Town Board meeting if you like I will send my Investigators up and we can put together a nice photo rig for you. In fact we are doing a big training seminar tomorrow, many PDs and other Sheriff's Offices, we are hosting it, through the District Attorney's Office and the County Judge, we have to sign off that evidence that we have in our evidence locker that we are using that for training purposes. It is two days. If it's okay that we can show up next month, I will have my Investigators and one of the Sergeants come up and they will make a nice thing for you so you can see exactly what you are looking at. There is a new drug out on the street now and it's a marijuana-based drug, was it smack?

Bill DeSeve added I saw something on tv.

Sheriff Seeley continued it is a new one, we have two Investigators going for training on that.

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Chris Frey stated you mentioned that you and EnCon and other agencies are working together. Do you have any authority to inspect any of the tankers or anything like that?

Sheriff Seeley answered if they come up that River, I do have the authority to that, but we normally team up with the feds. We normally do that once a year. We ride out 2-3:00 in the morning because that's a major drug traffic these boats with all these foreigners on it. We'll stop a boat out there, we will have six or seven guys get on the boat. These guys know because they are down in the docks and they know where the hiding places are. One of my guys get on these huge barges, you are going to be on there for days before you find anything. But, yes, we do that.

Chris Frey asked I didn't realize that, but aren't you referring to just the security with the oil that is being pumped out down the river?

Sheriff Seeley noted we normally don't do that unless we get a tip on something. But what I am saying is that at least once a year we team up with the feds and we meet them, and we use our boats and their boats and we'll see when the tanker is coming up and obviously they know who they are who they're looking for. And we'll pull them over and the guys get on and do an inspection and make sure of the paperwork and obviously look for drugs and illegals.

Chris Frey said but you have no ability to determine whether these vessels are safe (unable to understand)?

Sheriff Seeley explained I'll be up front with you. My guys are not trained into that, but the federal agency guys are for sure.

Steve Pilatich asked you spoke of building a new jail over by the prison, have they looked at Dunne Builders in Catskill and the transportation costs and how many people they are going to have to hire to get these inmates back and forth to the Courthouse?

Sheriff Seeley answered it will be one van down per day back and forth. The huge savings in this whole ordeal, if you want to buy a piece of commercial property now, do you realize how much you are going to spend? And the water. The key issues here because we think the Jail should be centrally located within the County which would be the Cairo area if you want to say centrally located, but if we put it in and the County does own property behind the 911 Center, we will be spending millions of dollars to bring in the water infrastructure, the sewer. We have to build that, Cairo is not equipped to do that. They only have 4" lines, you are talking 8." Here what we have to do is bring all the lines that go into the state facilities are just right over there. Is it going to be an expense? It is going to be, but it won't be a huge expense. Since I've become the Sheriff though, the correctional officers do all the transports. We go downstate a couple of times a month from county-ready to state-ready, we are going all over the state what state facility will take them, so it's just a matter of going back and forth. It would be totally convenient where it is now, but it's on the side of a mountain. Thank you very much, if you need anything 821-0257. I work for you. Thank you. (Applause)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion to approve the March 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, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT: Ruso

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Dellisanti introduced Steven Pilatich.

Steven Pilatich began I don't want this to be part of my three minutes, but I have a question. It says a Motion to change the hours of the Town Court from Thursday, April 30 to Monday, May 11 9 AM to 3 PM?

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Supervisor Dellisanti and Councilwoman VanEtten responded that's the Court Clerk.

Steven Pilatich said I thought you were holding Court from 9 AM to 3 PM, that answers that. First thing, dog licenses. I checked with the State last summer and we checked with Dr. Gray, State Vet, and basically it's up to the Town to decide who has to pay for a dog license. They both feel, farm dogs or service dogs, and we shouldn't have to pay for their license. I can see getting their shots. Dogs do detection on the farm, they do protection on the farm, they do all of it. So why do I have to pay to have my dog on a farm? Dogs been around for 13 million years and they have been on a farm for God knows how long.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked you are saying a farm dog is a service dog?

Steven Pilatich answered it's up to the Town, the municipality to make whatever they want. Right now it is the Town of New Baltimore will not require a license for any guide dog, service dog, hearing dog, or detection dog. If you take a farm dog, he fits quite a bit of that. I can't see where a farmer has to pay for the license, I can see having the shots. That was item 1. Item 2, I don't have a computer, but is it posted anywhere that there are two Council seats and the Town Supervisor seat and a Highway Superintendent up for election this fall posted anywhere, if anybody who may be interested in running? Other job descriptions for Town employees so they know what they're hired to do? How do you hire somebody and how do you fire somebody if you can't build a case against them if they don't know what their job is?

Supervisor Dellisanti explained job descriptions for all employees are in the Greene County Civil Service Commission.

Steven Pilatich continued for the Town here everybody knows who's hired, they know what they are hired for.

Supervisor Dellisanti suggested you can go down to the Civil Service Commission and get any job title you want.

Steven Pilatich asked are there pay scales and pay caps for those jobs in place for all employees?

Supervisor Dellisanti replied on January 1 each salary for every employee is announced at the Organizational Meeting.

Steven Pilatich inquired is there a pay cap that you can only go so high or do we just give pay raises across-the-board? Not everybody works at the same level and there should be a pay cap on every job. Anywhere I've ever worked, you work for the State, there is a pay cap. There is increments and there's pay caps. We just can't keep going. If we were to get a new Highway Super, does he start at \$54,000, roughly what the old one leaves at? Does he get the truck with it, fuel, benefits, or does he start at a lower scale?

Supervisor Dellisanti responded that's up to the Town Board. The Town Board will set the salary.

Steven Pilatich asked you are saying somebody starting new starts at that level? It's just a question.

Supervisor Dellisanti reiterated I'm saying that somebody will start at what level the Town Board wants them to start.

Steven Pilatich said they did the pay raises across-the-board, I don't think that's right, nobody works at that level. Changes need to be made with changing times, going to the taxpayers' pockets all the time is not the answer. Sweeping country roads is ridiculous especially with municipalities strapped for money. I talked to the State and they don't even know why we are doing it. If you've been riding around Cocksackie just did it, water can't get off the road, we just built dams all the way along the road and when it does get off the road, it gets off in one spot and erodes it right out. A prime example go up on Highmount. There is no road inside the guardrail; the guardrail goes out through space. You don't want to drive on the right side of that shoulder next to that ravine. And water can't get off there because there is a berm

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underneath the guardrail. So when it did get off, it took the bank out. There are some changes I feel with this Board or any Board coming needs to consider and make for the benefit of the taxpayers of this Town. The sky's the limit can't exist anymore.

Supervisor Dellisanti introduced Dot Davis on Town insurance.

Dot Davis began at one of the other meetings that I was at there was a thing on the Agenda that was a \$60,000 insurance payout, what was that for?

Councilwoman VanEtten noted it wasn't on the Agenda.

Dot Davis continued I know I read it somewhere that there was a \$60,000 payout from the insurance company.

Supervisor Dellisanti corrected there hasn't been a payout.

Councilwoman VanEtten added dating back a few years.

Supervisor Dellisanti explained there is litigation in progress right now. It hasn't been settled yet and it's still in litigation.

Dot Davis said I was just wondering what that was all about

Supervisor Dellisanti introduced Diane Louis on Committee.

Diane Louis began on a lighter note I wanted to say that I saw on the March 19 a resolution was passed to form Friends of New Baltimore Recreation Committee and just two questions. Did the full Board discuss this before then and the second question is what are you doing to inform the public about this Committee and encourage their involvement with this Committee?

Supervisor Dellisanti noted I am going to answer the second part first. We've had one meeting with the Friends Committee as we speak. The second meeting is Thursday night.

Councilwoman VanEtten agreed Thursday night.

Supervisor Dellisanti continued we have two bankers on the Committee, a number of businessmen, a couple of Little League coaches that are involved with our ball field here and they are all in the process of a) either volunteering their time, energy, materials, and supplies and hopefully money down the road so we can refurbish some of our Parks as we go forward. We announced this back a number of months ago; it's taken that long to get people to volunteer for that particular committee. I anticipate hopefully raising enough money to refurbish Hallock Park and also District 3 Park down the road. It is going to take some time to do this so raising money is difficult as you may know. But it's been done in the past, I did this when I was in Nassau County. We had a Friends of Nassau County Recreation and we raised a considerable amount of money because you don't want to take the money out of the taxpayers' pockets. You want to be able to do it from volunteer services. Shelly will tell you she's been looking at equipment. One piece of equipment is \$27,000, especially for ADA-accessible equipment. That's something that this Town can't afford. I wouldn't even propose something like that. But if we can raise that type of money and get a group of people together to put the equipment together, it's possible with insight.

Councilwoman VanEtten mentioned if I can add to that, we had quite a few people in the community when we were campaigning, and even the other day we had a phone call, that were interested in why the Parks have not had anything done with them.

Diane Louis said what I was asking is what are you doing to reach out to the community to let them know that you are doing this?

Supervisor Dellisanti responded we just started.

Councilwoman VanEtten added we just started, we've only had one.....

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Diane Louis continued what is planned, anything planned to reach out to the community and let them know about the Committee...?

Councilwoman VanEtten explained when we get to that point we will.

Supervisor Dellisanti noted we haven't even gotten the Constitution and By-Laws finished yet. The 501(c)(3) that our Attorney is putting together isn't completed yet. Do you want to add anything to that?

Tal Rappleyea, Esq. responded we are working on establishing a not-for-profit corporation with the State, it is a matter of filing a Certificate of Incorporation. Once that is done we will get an Employer ID Number and then make the application to the IRS to get the 501(c)(3). Those are all things that I'm volunteering and I'm doing that work myself just as a way to help the community to do what needs to get done. So all of those things are underway and, yes, the Supervisor said once we get to a position where it makes sense to involve, there will definitely be public involvement.

Supervisor Dellisanti concluded thank you for your question, that is a good question.

Ellie Alfeld began I know I haven't been on the Agenda, but to follow-up with what Ms. Louis said, I asked the same question at the last Board meeting as to when it was announced that you were looking for volunteers for this Committee. I never heard an answer then, I never heard when you were asking or looking for people to be on this Committee, and didn't know there was such a Committee until you already had membership on this Committee. So I really believe that before a Committee is formed, it should be made public that you are looking for members. There are many of us who have volunteered or attend almost any meetings that they can so we know what is happening in this Town and the Friends of the Park is one of them where we had other people that have been interested in doing just what you said. We don't need to worry about the Bankers, we need to worry about individuals in this Town that are interested in what goes on in this Town, then you can get the Bankers in.

Supervisor Dellisanti noted no, the Bankers are giving us money, that's why they want to come in.

Ellie Alfeld said well I give you money in a tax payment every year.

Supervisor Dellisanti introduced Eileen Vosburgh on the Sewage Treatment Plant.

Eileen Vosburgh said I just wanted some information. I read last week in the *Times Union*, there was an article called New Hope for New York Rivers and it talked about millions of federal dollars had been long available in the form of low-interest, long-term loans to help municipalities upgrade their aging and inadequate sewage treatment facilities. It goes on and says that now this is turning into grants and that both federal and state and it talks about how billions of gallons of raw sewage go into the Hudson River all the time. I haven't seen a Newsletter in awhile, so I just want to know how does our sewage treatment plant rate? What kind of volume do we have for spillage and what kind of updates are we planning? I know we saw an increase in our sewage rate recently, but I had assumed it was for this Plant down on Mill Street. But, I just really wanted some information and are we going to be able to get some of this money?

Councilwoman VanEtten responded we just had a Presentation.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked Councilman Norris if he wanted to answer that?

Councilman Norris answered we've have been very proactive in this area and we have already started the upgrading with the site down by the Park. Now the next phase of that is, not a new Plant, but upgrading the Plant you have now. We've hired Delaware Engineering and they are doing all the grant searching for us and they've looked into all these various ways to get money for the Town through grants. They were at the meeting I think last meeting.

Supervisor Dellisanti and Councilwoman VanEtten agreed

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Councilman Norris continued and they spoke on that. A couple of questions about this type of grants that the State has, the way the State does grants, if we could possibly get them and they are looking into getting those grants. So we are looking very heavily into getting grants. It is going to be a little expensive to do the upgrade, but we are trying to phase-in that upgrade with the payoff of the loans that we have now. I believe we have three loans and two of them...

Supervisor Dellisanti noted one is coming due.

Councilman Norris explained one is coming due next year and another one is due the following year, 16 or 17, or 17 or 18, and when those loans are coming due is when we plan on getting a new loan. So we are sensitive to the amount of money that the ratepayers pay down there and we wanted to make sure that when these phase out with these dates in here, we are looking for grants all over the place and the Supervisor and myself and Lisa on that Committee are actively staying on top of Delaware Engineering and hoping that we can get these grants for us. You have to qualify for these grants too.

Supervisor Dellisanti added just so you know, they actually did an Income Survey for the entire Hamlet area and I think we came in around \$55,000 which is some \$1,500 less than the last Income Survey which puts us very close to getting one of those grants that Chris is talking about to try and lower the monthly payment for every resident down there.

Eilleen Vosburgh said but they're talking about the whole spillage right?

Councilman Norris concluded I think our plant is well-maintained, we have a terrific set of operators down there. We've only had an incident that I can remember maybe once or twice where they had to do some adjusting, but most of the time they are on top of things that's only because when you have a lot of rain that infiltrates the system and you get your spillage into the River, but for the most part I'd say 99 percent of the time when they do their testing, they are well below our affluent numbers (unable to understand). So we are sensitive to that also.

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**RESOLUTION 82-2015
APRIL 13, 2015**

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT SURPLUS VEHICLE FROM
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS the Greene County Sheriff's Department has determined a 2009 Chevrolet Impala, Vehicle Identification Number 2G1WB57N491290370, is a surplus vehicle and has been replaced.

WHEREAS the Town of New Baltimore had determined there is a need for a vehicle to be used by the Code Enforcement Officer, Town Officials, and Town Employees for use on official business.

WHEREAS a vehicle log will be filed for each trip by anyone who uses the vehicle in the performance of their official duties.

RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore accepts said vehicle at no charge to the Town from Greene County.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

Councilman Norris began first I want to thank the Sheriff for getting this vehicle for us, but I do have a question. Didn't we do a cost-analysis as to see if it is going to be cheaper to have a vehicle as opposed to paying the mileage to the Code Enforcement Officer

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Supervisor Dellisanti explained the mileage expense is somewhere between \$2,500 and \$3,000 and according to Denis, the gasoline expense would be cheaper to do that. We are just getting the car because right now it is at Albright's getting inspected to go on the road. I think it is a great option for us right now because the employees can use it -- from the Courts or the Clerks -- to go to the Bank or the Post Office and we won't have to have any mileage expenses on top.

Councilman Norris continued so you believe the Town that we will be actually saving the Town money, gas, maintenance, insurance.

Supervisor Dellisanti answered yes, if you look at the log behind it, Denis had asked me to put in the gallons of gasoline for total fill up toward the end of the form so this way he can keep track of exactly what we are using for the Town vehicle. Another thing is presently our Code Enforcement Officer has been going to training out of town and instead of paying that mileage; he could also use the vehicle for that as well.

Councilman Norris asked that was my other question, would the vehicle be allowed to leave the County?

Supervisor Dellisanti responded yes, we will approve it before that takes place. Any other questions?

AYES: Dellisanti, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ruso

Supervisor Dellisanti said thank you, Sheriff.

Sheriff Seeley said no problem, anytime.

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RESOLUTION 83-2015

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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE OF PART-TIME WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR AT THE NEW YORK RURAL WATER
ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL CONFERENCE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Part-Time Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Jim Polverelli to attend the New York Rural Water Association Technical Conference to be held at the Turning Stone Resort & Conference Center in Verona, New York from May 18-21, 2015 and authorizes expenses for registration, lodging and mileage. Said conference offers opportunities to receive continuing education credits toward renewing the Part-Time Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator's license.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman Benway

AYES: Dellisanti, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ruso

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**RESOLUTION 84-2015
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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE
AGREEMENT FOR PORTABLE STANDARD TOILETS**

RESOLVED, Councilwoman VanEtten has procured two quotes for Portable Standard Toilets for AgFest, Cornell Park, and Cecil Hallock Town Park and the lowest responsible bidder is Greene County Septic Cleaners, Inc. The Supervisor is authorized to execute an agreement with Greene County Septic Cleaners, Inc., per attached quote.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ruso

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**RESOLUTION 85-2015
APRIL 13, 2015**

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GRANT FROM
THE BANK OF GREENE COUNTY**

WHEREAS Councilman Ruso and Councilwoman VanEtten applied for a grant from the Bank of Greene County for the Summer Recreation Program.

RESOLVED that the Town of New Baltimore accepts a \$500 grant from The Bank of Greene County Charitable Foundation per the attached letter.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman Benway

AYES: Dellisanti, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ruso

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**RESOLUTION 86-2015
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES PROPOSED BY TOWN JUSTICES
TO BE FUNDED BY GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE TOWN JUSTICE COURT**

WHEREAS the Town of New Baltimore Justice Court received grant monies from the New York State Office of Court Administration which were approved by a Town Board resolution on October 27, 2014.

RESOLVED the Town Justices have proposed the expenditures for a rolling cart, paper shredder, 3 year warranty, and supplies from said grant.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Norris

AYES: Dellisanti, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ruso

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Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti to change the hours of the Town Court from Thursday, April 30 to Monday, May 11 from 9 AM to 3 PM, seconded by Councilman Norris.

Supervisor Dellisanti explained we have a request from Judge Farrell for a vacation, some time needed to be changed for the scheduling so everyone knows. It's attached to our resolution.

AYES: Dellisanti, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ruso

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**RESOLUTION 87-2015
APRIL 13, 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 2015-04-01 to 2015-04-61, it is

REVOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2015-04-01 to 2015-04-61.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until May 31, 2015.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

Councilman Norris noted a little tiny error here that was tax, we paid tax on the key that was made. It is just \$1.79.

Supervisor Dellisanti replied we will work on that tomorrow, that is not a problem.

AYES: Dellisanti, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: Ruso

Upcoming Meetings

- April 16, 2015 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation Committee at 7 PM
- April 22, 2015 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM
- April 24-26 and May 1-3 Town Roadside Clean-Up Days
- April 27, 2015 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- May 6, 2015 Senior Citizens Committee at 1 PM
- May 6, 2015 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- May 8, 2015 Agriculture Committee Meeting
- May 11, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- May 14, 2015 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- June 6, 2015 Greene County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day (Flyers will be sent soon.)
- June 17, 2015 Seniors Committee Picnic at 12 Noon Hallock Park
- June 18, 2015 Seniors Committee Picnic Raindate

Councilwoman Benway asked if any flyers were made.

Ellie Alfeld replied we haven't made any flyers yet.

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Councilwoman Benway inquired are you planning on it?

Ellie Alfeld said yes, we are going to make it very limited now because this is only open to New Baltimore seniors. It is not for out-of-town seniors because it's a Town-funded picnic with our line-item.

Councilwoman Benway asked so you want me to take it off the website then?

Ellie Alfeld answered no, you can leave it on because if there are any seniors that need to know about it. We are limited in so far as we can't put posters in say post offices, but we are going to try and hit a couple of the high spots around the Town.

Councilwoman Benway suggested if you can give me one so I can put on there, the flyer says for New Baltimore residents.

Ellie Alfeld said yes and as usual and in prior years, it is invitation to anyone that is a senior that is 60, bring a dish to share, and we provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, rolls and drinks.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked if there were any other business to come before the Board.

Sheriff Seeley replied I just wanted to address Mr. Pilatich on one thing about the employees, the Sheriff's Office in Greene County when I became Sheriff, there have been too many reports of how did that employee get hired because there were really no backgrounds done on employees. I know I worked it out with the New Baltimore Town Board that any employee hired within the Town of New Baltimore, the employee will sign off and I have an Investigator George Tortorelis, that's what he strictly does is backgrounds for the Sheriff's Office and any employee that gets hired here in the Town of New Baltimore, has to go through a background check with us. Everybody that gets hired in the County, we do other towns throughout Greene County, and now even the schools are getting involved with us because in today's times once that person's hired, they have to commit murder before you can get rid of them. But the fact of the matter is that we do the backgrounds from the Town of New Baltimore. One thing that I did forget, I want to commend my whole command staff, every employee in the Sheriff's Office, this year's budget we are over \$400,000 under budget. That's because the Undersheriff and the Jail Superintendent basically oversee the budget every day and if a Deputy needs a pen, show me your pen is empty; need a box of staples, show me the box is empty. Its nitpicking but those pennies add up at the end of the year. I am proud to say as far as your tax dollars, actually more like \$500,000 but I will be conservative \$400,000. I'm proud of it.

Supervisor Dellisanti concluded thank you Sheriff.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM on a motion by Councilwoman Benway seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

Supervisor Dellisanti concluded thank you all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke
Town Clerk