

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

**May 11, 2015**

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Presentation by Randy Squier from Coxsackie-Athens Central School and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School**

**Approval of Minutes**

- April 13, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting
- April 27, 2015 Town Board Work Meeting

**Public Comment Period**

**New Business**

- Resolution to Authorize Purchase of Special Events Liability Insurance for AgFest
- Resolution to Purchase Two Entry Doors to Town Offices from GNH Lumber, Inc.
- Resolution to Authorize Installation of Entry Doors and Repair of Decking to Town Offices
- Resolution to Approve Emergency Repair of Town Highway Truck
- Resolution to Approve Emergency Purchase by Highway Superintendent
- Resolution to Allocate Distribution of Additional State Funding to the Highway Budget
- Resolution to Place Advertisement for Building/Capital Improvement Committee
- Audit of Claims

**Upcoming Meetings**

- May 14, 2015 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- May 21, 2015 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 7 PM
- May 25, 2015 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- May 27, 2015 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM
- June 3, 2015 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- June 6, 2015 Greene County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
- June 6-7, 2015 Ag Fest at VanEtten Farm
- June 8, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- June 11, 2015 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- June 17, 2015 Senior Committee Picnic at 12 Noon Hallock Park
- June 18, 2015 Senior Committee Picnic Raindate
- June 22, 2015 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

**Public Comment Period/Community Events**

**Adjournment**

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## **OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING**

Supervisor Dellisanti opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also Attending Deputy Supervisor Ruso, Councilman Norris, Councilwoman VanEtten, Ralph Ambrosio, Esq., Town Clerk Finke, Tax Collector Jordan, and 9 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

Absent: Councilwoman Benway and Highway Superintendent Jordan

**Supervisor Dellisanti** noted we will bypass our first speaker and move along; as soon as he gets here we will introduce him.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion to approve the April 13, 2015 Town Board Regular 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, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT: Benway

A Motion to approve the April 27, 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, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT: Benway

**Supervisor Dellisanti** said with us tonight we have Superintendent Randy Squire from Cossackie-Athens Central School who will give us a quick presentation on the budget.

**Randy Squire** began thanks for inviting us here, Leslie and myself. As you know tis the season when the School Districts are creating and finalize their budgets. Next Tuesday, a week from tomorrow, is the school budget vote for all School Districts across New York State. For that, Cossackie-Athens will be 1-9 at either of the Elementary Schools will be the voting in that regard. This year was a little bit of a twist in the budget-planning process. For School Districts, if you are following, the Governor withheld any state aid numbers until the budget was actually finalized and approved. So we really had no state aid numbers to work on until the budget was approved on I believe the first of April. Of course we still have our statutory deadlines to have a budget adopted by our School Board, so we only had about three weeks of public planning. At the end we did come up with a budget that increases spending by 3.39 percent and that will impact the tax levy across the District by 1.05 percent which is our allowable tax levy limit this year. Assuming it passes, our people will be getting their rebate check in the Fall because we stayed under the allowable tax levy in that regard. We did end up receiving just under 6 percent increase in state aid when it was all said and done from the state, so it was good in that regard. But it still is not keeping up with general expenses as we go forward. Overall in this budget we are going to maintain all of our existing programs, actually enhance more programs, add a few more electives in the High School in some of our core areas. As we go forward we anticipate maintaining our size sizes, which at the elementary levels average about 18 kids in class, K-4. Some of the new courses we plan on offering at the High School include Aerospace Science, Webpage Design, a Computer Programming course through Project Lead the Way so we will have a third course through RIT, American Sign Language III, Mandarin Chinese, French 4. We've had Environmental Science for many years, we are going to add a Literature course to complement that for Senior English Credit. Some of the other things we hope to bring in next school year is a before school enrichment program for elementary kids in the science, engineering, math areas so each kid will have an opportunity to do a couple units of enrichment throughout the school year before their typical day starts. That's our budget in a nutshell, as far as positions go, we have a couple teacher assistants retiring. At the moment we don't plan on filling them, but if need arises, maybe Special Ed. needs, we will certainly go back and do that. As far as teaching staff goes, our enrollment has dropped a few hundred kids overall, so we are catching up with our reductions there. There are a couple Social Studies teachers we are going to reduce by .4 each just to mirror our numbers on the secondary level.

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We have a Math teacher retiring and we don't plan on filling that position either, that's enrollment, we still have the same number of sections. Any questions?

**Councilman Norris** asked the budget increase, \$965,000. Where is the increase, what items have you increased in the budget, what specifically those items are?

**Randy Squire** replied salaries.

**Leslie Copleston** clarified primarily salaries, health benefits, we did see an offsetting reduction in Teachers' Retirement Contribution so that actually was reduced by \$450,000. I think the biggest increase we are seeing from year-to-year is Special Ed. We have a lot of students that moved in that are already identified as receiving services, so we generally have to continue that until another meeting is formed and there may or may not be a change in their service level. Not only our district, but all districts in Greene County are seeing significant increases in this cost. This is really the second year in a row we are seeing big changes there.

**Randy Squire** explained budget to budget we've had to add one teacher more and 4 1/2 teacher aide positions since September.

**Councilman Norris** asked because of Special Ed.?

**Randy Squire** agreed Special Ed.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** inquired that was mandated?

**Leslie Copleston** answered that was mandated, yes. We've also seen students move into the District who were in private placements or placements outside the District and we've had to absorb that, so it's been a real big driver of costs for next year.

**Councilman Norris** continued so I guess what I was trying to allude to is you got this big increase from the State and there was no way to try to offset it, no increase whatsoever, you couldn't do that where you have zero budget increase whatsoever.

**Randy Squire** asked as far as the levy goes?

**Councilman Norris** agreed as far as the levy goes, yes.

**Leslie Copleston** clarified basically not and maintain program. I think when we see people retire, we look very closely to those positions to see if it is something we can absorb any other way. Some of them we did absorb like the Math position and two Teaching Assistants. Some of the other positions, however, we could not absorb them and maintain program so just trying to keep that balance going.

**Councilman Norris** said my last question is about Ferguson. How is that going to impact the school taxes?

**Leslie Copleston** responded basically for every dollar we are getting from Ferguson, that's reducing the tax levy. So that's incorporated into the tax levy.

**Councilman Norris** asked when will that start?

**Leslie Copleston** confirmed that will start next year.

**Randy Squire** added impacts this tax levy.

**Councilman Norris** asked impacts this one?

**Leslie Copleston** replied yes, otherwise the impact would have been that much higher, I think it's about \$70,000 higher. If Ferguson didn't come in, we would have had a \$70,000 higher tax levy.

**Councilman Norris** commented I think that you should put that in.

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**Leslie Copleston** noted advertise that, so the taxpayers are benefitting by that Ferguson PILOT coming on.

**Randy Squire** pointed out next year actually could be a negative tax levy, try to explain that one. In fact I read about a District in Sharon Springs, they have a huge PILOT through Walmart, and they have a -12.6% allowable tax levy. They were forced by the Tax Cap to reduce their tax levy by 12%; they are only going out with a 10% reduction so they have to get the supermajority override. For school districts, if we decide to override the tax cap levy allowable limit, we have to have a 60% yes vote instead of just a simple majority. So they are having a hard time explaining to folks that your taxes are going to go down 10%, but we still have to have 60% of you vote yes on that.

**Ellie Alfeld** said I'd like to ask about Common Core Math. Are you teaching Common Core Math in Cossackie?

**Randy Squire** answered yes, it's New York State standards.

**Ellie Alfeld** continued the reason why I ask this question is I have a child who came out of a Greene County school, transferred to an Albany County school, did Trig, did Calculus, never was exposed to Common Core and now has been hit with a double whammy that she has to have Common Core going into her Senior year of High School. Even though she had a 3.7 GPA now all of a sudden she's being hit with Common Core Math and I'm wondering if it was in fact mandated, as we use that word. Why was not the Albany schools or why did Greene County do it or has it just been selectively done in certain areas?

**Randy Squire** explained when New York State adopted the newer math standards referred to as Common Core in 2010-11, so schools have had, not supposed to happen all at once. With that, in fact the testing to judge that is in the second year in grades 3-8, this will be the second year in Algebra, first year in Geometry. That's why I'm wondering what this school is talking about because she has already taken Algebra, Trig. She should be ahead of that.

**Ellie Alfeld** said she was until they found out she didn't have Common Core.

**Randy Squire** commented what would she take in her Senior year; she's already taken Algebra, Trig, and PreCalc? By that point, Calculus is Calculus, there's no such thing as Common Core Calculus.

**Ellie Alfeld** asked and one other thing I would like to pass along, when you mention the mandates that we have now for Special Ed., when you have children with Special Ed. in your classrooms, each one has their own aide or are they...?

**Leslie Copleston** answered no; it depends on the level of need for that particular student.

**Ellie Alfeld** inquired what is the average in a classroom of say 20 kids, what are we talking about as far as Special Ed.? Are we talking about 2-3 kids for 20 or are we talking about 1 in 20?

**Randy Squire** replied we average overall districtwide about 11% of our student population has some type of IED or special need so each grade at Cossackie has about 110-120 kids, in a whole grade you are talking 10 kids divided by five sections...

**Ellie Alfeld** noted two to a section, I had to commend you because I know that the Special Ed. is playing havoc with almost every school district's budget because of these mandates and I don't know what the answer is, but it doesn't seem like we are getting any further ahead.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** observed on the insurance increases, when we were preparing our 2015 budget, our insurance went up 60% for our Town, we were able to stay with the same insurance carrier. Were you able to stay with your same insurance carrier and how much did your insurance go up?

**Leslie Copleston** responded we have stayed with the same carrier; we've done a lot of things to try to mitigate our cost increase. We are with Blue Shield of Northeastern New York, we are

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part of a consortium of 23 Districts in RCG Health Insurance Trust. For us, our health insurance rates went up 7.3%, our prescription drug went up 0, and our CDPHP premium went up 9.2% and that's not a community-rated program, that's an experience-rated program. So those are really the three products we have in the District. And because of this pooling and we have great consultants that work with us; we have been able to keep those increases lower. Still too much, but...

**Councilman Ruso** had a question about your Board members. I know this was true for years that there were certain identified seats from people from Athens, people from Coxsackie, and my thought is if there's a kid from New Baltimore, how many seats do we have?

**Randy Squire** remarked that is an interesting segway because that was always a gentlemen's agreement that there would be 3-3-6. At one point when they first merged, there were supposed to be two from New Baltimore going all the way back to 1948 when the two Districts merged to form Coxsackie-Athens. That's never worked out that way. But legally you can't represent an area for the school for an election; it has to be the entire district.

**Councilman Norris** added at-large.

**Randy Squire** explained but the other thing, this is the first year that we are having at-large elections so up until last year if Chris was running for School Board; you would have to run for that seat. In other words there is always three seats generally speaking each year, so if Chris is running, you would have to declare what seat you were running for. Now it is an open election, so you can see we have four people running, the top three are in. So there is no more you have to run for a specific seat. We had several exit surveys and the Board changed the policy.

**Councilman Ruso** noted so it must have been really recent then.

Many responded yes.

**Randy Squire** pointed out this will be the first election that has happened, so if you have four people running, two are incumbents but it doesn't matter; everybody runs, whoever has the top three votes are in

**Councilman Ruso** said the second question I had goes along with the point on Special Ed. How many of the Special Ed. students are taught in District and how many are taught out-of-district at special programs?

**Leslie Copleston** answered I think we have approximately six students that are placed outside the District now, which is quite low. We make every attempt to educate within the District, but if we can't meet their needs, we reach outside to either BOCES or private placements to meet their needs.

**Randy Squire** clarified out of about 150 total special ed. kids.

**Leslie Copleston** continued we are also cross-contracting with other School Districts in Greene County that have an appropriate program, just say Greenville has something or Catskill, we will work out an Intermunicipal Agreement where we will work out the terms of that, the cost and then we bus the student down to their programs. We also invite students from any district really into our programs if our programs are appropriate for them. There is conversation that is going on about what we all have to offer and how we can share.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** asked the special needs kids with the new Common Core testing; they have to take the Common Core testing the same as everybody else or is there some kind of a level of...?

**Randy Squire** answered they always have. We've had 3/8 testing for almost 10 years, before that it was just 4 and 8 and Regents Exams. The same rules apply to them. That's a federal mandate.

**Councilman Norris** commented I've asked this question before, your student population. It was going down, has it leveled off?

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**Leslie Copleston** explained it's still decreasing a little bit because we've lost 200 students in the last ten years. It's still decreasing a little bit. A couple of years ago we saw a big decrease of 80 students, but now it's just a few students each year.

**Councilman Norris** mentioned the other question I had was the tax rate for \$100,000, do you know that number?

**Leslie Copleston** noted I do not off the top of my head.

**Ann Marie Vadney** asked approximately six Special Ed. students are sent to other Districts, does that number include those placed in residential settings?

**Leslie Copleston** responded we don't have any students in residential settings at this time?

**Ellie Alfeld** inquired is there a tuition exchange when you have to send...?

**Leslie Copleston** answered yes.

**Ellie Alfeld** continued how does that rate as far as going out to the other school as opposed to what it costs you. What's the difference in cost so to speak?

**Leslie Copleston** reported the reality is that if we can't accommodate them, there is really not an in-District cost to compare it to. When a District charges us back for that student's services, it can be based on actual services and it will get right down to the detail; this is what this therapist would cost and this is the amount of time she usually spends with this student. It would get that detailed or they would use a state-established rate which is available on the SED's website, so we look at both of those items.

**Dot Davis** asked up in Albany, parents can opt out of that Common Core. Did they have that available here?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** observed they would have to.

**Randy Squire** replied yes, it is available. You can't opt out of Regents exams which are mandated to graduate from New York State.

**Chuck Irving** noted you mentioned the enrollment dropped. I'm not sure I heard you right, you said a couple hundred in the last year or last...

**Leslie Copleston** clarified last 10 years, just under 1,400 students.

**Chuck Irving** asked how does that impact the transportation budget?

**Leslie Copleston** explained it really hasn't impacted the transportation budget; we pretty much have the same runs, the standard runs as we had back then. More of an issue that our population and distances kids have to travel and our restrictions about the attempt to try to keep those bus runs under an hour. That kind of fixes somewhat our transportation run, but we do look at it every year to see if we can consolidate or reduce and unfortunately we haven't been able to do that. Another variable with transportation are the Special Ed. students that need special transportation, that is a big variable. That's something we can't control, but we have to prepare for.

**Chuck Irving** questioned I don't know if the census has much to do with the School Board seats, the recent census, and I have a question for the County Legislator and haven't been able to get an answer. A lot of the residents in New Baltimore, I live on the very north, I'm only a mile from the Albany County line, I haven't been able to get an answer where our census numbers projected, whether they project in Albany County or Greene County. I don't know how that affects the Board seat positions. I'd like to get an answer, but haven't been able to.

**Leslie Copleston** noted I believe for us, Board seats are established by Board vote, some sort of Charter and that's been nine seats.

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**Randy Squire** added centralized in 1948. There has to be a voter proposition to change the number of Board seats, proposition to go to the votes if we wanted to reduce it from nine to seven, let's say.

**Leslie Copleston** commented so it's not population-driven for us.

**Randy Squire** reported for transportation, we did a quick study last year on Greene, Columbia County and maybe a little bit of Rensselaer. We are the second lowest transportation cost per kid of any other school district. A big part of that is we private contract out our transportation.

**Leslie Copleston** added Cossackie Transport. The only other district that was lower was Hudson and they're a small city so they have a lot of kids that just walk. We felt pretty good about that.

**Ellie Alfeld** described tonight I was coming out of Albany, I had some business in Albany, every other vehicle was a school bus going in Albany or coming out of Albany. It's amazing and they're 66 passenger busses, they are not little vans. These are full scale size busses.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** asked anyone else have a question? Thank you very much for coming tonight. I really appreciate it and thanks for the information. Good luck on Tuesday.

**Randy Squire** observed thanks for having us, we appreciate it. Don't forget to vote next Tuesday.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE**

**RESOLUTION 91-2015  
MAY 11, 2015**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF SPECIAL EVENTS  
LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR AGFEST**

*RESOLVED* that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby authorizes the Supervisor to take the necessary actions to purchase special events liability insurance for the annual AgFest event to be held June 6-7, 2015. The premium amount for this coverage will be \$990.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Norris

**Councilwoman VanEtten** said I recuse myself.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: VanEtten

ABSENT: Benway

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**RESOLUTION 92-2015  
MAY 11, 2015**

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE TWO ENTRY DOORS TO  
TOWN OFFICES FROM GNH LUMBER, INC.**

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

*WHEREAS* in 2014 four quotes were attempted and three quotes were received for replacement of two entry doors to Town offices.

*WHEREAS*, on June 9, 2014 the Town Board adopted a resolution to purchase said doors from GNH Lumber, Inc for \$2,892. The original vendor for this purchase went out of business and they are now unable to order from the manufacturer.

*BE IT RESOLVED* that the Town of New Baltimore purchase said two entry doors to Town offices from GNH Lumber, Inc. for \$982.50 each, total of \$1,965, thereby saving the Town of New Baltimore \$927.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway

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**RESOLUTION 93-2015  
MAY 11, 2015**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE INSTALLATION OF TWO ENTRY DOORS  
AND REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF DECKING TO TOWN OFFICES**

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

*WHEREAS* two quotes were received for installation of two entry doors to Town offices and repair and replacement of decking.

*BE IT RESOLVED* that the Town of New Baltimore authorizes Randio Builders for said installation and replacement for \$2,200.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

**Ellie Alfeld** asked to clarify on decking.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** explained it is the front office decking as you are coming in the front door over here. That particular deck you'll see is actually loose.

**Ellie Alfeld** continued we are not talking about all the...

**Supervisor Dellisanti** answered no not yet, that's going to come a little bit later

**Ellie Alfeld** said when you have the money.

**Councilman Ruso** inquired and that includes the lumber?

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Supervisor Dellisanti replied yes. Any other questions?

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway

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**RESOLUTION 94-2015**

**MAY 11, 2015**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF 1985 INTERNATIONAL**

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

*WHEREAS*, Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan determined that the 1985 International had to be repaired immediately to continue proper functioning and W&W Truck Transmission Repair, Inc. was contacted to make the repair.

*WHEREAS*, due to the emergency condition of this repair 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.

*BR IT RESOLVED*, that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approve said emergency repair by W&W Truck Transmission Repair Service Inc., Invoice Nos. W1700 and W1713, Purchase Order No. H-2015-81 and H-2015-89, Town Voucher Nos. 2015-05-63 and 2015-05-64 for \$1,428.11 and \$1,009.31.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Norris

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway

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**RESOLUTION 95-2015**

**MAY 11, 2015**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EMERGENCY PURCHASE BY  
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

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

*WHEREAS* Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan contacted Apalachee Marine to procure rock salt for use on Town roads when the current supply was unavailable.

*WHEREAS*, due to the emergency condition 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 Apalachee Marine, Invoice No. 411545, Purchase Order H-2015-96, Town Voucher 2015-05-50 for \$2,302.48.

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AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten  
NAYS:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT: Benway

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**RESOLUTION 96-2015  
MAY 11, 2015**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DISTRIBUTION  
OF ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING TO THE HIGHWAY BUDGET**

**RESOLVED**, the Supervisor is authorized to Increase Income Line DA3501 and Expenditure Line DA5112.4 by \$2,450 as the Town is receiving additional funding from the State.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

**Supervisor Dellisanti** explained just a little comment on this. This is additional CHIPS money that was applied for on the very last day of the year when we were allowed to do that. Alan VanWormer actually drove the application up to Albany and we received the money of \$2,450.

**Councilman Norris** commented so this is for the 2014 budget year.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** answered yes, for this year.

**Councilman Norris** stated you mean for the CHIPS from last year. Money that we used last year.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** clarified we had to wait until we got all the receipts in and everything else to apply for and it and it was done.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten  
NAYS:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT: Benway

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**RESOLUTION 97-2015  
MAY 11, 2015**

**RESOLUTION TO PLACE ADVERTISEMENT FOR TOWN HALL  
BUILDING/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS** repairs and improvements to Town Hall will be needed in the future and the Town Board will establish a Building/Capital Improvement Committee to advise the Board on these repairs and improvements.

**RESOLVED** an advertisement be placed in the Daily Mail for members to the Building/Capital Improvement Committee for 7 days.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk will place the following advertisement, approved by the Attorney for the Town in the Daily Mail for 7 days.

The Town of New Baltimore is seeking members for a Building/Capital Improvement Committee to recommend to the Town Board repairs and improvements to Town Hall.

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Please send letter of interest outlining experience to Councilman Jeff Ruso, 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, NY 12087, [jruso@townofnewbaltimore.org](mailto:jruso@townofnewbaltimore.org), or call 756-6671 for information by June 1, 2015.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

**Supervisor Dellisanti** explained what we are trying to do here is we have a number of issues. We found a letter from our former Building Code Enforcement Officer and a number of issues need to be addressed and we want to get some experts to give us some advice on that and also get some prices and hopefully maybe to get some donations in the processes as well. That's what we are trying to do with this Committee.

**Councilman Norris** inquired do you plan on using the building reserve fund that we have?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** answered yes, it's going to have to be. We were already told that our roof is in need of repair. We had some damage to the roof in the last storm and they did a minor repair. While they were inspecting the roof when they were up there, they said it's basically time for a new roof. We want to get a list together and see how much it is going to cost, what we have in the Building Reserve Fund and work from there.

**Ellie Alfeld** asked do we know how much we've got in the Building Reserve?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** answered yes, I do. I don't have it with me, but I do. I want to say it's in the \$40,000 range, in that area.

**Councilman Norris** confirmed \$47,000

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway

**TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE**

**RESOLUTION 98-2015**

**MAY 11, 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 2015-05-01 to 2015-05-71, it is

*REVOLVED* that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2015-05-01 to 2015-05-71.

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

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Norris

**Councilman Norris** had a question on the Columbia Greene Humane Society, we are paying for a dog that was housed?

**Town Clerk Finke** responded yes.

**Councilman Norris** questioned we won't get reimbursed from the owner?

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**Town Clerk Finke** explained that's something we have to work on tomorrow. Apparently the owner of that dog was being arrested so the dog was in the car and had to be taken down there to be housed.

**Councilman Norris** noted so that's why we have to the bill and hopefully we will get reimbursed.

**Councilman Ruso** added the person was a traveler on the Thruway.

**Town Clerk Finke** reported Joe (Tanner) was in here tonight at 4:00 and we went over the whole thing.

**Councilman Norris** stated I saw there that was a person on record that owned the dog

**Town Clerk Finke** agreed that is my question for Tal tomorrow.

**Councilman Ruso** pointed out they were traveling on the Thruway and they got arrested and they had to do something with the dog.

**Councilman Norris** continued the other question about the Town Clerk's Association dues, there is no mention here of how much it costs, no invoice.

**Town Clerk Finke** answered they sent me everything that's there, I can ask them for one. But it's something that has been done every year since I can remember.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** mentioned isn't it \$15 a year?

**Town Clerk Finke** confirmed yes, it's \$15 a year.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** said I thought I read that.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway

General \$17,226.36, Highway \$11,229.87, Sewer 1 \$529.32, Sewer 2 \$29.97, Lighting 2 \$166.11, Total \$29,181.63

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- May 14, 2015 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- May 21, 2015 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 7 PM
- **May 25, 2015 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM**

**Supervisor Dellisanti** began I would like to discuss that with the Town Board now. That is Memorial Day and in the past we have postponed that. So what is your pleasure?

**Councilman Norris** responded I'm pretty sure I am going to be away.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** agreed I'm fine with postponing it.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** said I would like to make motion to postpone the May 25 Work Meeting, seconded by Councilman Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

- May 27, 2015 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM
- June 3, 2015 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- June 6, 2015 Greene County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
- June 6-7, 2015 Ag Fest at VanEtten Farm

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- June 8, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- June 11, 2015 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- June 17, 2015 Senior Committee Picnic at 12 Noon Hallock Park
- June 18, 2015 Senior Committee Picnic Raindate
- June 22, 2015 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

**Ellie Alfeld** noted as a reminder, the school vote is for the 19th in all school districts.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** clarified May 19.

**Councilman Norris** asked what time?

**Ellie Alfeld** responded depends I think on the school. Ravena-Coeymans starts at 7 AM and goes to 9 PM. So if you are a resident of the RCS School District, those are your hours.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** added Greenville is 1-9 and Coxsackie is 1-9.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD/COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**CORRESPONDENCE**



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May 5, 2015

Supervisor Nick Dellisanti  
Town of New Baltimore  
3809 County Route 51  
Hannacroix, NY 12087

Dear Supervisor Dellisanti,

Greene County is attempting to expand the use of community service as an alternative to incarceration. Since this department oversees the county's community service program, I am writing to you to obtain information as to what benefits offenders could provide to either your municipality itself, or to not-for-profit organizations contained within your jurisdiction. Normally, offenders would be assigned to perform manual labor under the supervision of either a municipal employee or a representative of the not-for-profit organization. Please contact me to advise as to how the community service program can be of assistance to your area, and do not hesitate to call if further information is required. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
Alan Frisbee  
Director

**Supervisor Dellisanti** noted I am going to give this to Jeff.

**Councilman Ruso** began one of the things I have through our Town Court we have had some community service, minor nothing substantial. I have a person whose assignment we are looking around and about. I believe his was 40 hours so I have to get 40 out of this guy. I have no idea what other things, but perhaps during your Park Inspections or otherwise you can find some other things.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** added we have a lot of work at District 3 Park that needs to be done and the Sheriff also already volunteered for that, but this could also help in that area.

**Councilman Ruso** agreed so we have to look for projects, is what we have to do.

Greene County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event is scheduled for June 6 from 8 AM-12 Noon at the Greene County Highway Department, Scott Lane in Athens.

**Ellie Alfeld** said clarification usually it's done by alphabetized last name.

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**Supervisor Dellisanti** pointed out yes it is, A-G 8-9, H-N 9-10, O-T 10-11 and U-Z for 11-12.

**Ellie Alfeld** confirmed it makes it very speedy by going that way.

**Councilman Ruso** reported actually Tim O'Dell and I went through the basement here last year and found a lot of paint cans from 10-12 years ago and took out a bundle and there were some we retained because they seemed like they were okay, but here's another year gone by and they haven't been touched so we probably will be taking some more. There were 50 cans down there.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** continued we had a question about Greene County Board of Election and terms of office. On March 27, we a sent letter to the Greene County Board of Election from our Town Clerk Barb Finke:



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TO: Greene County Board of Elections  
DATE: March 27, 2015  
SUBJECT: General Elections 2015

The Town of New Baltimore elected officials whose terms expire on December 31, 2015 are:

- Town Supervisor, Currently Nicholas A. Dellisanti
- Town Council (2), Currently Lisa Benway and Christopher Norris
- Town Justice, Currently Joseph Farrell Jr.
- Town Highway Superintendent, Currently Denis Jordan

Sincerely,



Barbara M. Finke  
Town Clerk

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**Supervisor Dellisanti** noted this has been posted on our Bulletin Board here at Town Hall. I wanted to read this memo from Ray Blaisdell, the former Building Department on 7/6/11. This is why we got involved with the Building/Capital Projects Committee.



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TO: Town Board  
FROM: Ray Blaisdell, CEO, Building Department  
RE: Town Hall Repairs – Needed

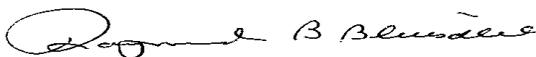
7/6/2011

I have observed over the past few months and bring to your attention the continuing and increasing deterioration of the following:

- .....Handicap ramp is shaky and in need of repair.
- ..... Deck is in need of repair
- .....Steps and railings are in need of repair and/or replacement.

These items are in need of immediate attention to avoid any possible liability claims as a result of the disrepair.

RB/mbi



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**Supervisor Dellisanti** observed this is one of the reasons why I think we have to really get into this repair situation. The roof he didn't mention, but that was mentioned by the Contractor that repaired our roof.

**Councilman Norris** said those repairs were made, they were made through Greg Seeley.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** confirmed they need to be done again.

**Councilman Norris** mentioned he painted, some of the railings were replaced, some of the boards were replaced.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** explained I think the salt over the years just continues to rot the wood that's out there

**Councilman Ruso** added the first ramp by the corner right over here as you go up, I know the last year when we had community service, he used some lag bolts to try to lag it in and it was all mushy.

**Councilman Norris** said there was a sergeant that was in charge of the prisoners and he reported to me that that's going to need to be replaced soon because those under boards are starting to rot.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** agreed that's exactly what's happening to the deck.

**Councilman Norris** advised that was 3-4 years ago.

**Councilman Ruso** described the screw went in with no resistance.

Public Notice from the US Army Corps of Engineers, they will be doing some dredging in the Saugerties area in the Hudson River and I'm afraid that our area over here is going to be impacted by that again on our Island. I don't know exactly when and where, but we were notified by them.

**Ellie Alfeld** said they are notifying you they're going to be doing it, but we don't know when, we don't know where, and so why bother notifying.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** continued it is going to happen, so I wanted to let everybody know. There was also a question about the computers that were purchased for the Town. We had four bids, only one quote came in for the two computers and it was IT Specialists in Coxsackie.

**Ellie Alfeld** said and the price was?

**Supervisor Dellisanti, Councilman Ruso, and Councilwoman VanEtten** explained leased for \$1,200 includes service and back-up, software.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** noted the total price was \$1,299.98, but that was a 3 year contract.

**Ellie Alfeld** stated so it is a three-year lease contract with service for \$1,200 something for two.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** added and backup.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** agreed and backup, Marjorie's and mine.

**Councilman Ruso** asked is it a lease to own?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** answered yes. I was going to bring this up, we have a Public Comment about the Petition, Steve Pilatich.

**Steve Pilatich** began we were told we needed a petition to get on the ballot for the Board to put it on the ballot for the voters to decide whether to take the Highway job back to two years. The Petition was completed and I turned it in to Mrs. Finke May 7 and I don't know where it goes from there because I'm new to all of this.

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**Councilwoman VanEtten** confirmed we've got it right here stamped so it has to go to the lawyer, we have 75 days.

**Steve Pilatich** agreed it is all stamped and everything. I know state requirement says it has to be done 150 day prior to the Election date. A couple things I learned during this.....

**Supervisor Dellisanti** noted it is 75 instead of 150.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** added it's 75.

**Steve Pilatich** said I just had where Skip Curtis had done it back in 2001.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** pointed out it is 75 days now.

**Steve Pilatich** continued and says about the state requirements, State Law also required that the Local Law of adding the proposed changes to the Ballot must be done 150 days ahead of the Election. That's in the paper and the State said the same thing.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** explained our Attorney said it was 75 days. I already spoke to Mr. Rappleyea and he is going to prepare what documents we need for this. We have 134 signatures, it will be reported on at the June 8 Town Board Meeting. Mr. Rappleyea will be here and go through the entire process. It will be done in plenty of time for the Elections on November 3 and there will be a Public Hearing as well.

**Steve Pilatich** continued a couple things I learned during this. One we got a copy of the voter registration from the County. We have somebody in this Town 113 years old.

**Councilman Ruso** reported there's also someone who's born in 1850 and he's still voting.

**Steve Pilatich** added we should give him a party. There's other people on there, I've been to their wakes. I know they don't exist anymore.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** suggested isn't that up to Greene County to correct, it's not the Town who does that? You have to take that up with the County.

**Steve Pilatich** said I talked to the County and I know there's people who haven't lived in New York State for 12-15 years and they are still on that voter registration, people that have died and she said they are waiting for the State to send them birth certificates on these people that have died, and some of them passed away in 2012, others she said when people move out of New York State they are supposed to tell him, I'm leaving the state, I'm not telling.

**Ellie Alfeld** agreed that's all the County's.

**Steve Pilatich** continued its major, but what do we do to get this corrected? This list is going to get thicker, thicker, and thicker.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** advised I would think you should go to the County Board of Elections and complain to them.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** mentioned you have to go to the County Legislators.

**Dot Davis** thought it's going to reduce the number of voters that are in this Town.

**Steve Pilatich** remarked the other thing is during this petition cycle, I asked somebody to sign the petition and they said they couldn't because they were a Committee member, Republican Committee Member.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** questioned they were Committee members?

**Steve Pilatich** said also they were going to discuss the petition at the next Committee Meeting?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** asked what committee?

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**Steve Pilatich** replied Republican Committee Meeting. So with that thought in mind, who is running the Town, the elected Board, or the Republican Committee, or both?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** answered we are, right here.

**Steve Pilatich** asked why does the Republican Committee need to discuss the petition?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** responded I don't know if that's really..., people say all kinds of things. I've never heard of such a thing.

**Steve Pilatich** said freedom of choice, I've had a couple on the Committee wouldn't sign it.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** suggested maybe they just didn't want to sign it.

**Steve Pilatich** continued they said they couldn't sign it.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** noted people say things.

**Steve Pilatich** remarked I'm bringing this up because this is a learning experience.

**Councilman Ruso** advised the truth is by law they could very well have signed it. If it was presented to me, I could very well have signed it. I may choose to for my reasons or whatever, maybe I like the idea, I don't like the idea, but anybody can sign it.

**Steve Pilatich** added that's what I kind of thought.

**Councilman Ruso** responded whoever told you that was mistaken that they weren't allowed to.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** suggested or they were just using it.

**Steve Pilatich** remarked there's a couple people on the Committee. I didn't know everybody on the Committee, I know a few people and since then I've learned a couple on the Board are on the Committee. So when that comment was made about discussing such a thing, it prompted one heck of a question and that's why I just asked it that's all.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** reiterated people can do whatever they want to do.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** commented they can say what they want.

**Councilman Ruso** observed I never had it presented to me so...

**Steve Pilatich** continued the other thing we brought up, was about on the farm the dogs about being exempt. I myself was trying to get hold of Mr. Somers, but I didn't. Ms. Davis, she got ahold of him and I gave Mr. Dellisanti the information on the New York State Vet and the phone number that Dot spoke to and they both come up with farm dogs should be considered service dogs.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** pointed out I spoke to, I didn't speak to the Vet, I spoke to Mr. Somers and he didn't feel that's that what he gave you the information. He said that it's up to the Town, he has no comment on that, and that he's in charge of the water, he's not in charge of the animals. He didn't give me the same indication as he did you. Personally I think it opens up a can of worms for \$7, I mean where do we draw the line?

Member of the Audience asked how many farms are there in New Baltimore?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** replied there's a lot of farms in New Baltimore.

**Councilman Ruso** questioned defining it is.....

**Councilwoman VanEtten** explained in defining it, we have a lot of, you would call them boutique farms, where people have a few sheep, a pig or two, I don't think it's worth the..., a chicken.

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**Steve Pilatich** continued like I said I didn't have the issue with getting them their shots, I give my cows shots, take care of the animals, but right now be aware there is a 400-500 black bear. He was in my cow pasture last week.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** observed you find them in Town, you find them by us.

**Ellie Alfeld** noted I had one yesterday.

**Steve Pilatich** added as far as having a dog, she goes up on the hill to look for the cows, dog goes with her.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** agreed right I understand that.

**Steve Pilatich** stated they detect anything in that barn, if something strange is in that barn, they're there. They tell you.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** advised but Ellie lives in Town and there was a bear in her yard, a dog could have chased that off, where do you draw the line?

**Steve Pilatich** said it's our protection, it's our mechanism, they detect anything and they protect.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** replied but every dog does that.

**Steve Pilatich** continued that's all I'm saying is for dogs, they've been on farms for centuries. We need to change something.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** pointed out but a lot of dogs protect their owners, no matter if they live on a farm, or in the Town, in a city, or in the middle of Manhattan. How do you...?

**Steve Pilatich** asked there are exemptions correct?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** responded they are not exempt if they are just protecting.

**Steve Pilatich** said there are exemptions in the law.

**Councilman Ruso** added I've never heard of an exemption for a farm dog. I have for a Seeing Eye dog.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** noted I have a farm and a dog and I pay my \$7.

**Ellie Alfeld** observed we've always had dogs and never looked for a service dog designation. The only service dog we have in our family is a small little dog that has to be used for a person who has a visual problem. And I might add service dogs are welcomed in restaurants, in busses, on transportation so by giving them a designation you are expanding their ability to go in a lot of places they may not really be needed.

**Steve Pilatich** concluded that's all I'm asking is that it be done and considered, and Dot may want to speak on it, thank you.

**Dot Davis** answered you've covered it all.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** introduced Ann Marie Vadney on road cleaning, Town Park moving, and repair schedule.

**Ann Marie Vadney** began I know that we are cleaning the roads in good faith, but I have to tell you this morning I thought there was a tornado coming because of the cloud of dirt in the air and I actually felt sorry for the poor person who was driving that machine because when they are going up and down the road, they're engulfed in dirt. So we might want to think of something else next year because we'll probably have to pay higher health insurance for the poor guys in the machine.

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**Councilwoman VanEtten** asked have you talked to Denis at all about it?

**Ann Marie Vadney** replied no, this morning I went to see where the machine went because I'm serious whoever was driving it, the poor guy pulled off on the top of the hill because it was just terrible, he had to be engulfed in dirt, so I think we are kind of wasting our money.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** explained unfortunately Denis is the one who's in charge of that, so you really need to go through him.

**Ann Marie Vadney** said I'll call Denis up.

**Councilman Ruso** reported I know they rented a sweeper, I know it does cause a cloud. I suppose it will vary upon wind conditions and all those things.

**Ann Marie Vadney** added the sides of the road, it's not like a City, there's dirt on the side of the road.

**Councilman Norris** advised in my opinion we do it once a year, or a couple times during the year. On my road, when cars go by, I get dust coming in all the time. So when they do the removal of the sand that stops so I'm looking forward to when they do my road, number one. Number two, if you notice when you get on that sand, your tires rotate and there is a safety issue too, have you ever noticed that?

**Ann Marie Vadney** asked have you been on Highmount Road?

**Councilman Norris** replied not lately. I used to live on Highmount Road.

**Ann Marie Vadney** continued on certain roads it might be okay, but you are not removing the dirt. All I'm saying is that for my neighbor to come out and say to me thinking there was a tornado coming with the cloud of dirt and the guys driving that equipment, like I said I feel sorry for them because you are not cleaning anything you are just moving it from one side of the road to another so that's my only point.

**Steve Pilatich** reported Mr. Norris, I brought pictures of when they swept the road before. My house was buried in dust and the barns, and everything.

**Ann Marie Vadney** suggested there may be certain roads that this is helpful, maybe in the Hamlet, maybe in other areas, but the sides of the road on my road it certainly isn't being helpful and we might as well not even do it and focus on the roads in our Town where there's not dirt on the side maybe there's pavement goes all the way over. Town Park, is there a schedule for mowing for the Town Parks?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** asked schedule?

**Ann Marie Vadney** replied because some of them look pretty shabby and I'm just curious as to what's going on.

**Councilman Ruso** suggested if I may answer that, I spoke with Denis Jordan today regarding the Town Parks and the moving. He does have a bit of a schedule in his mind but there's two variables -- the weather and plus there are issues with his staff and availability of the staff. He happens to have a couple people out on sick leave in the past few days and someone on vacation, so he's had some trouble assigning people in the last week or so. They did get District 2 Park done late last week -- Thursday or Friday.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** confirmed Friday.

**Councilman Ruso** advised but he did tell me he was having trouble with the other Parks, but he wanted to focus on that one because it is the most used so he got that one done. That was the conversation today with Denis.

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**Ann Marie Vadney** said because I had someone call me up about it and I said I don't have a clue so now I will transmit that information to him. The dog fees, do we get to keep 100% of the \$7.

**Town Clerk Finke** answered no.

**Ann Marie Vadney** asked how much do we keep?

**Town Clerk Finke** noted I think \$1 of it goes to Ag. and Markets for the spay/neuter program. We keep most of it.

**Ann Marie Vadney** said so we get \$6. Then I had a question. I am on the Planning Board and I was speaking with someone from the Town of Coeymans because -- after some of the situations on the Planning Board and Zoning Board and the confusion as to who does what sometimes, even though the Planning Board Chair is very clear on what we're supposed to do -- I am going to ask our Board if we can research combining of the Planning and Zoning Boards. Don't shake your head Shelly please, because it has been done in other areas and if there is a process whereby you can achieve this based on my discussions with the other towns. I think that after watching many of our citizens come in for minor requests and they have to go to the Planning Board then they go to the Zoning Board then they come back to the Planning Board, you are talking about a minimal three months to do something that really should take one time. If you have one Board, you have all the forms filled out properly for say a line. We have something coming up this Planning Board Meeting, the person just wants to transfer a little piece of property. They own both pieces of property and they want to transfer a little bit more to one piece. Well, they are going to come to us, the Planning Board, then they are going to be referred to the Zoning because the land isn't enough acreage, and then they are going to come back to us, and God forbid that we do not transfer the proper information to the individual, they may be doing it for a good four or five months.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** replied where I agree with you, that's ridiculous, but from what I understand, and correct me if I'm wrong...

**Ann Marie Vadney** suggested you don't have to answer tonight.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** explained the Planning and Zoning Boards are different entities -- one is legislative and on is...

**Councilman Ruso and Councilwoman VanEtten** said Ralph, what do you think?

**Ralph Ambrosio, Esq.** responded I've not seen them combined, there's all these issues of Appeal or issues of variance versus non-variance. Whatever your authorizing handbook is, I don't want to call it a...

**Ann Marie Vadney** asked do we have a handbook, I have not seen one.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** answered Code Book.

**Ralph Ambrosio, Esq.** noted it should be in there.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** suggested let us do some research.

**Ann Marie Vadney** said that's what I'm asking, research this. The reason I am bringing this up is so that we can expedite all of these activities for the citizens who live here as well as for the people who we are trying to encourage to come into our community.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** asked have you already talked to either Kathy or Maeve on that, the two Chairs?

**Ann Marie Vadney** answered no, I haven't talked to anyone because I wanted to talk to the Board and bring this up because I know Kathy and I probably discussed this at one point, but it didn't go any farther because everyone thinks we can't do it. I am going to call the Board members up again and I will have them contact Mr. Rappleyea.

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**Councilwoman VanEtten** pointed out I think part of the problem thought, excuse me Jeff, is that, I think that the Boards are misunderstanding part of the SEQR Process which is making people go back and forth. That's why we are having this training. I'm hoping to clarify some of that and the differences which each Board does and that's why we wanted to have this training done because I do think that there's some issues that aren't clear and you're right people are

going to one Board back and forth and it is just ridiculous. But I do think that they are different and they serve completely different...

**Ann Marie Vadney** agreed, I'm not confusing their purposes. What I'm saying is that can we do some research to identify if there is a possibility and bring it to the attention of the Boards and the citizens here.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** inquired so you're trying to speed up the process, is what you are saying.

**Ann Marie Vadney** answered absolutely.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** observed I will talk to Tal and we'll get back to you.

**Councilman Norris** mentioned isn't that the whole point of not speaking through these things so they are done correctly and if there was a problem with zoning and something that conforms to a certain zoning you go to the Zoning Board of Appeals to get it appealed.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** noted the Zoning only does variances.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** said we don't know of any other town of village that has one Board that does both.

**Steve Pilatich** stated they just did it, it's in the paper for Coeymans, they just consolidated the Boards and they got seven on the Board now.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** suggested we will check into it and see what the legality is.

**Ellie Alfeld** wished to get back to the subject about the roads. I have been told by my son that if you doubt the hell that we have gone through on our road with the dust and the dirt and the unbearableness of not being able to open your house windows for almost two years now, he has videos he will gladly show you. Now Denis did come down and he did a road sweep, he dampened the road, he swept the road. Since then, we've still had truck traffic, tractor trailer traffic, bulldozer traffic, and you name it, we've got it. And not to say that it's as bad as it was before he swept, but I defy any of you to try living in the dust and dirt that we have to do. Jeff can tell you, I walk every morning, these guys are coming in and they're giving me a screening of sand, and dirt and dust as I walk. Now I can't prevent it, the Railroad to be very frank and honest here, and I said this out loud to Pat just a little while ago, the Railroad guys have really tried to work with us and go slow. There is a local businessman who seems to not believe that those 5 mph are for his benefit as well and he goes racing up and down with his trucks with full loads. We're not living as good as we were and if you think it's easy not having those roads cleaned, I defy you to come and sit on our front lawns.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** noted so what you are saying is it's better after it's washed.

**Ellie Alfeld** agreed it is. We need it, in fact we only get it once and it won't last, but we appreciate what we got.

**Councilman Ruso** advised we rent that sweeper

**Ellie Alfeld** said I realize that.

**Councilman Ruso** suggested perhaps what we could do because it is posted 5 mph, perhaps we can ask the Sheriff Department to put someone...

**Ellie Alfeld** remarked you can't enforce that law because it's not a Town Law, it's not a State Law, it's not a Federal Law.

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**Councilman Ruso** inquired according to Town laws, what would be the speed limit otherwise?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** answered it would have to be a white sign.

**Ellie Alfeld** observed it would be a 55 mph speed limit, unless other posted by the state or the locality, the State Law is 55 mph and that's what they can do there. The 5 mph signs were put up for the benefit of homeowners on our road to help us with this madhouse.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** added because of the truck traffic.

**Ellie Alfeld** continued we were told this was all done, well guess what. That was before Mother's Day, now they are right back to where we are. It's unreal. And John Halstead is the trucker and his trucks that are going like a bat out of hell; they don't care a bit that we have to endure this. My son is going to videotape it for anyone that wants it. He'll gladly show the clouds of dust.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** inquired have you spoken to him?

**Ellie Alfeld** replied who John Halstead? He's been spoken to before.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** said he has been spoken to.

**Ellie Alfeld** stated his drivers are going...

**Steve Pilatich** added if they keep sweeping your road, you are going to get a shoulder buildup and water is going to lay in the road.

**Ellie Alfeld** remarked I don't have pavement left for what their traffic has done.

**Steve Pilatich** said if you take a ride around the Town with the sweeper, it leaves a berm where water can't get off, it fills the ditches in, it's a problem. Athens, I believe, vacuums up and reuses all that material. You're sitting up there, you know how much material you buy, you're putting this material on the road. When they sweep it's going to end on the shoulders. Every year you sweep, take a look at it. There's some places that stuff is that deep on the shoulder. There's no way water is getting through it or off. As Ann said, go up on Highmount, when you come down that berm is under the guardrails. Wherever it's broke through, the bank is gone, the guardrails are out here and you have a hole inside the guardrail. You are going to get that in other places in this Town. As far as pictures in the sweeper, Mr. Norris probably a couple years ago, saw the ones I brought in. And when they sweep and the wind is right, your house is covered, you have to wash the house because it's full of dirt, of course you have salt, so you've got silica, and you are breathing all of that. And that's everybody in the Town. It's nice to have the road cleaned, but we may need to find a different method of doing it like vacuum it and reuse that material. There's got to be a lot of recovery. If you take a ride, just pay attention and look at the shoulder and you'll see it.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** replied thank you, we can do that.

**Councilman Ruso** noted that's not a bad idea, call Athens.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** asked if there was any other business to come before the Board tonight. Hearing none, a Motion was made by Councilman Ruso seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke  
Town Clerk