

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

January 12, 2015

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

- November 10, 2014 Public Hearing on the 2015 Budget
- December 8 Public Hearing on Proposed Improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant
- December 8 Town Board Regular Meeting
- January 1, 2015 Organizational Meeting

Public Comment Period

New Business

- Resolution to Set Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law #1 of 2015 to Approve Real Property Tax Exemptions for 2015

Executive Session

- Resolution to Rescind January 1 Appointment of Deputy Highway Superintendent and Accept Letter from Highway Superintendent
- Resolution for Term of Office of Town Health Officer
- Resolution for Term of Office of New Board of Assessment Review Member
- Resolution to Approve Grant Submission to the Bank of Greene County for the Summer Recreation Program
- Resolution to Appoint Recycling Center Operator/Laborer
- Resolution to Establish Water District #2 Use Charges for 2015
- Resolution to Establish Water District #3 Use Charges for 2015
- Resolution to Establish Sewer District #1 Use Charges for 2015
- Audit of Claims

Upcoming Meetings

- January 26, 2015 Town Board Work Meeting
- January 28, 2015 Comprehensive Plan Committee at 7 PM
- February 4, 2014 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting if Needed
- February 9, 2014 Town Board Meeting at 7 PM
- February 23, 2014 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM

Public Comment Period/Community Events

Adjournment

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

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OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Dellisanti opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also Attending Deputy Supervisor Ruso, Councilwomen Benway and VanEtten, Ralph Ambrosio, Esq., Town Clerk Finke, Tax Collector Jordan, and 6 members of the public who signed the attendance sheet.

Absent: Councilman Norris and Highway Superintendent Jordan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 10 Public Hearing on the 2015 Budget submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Councilman Ruso moved and was seconded by Councilwoman Benway. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT: Norris

The December 8 Public Hearing on Proposed Improvements to Wastewater Treatment Plant submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Councilwoman VanEtten moved and was seconded by Supervisor Dellisanti. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

The December 8 Town Board Regular Meeting submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Councilwoman Benway moved and was seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

The January 1 Organizational Town Board Regular Meeting submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Councilwoman Benway moved and was seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Dellisanti called on Dot Davis to speak on Highway Superintendent term.

Dot Davis began as part of the campaign that we campaigned for you was to get the Highway Superintendent back down to two-year terms rather than four and that doesn't seem to be happening and the people in the Hamlet want to know why because that was one of the reasons as to getting you the votes.

Supervisor Dellisanti explained to change the Highway Superintendent's term, you have to have a proposition that's on the ballot, for the entire Town to vote on.

Councilman Ruso added it is subject to a mandatory referendum and it has to be initially I believe a Local Law and then it has to go to the voters. So in order to get that on the ballot we have to start working on it. I personally don't recall that being something, it certainly wasn't the major things that I ran on, but I know there were conversations I heard about that. I feel now as I felt then, it is up to the voters, there is nothing wrong with that.

Dot Davis asked can we get this on the ballot for the people to vote on?

Supervisor Dellisanti noted I recommend you do a petition and bring it to the Board and then we will discuss it at that time.

Dot Davis questioned can we find out how many of signatures we need as a minimum?

Councilwoman VanEtten suggested I'll give a Tal a call and ask him and let you know.

Dot Davis said thank you, I appreciate it.

Councilman Ruso concluded whatever the voters want, that answers that one.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

**RESOLUTION
JANUARY 12, 2015**

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2015

**A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH A NEW SCHEDULE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX
EXEMPTIONS FOR PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE OR OVER AND
PESONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOMES**

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore, as follows:

SECTION 1. This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the authority of Real Property Tax §459© and §467. All definitions, terms and conditions of such statute shall apply to this Local Law and are incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. Local Law #1 of 2013 is HEREBY REPEALED.

SECTION 3. The Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore does hereby establish the following sliding scale of property tax exemptions for real property owned by persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over and for real property owned by a person with a disability whose income is limited by such disability, and used as the legal residence of such person, based on the income limits set forth below:

<u>Maximum Income Limit</u>	<u>Property Tax Exemption</u>
\$24,500 or Less	50%
\$24,500.01-\$25,499.99	45%
\$25,500-\$26,499.99	40%
\$26,500.00-\$27,499.99	35%
\$27,500.00-\$28,499.99	30%
\$28,500.00-\$29,499.99	25%
\$29,500.00-\$30,499.99	20%
30,500.00-\$31,499.99	15%
\$31,500.00-\$32,499.99	10%
\$32,500.00-\$33,499.99	5%

SECTION 4. Any person who qualifies for a property tax exemption as a person with a disability shall not be eligible for a property tax exeption as a person who is sixty-five (65) years of age or over.

SECTION 5. The maximum income limit set forth in Section 3 above shall be offset by medical and prescription drug expenses actually paid which are not reimbursed or paid for by insurance.

SECTION 6. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

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**RESOLUTION 41-2015
JANUARY 12, 2015**

**RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW
TO ESTABLISH A NEW SCHEDULE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS
FOR PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE OR OVER AND PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOMES**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore will hold a public hearing on January 26, 2015 at 6:45 PM at the Town Hall, County Route 51, Hannacroix, New York to hear those members of the public who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2015, a Local Law to Establish a New Schedule of Real Property Tax Exemptions for Persons Sixty-Five (65) Years of Age or Over and Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman Benway

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Dellisanti read according to Section 105 of the Public Officers Law, Section F, the medical, financial, credit or employment of a particular person or corporation on matters leading to appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

On a motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso the Board entered Executive Session at 7:08 PM

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

On a motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten the Board returned from Executive Session at 7:59 PM

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

Motion by Superintendent Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten to Table Resolution to Rescind January 1 Appointment of Deputy Highway Superintendent and Accept A Letter from the Highway Superintendent.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

Councilman Ruso explained for the public to know, this was in consideration of reconciling the differences of benefit times accumulated by the employees from a day calculation to an hour calculation and that has to be approved by the Town Board because there were individual names identified; we can't have that in public. However, this goes forward.

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**RESOLUTION 42-2015
JANUARY 12, 2015**

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BENEFIT TIME RECONCILIATION

WHEREAS in recognition that the Employee Handbook approved by the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore on November 24, 2014 was to be effective as of January 1, 2015;

WHEREAS the accumulation of employee benefit time required analysis of time used and;

WHEREAS the accrual of benefit time required changing said accrual methodology from calculating days earned to hours earned;

WHEREAS it is recognized that the derived accrual hours identified for each town employee who earns benefit time off required rounding of numbers and estimations;

BE IT RESOLVED that the estimated time for said staff members presented to the Town Board in Executive Session be approved.

Motion by Councilwoman Benway seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

**RESOLUTION 43-2015
JANUARY 12, 2015**

RESOLUTION FOR TERM OF OFFICE OF TOWN HEALTH OFFICER

WHEREAS the Town Board approved the appointment of Dr. Stephen Hassett as Town Health Officer for 2015.

WHEREAS §322 (1) of the Public Health Law lists the term of office of the Health officer shall be four years, payable at \$500 per year.

RESOLVED that Dr. Stephen Hassett is reappointed from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018 and the Town Clerk will send letter to the Department of Health notifying them of said appointment.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman Benway

Ellie Alfeld asked is that new, I didn't know it was four years before?

Supervisor Dellisanti pointed out it is a redo of the last one that we did. Either did we, it is now.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

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**RESOLUTION 44-2015
JANUARY 12, 2015**

**RESOLUTION FOR TERM OF OFFICE OF BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW
MEMBER**

WHEREAS the Town Board approved the appointment of Donna Degnen to the Board of Assessment Review by Resolution 38-2015 PM on January 1, 2015.

WHEREAS §3523(c) of the Real Property Tax Law lists the term of office of the Board of Assessment Review shall be five years.

RESOLVED that Donna Degnen is appointed to the Board of Assessment Review until September 30, 2019.

Motion by Councilwoman VanEtten seconded by Supervisor Dellisanti

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

**RESOLUTION 45-2015
JANUARY 12, 2015**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE GRANT SUBMISSION TO THE BANK OF GREENE
COUNTY FOR THE SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS the Summer Recreation Program has been a valuable program for youth in the Town of New Baltimore for many years.

WHEREAS The Bank of Greene County Charitable Foundation makes annual grants to help organizations develop new and existing programs.

WHEREAS the Supervisor together and the Grants Committee have drafted an application package to apply for funding from this Charitable Foundation for the youth of New Baltimore.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Supervisor is authorized to sign and submit the grant application to The Bank of Greene County to apply for funding for our Summer Recreation Program.

Councilman Ruso pointed out I think we have done this for a number of years now haven't we?

Supervisor Dellisanti answered yes, this is the second year.

Councilman Ruso concluded I know we did it last year and I think it goes beyond that.

Motion by Councilman Ruso seconded by Councilwoman Benway

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

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**RESOLUTION 46-2015
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RESOLUTION TO APPOINT RECYCLING CENTER OPERATOR/LABORER

RESOLVED that Kevin Pacuk is appointed Recycling Center Operator/Laborer at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, after six months of satisfactory completed service the rate will increase to \$11.50 per hour.

Motion by Councilwoman Benway seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

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**RESOLUTION 47-2015
JANUARY 12, 2015**

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH WATER DISTRICT #2 USE CHARGES FOR 2015

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby establish the following fees in accordance with the 2015 Budget for Water District #2:

User Fees Minimal Rate	\$460.80 Annually
Operation and Maintenance	\$138.00 Annually

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman Benway

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

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**RESOLUTION 48-2015
JANUARY 12, 2015**

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH WATER DISTRICT #3 USE CHARGES FOR 2015

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby establish the following fees in accordance with the 2015 Budget for Water District #3:

User Fees Minimal Rate	\$512 Annually
Operation and Maintenance	\$300 Annually

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman Benway

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

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**RESOLUTION 49-2015
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RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SEWER DISTRICT #1 USE CHARGES FOR 2015

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby establish the following fees in accordance with the 2015 Budget for Sewer District #2:

Debt Service	\$26.7749
Operation and Maintenance	\$35.9150

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman Benway

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

**RESOLUTION 49-2015
JANUARY 12, 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 2015-01-01 to 2015-01-54, it is

REVOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2015-01-01 tp 2015-01-54.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until February 28, 2015.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

Councilwoman VanEtten stated I have a question, I just have some concerns. You said that Councilman Norris is gone until April, because the phone bill for the Sheriff's Satellite is still in his name and I know we have sent him emails asking for him to change it and we are getting taxed on that because it is in his name and not the Town's. So I guess we will just send him another email.

Councilman Ruso asked I thought that was changed last year, wasn't it.

Councilwoman VanEtten explained it was supposed to be changed, but it wasn't. He has to do it, we just can't take his name off it.

Town Clerk Finke noted I sent emails in June and July.

Councilman Ruso asked can we send Chris an email?

Councilwoman VanEtten replied another one, yes.

Councilman Ruso continued to say let's get this rolling.

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Supervisor Dellisanti agreed let's do that.

General \$17,828.18, Highway \$2,275.52, Sewer 1 \$1,480.54, Sewer 2 \$99.38, Lighting 1 \$179.24, Ambulance \$27,301.98, District 2 \$2,350.36, Total \$51,515.20

Upcoming Meetings

- January 26, 2015 Town Board Work Meeting
- January 28, 2015 Comprehensive Plan Committee at 7 PM
- February 4, 2014 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting if Needed
- February 9, 2014 Town Board Meeting at 7 PM
- February 23, 2014 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD/COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ellie Alfeld began I don't know if the Town Board happens to read the *Times Union* Business Section, that's why I got this. They are notifying us that, looks like we are going to have some new action in Town of New Baltimore because they are going to be coming in with some new transmission lines. This is going to be with National Grid, New York State Energy and Gas, Central Hudson Gas and Electric, and they are proposing to build transmission lines and towers in a new sexy way. That's their word not mine, because it's not going to look like regular transmission lines. They are going to dress them up, but we can look forward, as we did with CSX, to more construction coming our way and they are not exactly telling us where or when.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked I was going to say, when does this start?

Councilwoman VanEtten inquired are there any contact numbers?

Ellie Alfeld answered I'm going to give you the clipping. Are you aware that Coxsackie is now merged with Greene County and the Chamber of Commerce?

Councilman Ruso said the two Chambers, yes.

Ellie Alfeld continued well, I think it would be nice when something like this happens, the Town Board should make note of it at their meetings so that the general public that do not read the papers and know about these things, maybe should know a little bit more about them only because I've tried to look up the Minutes of past meetings and I think they date back all the way to October so there's none on the computer so anybody in Town that wants to read Town Board Minutes can't and as far as the camera, which was a great idea, I understand that they had disks or something or other that had to be sent back to what's the name of that cable company, Mid Hudson, in order for them to put it on line. Well, we haven't got that service either so there is a lot of information that the people in New Baltimore are not learning about shall I say.

Councilwoman VanEtten pointed out well, we will be getting the bugs worked out. As with anything new, that usually takes a little while.

Ellie Alfeld said well I'm just concerned more about the Minutes that we have not caught up with since October.

Town Clerk Finke clarified we just did a bunch tonight.

Ellie Alfeld asked did you?

Town Clerk Finke responded we adopted how many, five or six?

Ellie Alfeld asked are they on the computer now?

Town Clerk Finke confirmed tomorrow they will be, the one's that we approved tonight.

Councilwoman VanEtten asked who puts them on, Lisa or ...

Town Clerk Finke answered I do.

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Supervisor Dellisanti confirmed we did four sets of Minutes tonight.

Ellie Alfeld continued that would be very helpful I think for everybody to know what's happening in Town. I do not have all the information at the present time, but I had notices of the Public Service Commission on January 20 of this month will be proposing more I think they are transmission lines and gas lines going through New Baltimore, coming all the way from New Scotland and their major station up there it will go through New Scotland, it will go through Coeymans, it will go through New Baltimore, it will go all the way down to Catskill. I don't think anybody knows the route yet because it has not been made public, but as soon as it is I will get the map.

Councilman Ruso asked would that be announced on the January 20 meeting?

Ellie Alfeld added it is going to be made public by the Public Service Commission as of the 20th to the best of my knowledge and that's what their printout says at this time which can be subject to change. And tomorrow, Wednesday, there is a fish dinner at the Church.

ADJOURNMENT

On a Motion by Councilwoman Benway seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten the Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke
Town Clerk