

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

FEBRUARY 22, 2016

AGENDA

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Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation by Randall Squire, Superintendent of the Coxsackie-Athens School District

Reports

Supervisor

County Legislator

Town Clerk

- Approval of February 8, 2016 Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes
- Resolution to Authorize the Town Clerk to Attend the New York State Town Clerks Association Annual Conference

Tax Collector

Historian

Agriculture (Chair Irving/Member Briody)

Ag Fest Liaison (Member Irving)

Animal Control (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)

Assessment (Chair Dellisanti/Member VanEtten)

Audit and Control Committee (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)

- Discussion of Fiscal Stress Monitoring

Buildings & Grounds/Recycling (Chair Irving/Member Briody)

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement (Chair VanEtten/Member Briody)

Fire, EMS & Law Enforcement (Chair Dellisanti/Member Briody)

Grants/Promotions/Economic Development (Chair Ruso/Member VanEtten)

Greene County EMS (Representative Dellisanti/Deputy Ruso)

Greene County Planning Board (Member Irving)

Highway (Chair Dellisanti/Member Ruso)

Insurance (Chair Ruso/Member Briody)

- Resolution to Authorize Purchase of Property and Casualty Insurance

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)

Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals (Chair Irving/Member Ruso)

Seniors and Veterans (Chair VanEtten/Member Benway)

Technology/Website (Chair Benway/Member Irving)

Town Courts Liaison (Chair VanEtten, Member Briody)

Veterans and Memorials (Chair VanEtten, Member Irving)

Wastewater Treatment (Chair Irving/Member Briody)

Youth, Parks and Recreation (Chair VanEtten/Member Dellisanti)

Public Comment Period/Community Events

- March 2, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM (If Needed)
- March 10, 2016 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- March 14, 2016 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- March 16, 2016 Senior Citizen Committee at 1 PM
- March 23, 2016 Comprehensive Plan Committee at 7 PM
- March 24, 2016 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 7 PM
- March 28, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

Audit of Claims

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, Councilmen Briody and Irving, Councilwoman VanEtten, Town Clerk Finke and 8 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

Absent: Tax Collector Jordan and Highway Superintendent Jordan

Supervisor Dellisanti: We have a presentation tonight by our Superintendent of Schools in Cocksackie-Athens, Mr. Randy Squire

Randy Squire: Thank you to the Board for having us here tonight again. We were here in the Fall for a project which is the same exact project we are going out in March. It's broken up into Propositions this time around. Before I start I just want to update the Board on a couple things that are happening in the District in the next couple months or actually weeks I should say. This Saturday all day our Cocksackie campus will be hosting the regional Odyssey of the Mind competition. This is a competition of students in grades Kindergarten all the way up to 12th grade. They are broken up into divisions by age and it will be the regional competition so you're talking about 26 school districts that will be participating, so about 800-plus kids will be converging on our school Saturday with their parents and family will come watch the different competitions. And what it is is each team chooses a problem or challenge to work on and they've been working since October on this. They meet after school, all done by volunteer coaches, parents usually some teachers do it and try to come up with a way to meet the challenge. It usually involves creating some type of skit or performance. So they will be doing those performances all day Saturday. We welcome you and anybody to come down, it's free of charge. You can come down and just pop into different competitions and see the kids work. It's a really neat competition, especially the little kids; when you get the 1st and 2nd graders doing it for the first time. It's really fun and go watch a High School one and what a difference it makes. So that's going on this Saturday the 27th. In two more weeks, on the weekend of the 11th and 12th of March is our annual Drama Club production and this year they're doing Shrek for the production. So that is Friday night at 7 PM and Saturday a 2 PM matinee and 7 PM performance. This is a great community event; we usually fill the auditorium up for all three shows. So get there early for seats. And again we have about 110 kids involved in our Drama production in some form. There's certainly acting, but also behind the scenes with the set construction, lighting and things like that. We are excited about those two big events. As you are aware in December the Capital Project vote was defeated by 28 votes overall so the Board looked at the exit survey, also looked at some feedback from staff, parents and a couple themes came out as possibilities for why it went down. One, is taxes, you will have that for some of our no votes. Some other concerns were the synthetic turf field as well as having the Middle School Library next to the High School Library. The Board chose to pull those two options out as separate propositions, but keep the entire scope of the project the same as it was for the December vote. So if all three propositions were to pass it would be the same project that went to voters as one total proposal in December. The way the propositions are worded is Proposition 1 must pass if 2 or 3 are to be done. If you want to see synthetic turf which is Proposition 3, you have to vote yes on 1 and 3. If you want the Library, 1 and 2 must pass. If you want all three, 1,2,3 must pass. So if 2 and 3 pass and 1 doesn't, nothing gets done. No work will be completed. So 1 is our base project, it's the majority of the project, about 90% of the work in the project and that includes all of our safety and security upgrades. We've been talking about security cameras inside and out, a more tighter entrance than we already have at each of our schools, new locksets in our interior doors so teachers can quickly lock their doors in case of an intruder in our buildings, upgrades to our fire alarm, PA systems, telephone systems as well. We had a good antidote today at our school in Athens. They had the fire alarm go off seven times this school year because it's got faultiness to it. So that's a good example of why we want to upgrade these systems so we are not disrupting the flow of schools, not having our volunteers have to come out and respond which they do tremendously in both communities. So that's one example of why we want these upgrades to occur in the Capital Project. Proposition 1 also includes major renovations to the High School. Did everyone get one of these; it depends on where you live in the Town? Major renovations to the High School and that's in the newsletter. We are basically going back to the last time the High School was really renovated over 40 years ago and now putting back together our programs by content area. So instead of having Technology on both ends of

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the building, we are going to attempt to put all of our Technology classrooms together. In that space we are going to attempt to replicate what kids would see if they were to go to Hudson Valley Community College, go to a Ducommun or other types of manufacturing facilities. That's one example of all of our changes that we want to happen in Proposition 1 to try to catch up to the programs that are taking place in our schools. We are moving forward with offering what we call an advanced manufacturing pathway or sequence for our kids including experience in metalworking, woodworking, earning college credits through Hudson Valley as well as a CTE certification in that program. Our facilities are somewhat limited in doing all that we want to do. There's an example where we want to upgrade that and also have space for our robotics, our engineering classes, computer science classes all in one cluster area. We want to move our art classrooms together instead of first floor, second floor; we'll put them both on the first floor, form a nice art suite going down the one hallway. The other hallway, we'll move our band and choir rooms adjacent to the auditorium and have space for our band, choir, and Drama Club all in one area again close to the auditorium. Now they're a couple hallways across the building. New science classrooms in both the Middle School and High School as well is included in Proposition 1. Again we want to make spaces that meet the needs of our kids and the level of classes that we offer in our schools in those programs. Also the Library again which hasn't been touched at all, the color is probably 1973. We're going to move that to the front of the campus, a very small addition in the front and give the High School Library a new place closer, adjacent to more the academic classrooms. That would be Proposition 1. Also includes the new track where we will repair and replace and widen the current track. By widening it, it will allow us to play all of our sports inside of the track, putting soccer, field hockey, and football inside that facility where now it's only wide enough for football. All sports will be able to play in there. The track would have the resilient rubberized surface on it as well. Proposition 1 includes lights for that facility around the track where we can play night games as well as a new scoreboard and sound system which was badly needed in that area as well. Those are the major components of Proposition 1, Safety and Security top of the list, major classroom renovations in the High School, as well as just general work is needed in all four building in the District. Then the track would be replaced and renovated. Proposition 2 would be to put a little bit bigger addition than what's in Proposition 1 so we could have the Middle School and High School Library adjacent to each other. We have a draft schematic in the Newsletter, shows that even though they are next to each other, they are separate; the kids won't be mingling while they're there. Allows us the flexibility in that space, where we can have some of our Library classrooms in the center of that whole space that can be used at the High School today and or we can flip it or use it for the Middle School or open it up and use a multi-space or for a Board meeting or other activities after school. It allows the circulation desk in the middle so both Librarians can assist anyone in a class in the High School or the Middle School. The Librarians can help High School kids visiting as well as the Middle School kids, an open space so they can keep an eye on everyone in the whole area. That's the Proposition 2 which is to move the Library up there so you have two Libraries side by side. It opens up where the current Library is with the computer lab to allows us a lot of choices of how we want to utilize that space. There is a long list, we're not committed to one specific use yet, we are a few years out before that. Some of the priorities include we have some space needs up in the Cocksackie campus where we're currently using locker rooms, storage rooms to provide some of our students services, and we'd like to move the services out of those areas into the more open, lit window environment. We are looking at adding another Distance Learning Room. We have three currently and we are maxed out. Our DL rooms do provide us a revenue source as well in the budget each year. That's a possibility just to have a space for our classes to gather in the morning or during the school day for projects, activities is another possibility. It gives us that flexibility going forward. We see this project as an investment not just for the next couple years, but for the next 40 years. We want to make sure we have a little extra room as our needs change over the next couple decades or another major project is undertaken in the District. So Proposition 2, fix the Library but also give us flexibility in space to do what we need now and in the future as well. Proposition 3 is to turn the field inside the track into a synthetic surface. I brought a sample in case people weren't sure what it was like. It is going to be similar to what Ravena passed in their project and they're looking into the same type of thing in Ravena. Hudson passed a project a few weeks ago and they're also possibly going to go to a synthetic turf field. They haven't decided yet as well. Proposition 3 is strictly just to make the field inside the track a synthetic turf

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surface, again to allow all of our teams to play on it or just maybe more teams can play on it without worrying about wearing out the field. Also certainly we can have all of our youth and community school teams on there as far as Henry Hudson soccer, Little League practicing on there and even playing on there as well as flag football. Our physical education classes will be on there every day outside. So it gives us a lot more use, days through nights, lights will be there. So it will be a constantly-used community asset for our kids and our community as we go forward. In regard to the turf, one of the questions we're getting because it's coming back on the news, the last news cycle, is it safe? There's two ways to answer that. First, is it safe from the standpoint of just playing on it, beside what the materials are. And that answer is a well-defined yes. As far as injuries go, there are generally less injuries on this type of field than on an uneven, sometimes rocky, some of our fields muddy situations, kids slip more, they twist more ankles. It's a softer surface to land on so we can reduce the amount of concussions that could occur in sports both soccer and football. As far as the material goes, the most common used material right now is what they call crumb rubber and that's the recycled tires that is being used in most of the fields and playgrounds across the county. There's been over I think 40 studies done already on the crumb rubber. They've all come back it's safe and different organizations statewide and different universities have done their studies. There still is enough anecdotal what ifs, what about this, it doesn't seem like it should be safe, the questions that now the federal government said they are going to do their own study. The EPA and a couple other agencies are going to step up to do their own study, it is supposed to be done by the end of this calendar year which gives us plenty of time if this were to pass to make a final decision on what we're going to do with that field. There are alternatives to the recycled tire; everything from what they call a virgin rubber infield to bamboo and also recycled sneakers is another option. That is already being used in other fields. So we will wait and see how this big federal study is done, see if it contradicts the other 40 or it goes in line with those before the Board makes a final decision, but we have time to do that. Passing this will allow us to look at that option for synthetic turf as a great community asset. Those are the three options. The financing all stays the same from the original project, though now it's broken down if only 1 were to pass it would be about 27 cents per thousand. Propositions 2 and 3 about 3 cents per thousand for each of those Propositions. So a total if all three passed 33 cents per thousand is the impact, 15 year bond going forward. We still are required to stay under the tax cap so it's not like all of a sudden your tax rate is going to be 12% or 15%, we are still obligated to stay under the tax cap. This year for our school, the tax cap is negative. We will deal with that this year.

Supervisor Dellisanti: What is your time frame on construction for the Astroturf?

Randy Squire: If we're successful, and one of the questions why are you going right back out, by having the vote in March, it allows us to stay in the same construction season starting summer of 2017. If we waited and not had another vote until next spring or next fall, we would lose a whole year if it passed in December. The plan is to have construction 17-18, hopefully have pretty much everything done by the fall of 2018. That would be the timeline at this point. Of course we are going to look at and see how we can do this with the least amount of disruptions of school, the classes if we need to stretch things out for a few more months we can do that if it means we don't have to disrupt anybody, the classes and kids and teachers during the school day. One thing in our favor except for the track almost all the work is inside, no weather issue, rainy summer or something like that. And parking lots, there's also Proposition 1 redoing the parking lots in both campuses.

Councilwoman VanEtten: Are you expanding the parking lots to make more parking lots, is that what you are doing or just redoing the surfaces?

Randy Squire: In Coxsackie, not so much expanding it, just reconfiguring the entrances. What we hope to have if you know the campus on the elementary side, just having an in and out for elementary parents can drop-off, then the center for the busses. We have two drop-offs and pickups for bus runs. Busses come and go on their own entrance. The High School would have an in and out for drop-off and parking as well. We actually may lose a couple of spots in the whole scheme of things, we have to add another road or entrance way in before that.

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Councilwoman VanEtten: It's a little confusing there; I had to drop off some applications for the youth program.

Randy Squire: Now you have traffic crossing. We have to have two people out there in the morning to direct traffic in the parking lot coming out onto the street just so the busses come out and the cars; like a figure 8 almost. My wife gets agitated every time she goes in that parking lot. We are trying to separate everybody out, everybody has their own in and out, pedestrians and kids separate from everybody else. Athens campus would be adding some more parking in the back for staff so that the whole front would be clear and widen the sidewalks, the sidewalks are pretty narrow, make them wider and create more of a buffer between drop off and the pedestrians.

Councilman Irving: You had mentioned this is a 15 year bond. It would be impossible to project the enrollment for the next 15 years, but what is the last 15 years showing?

Randy Squire: Fifteen years ago we are probably at just under 1,550 kids and right now we're just under 1,400; we have dropped about 150 kids in the last 15 years. We dropped, but if you looked at the other schools around us, we dropped the least by a lot. Fifteen years ago Greenville was bigger than us, Cairo was bigger than us. So now they're a couple hundred kids smaller than us.

Councilman Irving: I would be in agreement that it's impossible to project the future.

Randy Squire: Our Elementaries are pretty well leveled off. We still Districtwide are going down a little bit because our High School classes are still going down. Last year we graduated about 125 or 130.

Councilman Irving: What's our ratio between teachers and students, class size between teachers and students?

Randy Squire: In the Elementary, we are below 20 in a class. At the High School, Middle School we are right around 20, 21. A couple classes are big.

Councilman Irving: Is that pretty much on par with other districts?

Randy Squire: Little lower.

Councilwoman VanEtten: I think it's a little lower in my experience.

Councilman Irving: That's good.

Randy Squire: We pride ourselves in having the smallest elementary classes. Again every now and then you get that bubble class where you're not big enough to have another section and you don't want to cut another one as well. So occasionally we will get a class of 21, everybody gets nervous, Elementary classes of 20 or 21 students.

Councilman Irving: Have you found that the tech school enrollment has increased over the last five-ten years, shop classes?

Randy Squire: The classes themselves or kids going to BOCES?

Councilman Irving: Both.

Randy Squire: Kids going to BOCES has been pretty steady as far as percentage of our enrollment. As far as our Technology classes, I have to say it's increased. We've added a Technology teacher; this is my fifth year here, so that's another 6 classes that are being offered instead of 12, now we have 18 that are being offered. Five years ago we had no engineering classes, we had no robotics, no computer science. And with the advanced manufacturing program, what we've done is taken what we had, made sense of it for kids and parents to see the progression of going through the High School. It starts in the Middle School, you can see we call it a pathway and see an end to it, reason for it, could be a stepping stone to a very good career.

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Ellie Alfeld: Any state aid going to be on this proposal?

Randall Squire: Yes, that's why I is only 33 cents. When all is said and done, about 62 cents per dollar, the state is going to pay for it.

Ellie Alfeld: My second question, if this stuff is put in, are you going to get a guarantee if anything comes back with it not being to standards that you will be able to get reimbursed or replaced just to be on the safe side?

Randy Squire: We work with our architects and whoever our construction management will be to make sure any contracts, performance contracts we have those guarantees, warrantees.

Leslie Copleston: They are bonded.

Randy Squire: They're bonded, yes.

Ellie Alfeld: You always want to make sure.

Randy Squire: Again our architects, that's their job and they work for us so they want to make sure they get the best guarantees they can get.

Ellie Alfeld: One last thing, again I have to commend you. Every year you come to us fully prepared with everything and to answer the questions and I would hope, and I want this in the record, that Ravena would take the same kinds of steps to inform the people of New Baltimore. Thank you.

Pat Linger: I had a question. It doesn't have anything to do with your Propositions, but as a County Legislator something caught my ear while you were speaking about your AP classes or UHS classes and things that go through Hudson Valley. Is there a reason that you don't use Columbia-Greene?

Randy Squire: We do use Columbia-Greene. The reason these classes would go through Hudson Valley is because Columbia-Greene doesn't offer them.

Pat Linger: That's what I want to know.

Randy Squire: So our English 101, US History we go through Columbia-Greene. Other community colleges are able to offer their local schools those courses for free and Columbia-Greene and their President refuses to even consider that so I have a big problem with that. Schenectady, we lived in Schenectady Community College range, all those kids would pay \$0, here we have to pay. It's still reduced and take that for what is it, but it's a question I have with equity and fairness. Just a quick point, any of this work that we are doing on our regular budget, we're paying dollar for dollar. This is again the state has their set of money aside for a capital project, it's our money coming out of our taxes, so here's an opportunity to bring that money back into our community. It's jobs through capital projects. I think a very fiscally prudent way to use these types of renovations and upgrades to our schools. The state pays at the end of the day about 62 cents per dollar after all formulas are figured out on this project so it's a good investment; it lessens the load on our local taxpayers.

Councilwoman VanEtten: I just thought I read in this pamphlet that this saves \$16,000 a year in maintenance by putting this down versus the grass?

Randy Squire: Basically you go out a couple times a year with a street sweeper to fluff up the grass, it kind of gets packed down after awhile, you have to fluff it up.

Leslie Copleston: We basically save on mowing, lighting the fields for all the games, just the labor.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Fertilizer.

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Randy Squire: If we were to have this, we could have pretty much all on the synthetics or we could have all of our contests on their schedule, obviously the conflict of the regular field so you are not lining all the other fields either as much. You are lining a lot less for practices.

Councilman Ruso: Are you laying off groundskeepers?

Randy Squire: No.

Leslie Copleston: Not laying off, just keep as custodian and not hire a replacement so we are saving on a replacement.

Ann Marie Vadney: What is the life of all of this material?

Randy Squire: Right now it seems to be getting better and better according to we have a landscape architect who will be at our community forum tomorrow night, one next Wednesday, 12-15 a year range.

Ann Marie Vadney: I have a question in regard to if it doesn't last that long, are there monies for legal services in any of this because I know Ravena had one of their projects one was the track that seemed to break down very quickly, they had to replace it with taxpayers' money. Even if they're bonded or even in their specs everything's covered, you still need a lawyer to go after them.

Randy Squire: We have our Attorneys on retainer so whether we have to go after the track company or whatever they are there for us, annually a budget item. Again we are going to try to get upfront the best guarantee so that if things happen especially right after construction is done. If like you have your own warranty to buy an appliance, Maytag is replacing and not out of your pocket, attempt to do that.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Superintendent Squire, thank you very much for your presentation, we appreciate it.

Supervisor

The monthly financial reports for January were forwarded to all Board members. Has everyone had a chance to take a look at them? I would like to make a Motion to accept the January financial reports seconded by Councilman Ruso .

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Fire Department

I attended the New Baltimore Fire District meeting on February 11, 2016 at 7:30 PM. A number of items were discussed. They have received the first half of their grant of \$15,000 from CSX. The second installment is due in June. With that grant, they will be purchasing an ATV for fire control along the Railroad tracks where a large fire truck cannot respond.

Greene County EMS

The regular monthly meeting was held on February 16 at 5 PM in Cairo. There were 4 EMS calls in January for a total of 75 in 2015. As of January 31, 2016, there is a projected year-end balance of \$270,000.

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Greene County Sheriff's Office

Statistics from the Sheriff's Office New Baltimore Satellite Station. Please note that the following statistics are from within the Town of New Baltimore itself for the period of October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

CALLS FOR SERVICE	117
UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKETS	28
ARRESTS	1
COXSACKIE RESERVOIR CHECKS	115

LOCK NEW BALTIMORE PARKS	12
UNLOCK NEW BALTIMORE PARKS	4

Report for Statistics for the Town of New Baltimore from January 1-December 31, 2015

CALLS FOR SERVICE	453
UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKETS	123
ARRESTS	16
COXSACKIE RESERVOIR CHECKS	465

LOCK NEW BALTIMORE PARKS	175
UNLOCK NEW BALTIMORE PARKS	48

Town Clerk Finke: I would also like to point out that the Town Supervisor was instrumental in working with the Fire Company and CSX to acquire this piece of equipment. I know they are very appreciative.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Thank you. Unfortunately the person I was working with is no longer with CSX, but they have a new contact person now. Thanks, Barb.

County Legislator

County Legislator Pat Linger reports February began with a full day in Albany at the NYS Association of Counties Legislative Conference. The conference was an opportunity to sit in on valuable workshops involving anything from sales tax, indigent defense, broadband, property taxes, drones, ethics, and energy, as well as networking with other County officials from around NYS. I was in attendance for 8 committee meetings as well as the regular Legislature meeting. Having received the reports from Ricci Greene as to proper size, beds, and services that a new facility should encompass, we have taken the next step to get a cost analysis and estimate for a new Greene County Jail. This in no way commits us to the project, only to get estimates at this time. Special Task Force requirements have been identified and committees will be filled in the coming days to decide the direction of facility programming, construction, finance, functions, public relations, and administrative needs. The Ricci Greene reports have been made available on the County website under the Sheriff's department "Quick Links" for everyone to see. Notable resolutions approved this month include: - Refinance of the bond for the County office building, saving approximately \$700,000, - LED lighting upgrade for the Water St. parking lot (County offices), -Architectural/Engineering/Design estimate contract with SMRT for the new GC Jail, - Appointment of Jean Horn to the GC Planning Board at the request of the Town of NB, - Administration fee of \$150 with regard to In Rem Tax Collection, - Move 20% of 2015 In Rem auction profit to Wayne C. Speenburgh Leg. Grant Program. I was appointed to the Greene County Traffic Safety Board in February. One grant application has been received and is in process, a few other applications have been distributed. Limited grant funds are available to not-for-profit organizations. These funds are not taxpayer dollars, they are a portion of profit from the county property auctions, therefore, they vary from year to year. Contact me for details.

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Town Clerk

2 Late Dog Fees \$10, 7 Building Permits \$275, 1 CO Search \$15, 2 Fishing Licenses \$1.38, 40 Dog Licenses \$264, 1 Beer Permit \$20, 2 Park Permits \$50, 1 Minor Subdivision \$60, 5 Certified Copies \$50, 1 Commercial Zoning \$100. Total State, County and Local Revenues \$917, \$48 to New York State Department of Agriculture and Market for the Spay/Neuter Program, \$23.62 to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Fishing Licenses, Total to Supervisor \$845.38.

I received 2 FOILS in January from the same person, comprising six pages, and requesting 30 paragraphs of information. Since Diane was Tax Collector during this time, I asked Marjorie if she would be able to assist with compiling this information. She has been working on Fridays with me in this regard. Diane is now back in our office and will be adding her assistance in this project. So far we estimate we have used approximately 50 hours of staff time. I will continue to advise the Board on our progress in satisfying this request.

I attended the Association of Town's Newly Elected Training School on January 13-15 at the Desmond Hotel. Many sessions were conducted by the attorneys from the Association of Towns as well as the State Comptroller's Office and the Departments of Environmental Conservation and Health. At the last Work meeting, we adopted changes to our Procurement Policy that were suggested at this Conference by the Comptroller's Office. We are working on a couple more suggestions that we will be adopting in the coming weeks.

A Motion to approve the February 8, 2016 Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes submitted by Town Clerk Finke was made by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Irving. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

**RESOLUTION 73-2016
FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN CLERK TO ATTEND
THE NEW YORK STATE TOWN CLERKS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

WHEREAS the New York State Town Clerks Association has scheduled their Annual Conference from April 17-20 at the Saratoga Hilton.

RESOLVED that Town Clerk Barbara Finke is authorized to attend said training at a cost of \$125.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Town Clerk Finke: I would just like to point something out as well. It starts on Sunday and I think it goes until Wednesday. I am going there and spending this time, they have a mixer and a couple of things where I can meet other Town Clerk from all over the State. I am paying for that personally and the only thing I was asking for is the Registration fee.

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Tax Collector

Property/County Tax – I have been busy collecting town/county tax on January & February. I have seen many residents at the town hall and have enjoyed seeing them come in. The town has been paid in full and I am sending Greene County the remaining taxes. There is a 1 % penalty added to tax bill at this time. After February 29, there will be another 1% penalty added. Sewer District #1 – Bills have gone out and I have been collecting payments. There is a 2 % penalty added to this bill as it is after the due date of February 15. Water District #2 – Billing from New Baltimore water district was sent out by the town of Cocksackie in error to the residents of New Baltimore. I am sorry for the confusion this billing has caused. Cocksackie has sent out letters of apologies to these residents. Please ignore the card billing Cocksackie has mailed out. Please do not pay Cocksackie for your water bill as I collect these payments and have sent out billing. Anyone with questions please call me at (518)756-6671 x 1 and I will be happy to help you at any time.

Historian

Met with Fran and Bob Degni, who own the hamlet schoolhouse, at the town historian's office. We reviewed the town's files on the history of the hamlet school, and I made copies for Fran and Bob. Took two rolls of film in my travels looking for "hidden history in plain view" and prepared for my slide show at the town hall. Met with the board and members of the New Baltimore Conservancy and discussed plans for the Armstrong Barn now being managed by the Conservancy.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Ted had his program as a side note this past Sunday. It was very entertaining; a lot of photographs that he had. He was here about 1½ hours and we had about 45 people in the room. It's worth coming down to see this, the history of our Town. He knows it upside down and backwards.

Agriculture

I met with many of the farmers. Over the past decade or so a lot of the dairy farms are not functioning anymore. So I've been meeting with the farmers in the Town. There are some new things that are starting, I'm not going to get involved in that right now, but at a future meeting we'll bring that up.

Ag Fest

The first meeting, the next meeting is coming up. It went pretty much as normal for a first meeting. Some new ideas are being presented and it is an exciting event for the Town. I think that this year's will be as good as or better than it was before.

Councilwoman VanEtten: Depending on the weather

Councilman Irving: Depending on the weather, of course.

Animal Control

I traveled 101 miles this month. I had 6 dog calls and 3 livestock in cold complaints.

Assessment

EXEMPTION RENEWALS Exemption renewals are continuing to arrive. March 1st is the deadline for all renewals. *CORRECTIONS* Diane Jordan and Julie continue to share mailing address changes and corrections for the tentative tax roll. *DATA COLLECTION* Has been underway and the adjustments are being made to the records and assessments as needed. *TENTATIVE ROLL* the following dates have been set for Gordon to sit with the roll. The dates will be: Tuesday March 1 & 8th 9-1, Tuesday May 3 & 10th 9-1, Saturday, May 7th 9-1 (in Cocksackie)

Audit and Control

I have conducted three out of the required five audits. We have to annually audit departments that either collect or disburse funds. The first one I have before me is the Building Department and they don't actually write a lot of checks, they don't do that at all. But they do identify charges for people, their receipts match up to their permits and I had to check for that. The report came in sufficient, monthly reports were made

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appropriately and on time, and the results of the audit was, and we completed this with no issues, this was done on the 4th of February. I also was able to audit the Town Clerk's office, I will pass these down the line so you can review. I followed the Comptroller's guidelines. The Supervisor's audit, I checked the cash receipts journal, cash disbursements journal, we did some spot checks, we did some random checks of various transactions, checked the reconciliations, checked the receivables which there were none, investment records, deposit protections, and I think we've already done this, the only recommendation was a cash research journal to be summarized monthly for 2016 and you already had that put together, it was in a different folder.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Barb did that already, yes.

Councilman Ruso: As it relates to the Town Clerk's office, we did that on the same date. Looking at cash receipts, did random checks of various transactions, the same as cash disbursements, looked up a few checks and they matched, went through the cash reconciliations, deposit protections, accountability, financial reporting and receivables. The Town Clerk has indicated that recommended during the Association of Towns training for accountability cash checks to be delineated by person in her department. So I have to talk to that assignment for the reconciliation of the checks is done by Diane and Diane asked if I could hold off until she's finished with Tax Collection to finish that part. Diane's audits have not been done and that little component has not yet been done. I was also here to do the Town Courts. Unfortunately the Court Clerk had a major personal issue on that day and she was not able to stay, she had to leave. So we'll have to catch up to her during the month of March if not the tail end of this week. I am going to pass these down. I followed the forms as recommended by the Comptroller's office, you'll see what I speak of here and they're indicated on the top section of each which department they are. I am going to pass those down for review by the Board. If you have any questions, please let me know. I am going to do a quick Fiscal Stress determination as it relates to the Town of New Baltimore. I put this up just to give you an idea of what's going on around us, just as a point the lower the score on the fiscal stress, the better. Here is us, we have a 10% fiscal score. If you are over 45%, you are at risk, you're susceptible to fiscal stress. If you are over 60%, you are susceptible. If you are over 70%, you are in trouble. So I just thought I'd point out Windham is at 10%, Prattsville's at 15%, we're at 10% so is Lexington. This is just Greene County; I have some Albany County in there as well. Halcott's at 44%. We have the Town of Catskill at 44%. They are just under the designation of Susceptible to Moderate Stress. It's a mixed bag. Cairo is doing better than we are. Durham is as well.

Ellie Alfeld: Where's Cairo.

Councilman Ruso: Cairo is 3.3%, so the lower the score the better off. So we're in the lower half not by much though. Coxsackie is 12.5%.

Ann Marie Vadney: What criteria do they use, Jeff.

Councilman Ruso: Coeymans has a fiscal stress score of 72.5%; they are in significant fiscal stress. Colonie's not doing a whole lot better. So enough about everybody else, let's look at some other things, let's look at us. Every time you get a point it adds to our score. This category says Operating Deficit in three or last year's less than or equal to 10%. We are nowhere like that, but we have three years in a row of deficits. This by the way is 2014 data, 2015 the AUD has not been filed. We have 60 days and then they do their workings with it. The 2015 data is not in yet for all the other towns and villages. This was only released at the tail end of last year. I wanted to wait for the new Board members so they have an idea of what we are looking for and what we are doing. We didn't get any points on any other category. You don't want points. You'd rather have zeros. This is our trend line over on the left, Susceptible to Fiscal Stress is at 45%, Moderate Fiscal Stress 55-65%, and above 65% Significant Fiscal Stress. We're on a trend line. We're at 10 this year; we're on a trend line for 11.1%, although we are going to have a change in that because we did end 2015 without a deficit. Environmental Factors weigh in as well and we don't have too many scores on environmental factors, but the places where we did get some points and most of this is things we can't do much of. The Change in Population, we went down and have a negative score there. Change in Property Value, we lost points there. The unemployment rate is 8.2%; this is 2014 keep in mind. Total Change of Jobs in County, we went down by less than 1%. Any time it's a negative, you get a point. We worry about these because these will add to our fiscal stress score. Most of it is what we do, the Board, the town spending things, taxing things, however, these will have a slight impact on our fiscal score. Again some

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we don't have a whole lot to do of.

Councilman Irving: What was that property value, Jeff?

Councilman Ruso: Change in property value in the last four years had gone down 3.1%.

Supervisor Dellisanti: So we got 2 points for that.

Councilman Ruso: Yes, we did.

Ann Marie Vadney: How do they determine that?

Pat Linger: That should actually be different in 2015, our equalization rate went up.

Councilman Ruso: I don't know where the State came up with that. I thought it was based on actual sales, but I don't know. Let's look at a couple other things. These are some of the things they look at. Assigned or Unassigned Fund Balance is a percent of gross expenditures. Remember I told you we had a deficit in each year and that's why we are slightly down. It's not gone up, but you can look at this stress place where we get a point is at the bottom of the graph, if we were below 10% we would get a point, which would make our stress figures higher. With every point you go up a little bit more. Fund Balance, this is the one that is affected by our deficits. You can see that once we hit 20%, we got a problem. We are running at 30% closer to 31%. That should improve slightly because we have a surplus for 2015. Operating Surplus last three years 2012, 2013, and 2014 we have had one all three. I will add just as a point because I was here in 2015, the budget for 2014 was put together in 2013 before I was here and Nick, what was the deficit in the budget?

Supervisor Dellisanti: \$61,000 or \$64,000.

Councilman Ruso: Yes, \$61,000. What we managed to do was our deficit was actually \$20,000, even though we were budgeted for \$60,000.

Supervisor Dellisanti: We also bought a tractor that year for \$20,000.

Councilman Ruso: We did buy a tractor at the tail end of the year. If we didn't buy that, we wouldn't have a deficit, but we needed it. Cash Investment Current Liability, I'm not perfectly sure what goes into this one, 356%. That roughly indicates that if we had \$0 money coming in whatsoever, we could operate the Town for 3.56 months as we do things right now. We have 356% in our cash reserves of monthly expenditures. 356 sounds good, but it's not good enough and I'll show you later. Short Term Debt, we had 0%. So we're good on that. Personal Services and Employee Benefits as a percentage of Revenue, we're at 48.7%. Actually we ended last year slightly over 50.1%, that's an average number; 48%, that takes in the previous years. The figure is going to be going up. 2015 our figure is probably about, without having the all figures in, it's going to be about 55 %. Once we hit 65% in that range we have more points that are toward our fiscal stress. I think that we have some issues coming up in the near future. The Increase in Personal Services dollars is all about that. Most of it is about the health care benefits. Health Care Benefits went up by \$60,000 last year, that's almost 4% or 3 ½%. This year it went up by \$25,000. So one again we're adding a percentage to it; we are going to be approaching that 60% figure before too long. Another thing that we have to worry about coming up is health insurance. We have a good number of our employees who are older, late 50's early 60's. I wouldn't be surprised if we have 4-5 retirements in the next 4-5 years. In which case we'll be paying for their health insurance at \$20,000 a person and we'll be paying for their replacement's health insurance. That along will add about 6 more percentage points, 5 anyway.

Ann Marie Vadney: How much of that \$20,000 you're talking about per person?

Councilman Ruso: For a Family Plan per employee.

Ann Marie Vadney: How much has that increased with the new federal programs?

Councilman Ruso: We had \$60,000 increase last year and a \$25,000 increase this year. That's a lot of money in terms of a percentage. That's the one I worry about in the future probably more than the other. That's the one where there's an iceberg ahead. I'm not sure what we are going to do.

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Ellie Alfeld: We're not alone.

Councilman Ruso: No we're not alone. You'll see some other things that shows we have some worries about that. Debt Service as a Percent of Revenue, we're pretty good, you don't have a problem until you're over 10%. We are at 3.7%, everybody has some debt. I think that's our truck by the way.

Supervisor Dellisanti: One more year on the truck.

Councilman Ruso: Comparisons, this is not my favorite place to look. You'll see that other towns have in average that Unassigned Fund Balance figure, we're at 24%. This is All Towns, this is Capital District Towns, and this is Median Upstate Towns. So everyone is running about 40%; we are at 24%. I think that this one is also reflective of similar things. We are at 30.9%, that's at 61%, the Capital Districts Towns is 55%. This is Total Fund Balance as a percentage, Gross Expenditures, this is reflective to some extent of our deficits in the past three years, not entirely, but significantly. Operating Surplus not in a great place -1%, All Towns 2.4% surplus, Capital District Towns -.2%, and Median Upstate Towns average surplus is 2.1%. So you can see that we've had to make a change in our deficit spending. I know the new Board members observed our budget process, we have projected a budget for 2016 that's balanced. However, like any budget that one has you win some you lose some. We're going to be, I think that comes up next month, the dump closure and the Town is going to realize about \$33,000?

Supervisor Dellisanti: We already got it; we already received it, \$33,500.

Councilman Ruso: \$33,500, that was unplanned for, we didn't know we were going to get it, so we have more revenue by \$30,000. However, for years now we've been getting approximately \$75-80,000 for our Mortgage Tax and all the signs and projections are that we are going to be getting somewhere around \$50,000. We win some, we lose some. We are going to be up \$30,000 here and down \$25,000 there. Exact dollars we don't know, that's what budgets do. You win some, you lose some. We are hoping to come out somewhere in between. The only other issue we will have with the deficit issues is the truck that we had to buy that wasn't planned. We all know about that, that was \$25-26,000. The good part of that is that we've had a relatively mild winter, we only have 4-6 weeks left. We're still using salt bought last year. There's the Cash and I talked about it having 356%, but Median Upstate Towns have 643% so we're really not that great when you compare it to them. Personal Services Employee Benefits as a Percent of Revenues, according to this our average is 48.7%. We don't have to worry about it until it's 65, but I see that getting up probably between 56-61% which we have to worry about and I'm not even counting the days when our retirees or our current employees retire. I know there's at least one if not two of them that are in their early 60's, a couple of them that are older than me at 59. Debt Service as Percentage of Revenue, this is a place where we are doing better 3.7%. Fiscal Stress Score at 10%, All Towns at 11.7%, Capital District Towns are at 11% and Leading Upstate Towns 12.3%, so we are in a better place than all the other towns combined. If anyone wants to see all the numbers and details, see me later, but this is basically the source data for all these graphs. We have to be careful, we always have to be careful because we don't want to be in those fiscal stress places and I think it's important for you to know what it is we're looking for and looking to avoid.

Pat Linger: Is that report on the State Comptroller's website?

Councilman Ruso: Yes, but you have to do a lot of jimmying to get it out of there, but you can get it off. This is all the Comptroller's data.

Supervisor Dellisanti: When will they update that, after the AUDs are in?

Councilman Ruso: What they do is the AUDs get in and then it takes probably 6-8 months, it will be updated probably October or November in around that range. I think that they kind of push it off until after Election Day.

Buildings & Grounds/Recycling

No Report

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Building Inspection/Code Enforcement

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer Activities for January, 2016 is as follows: Building Inspections 12, Building Permits Issued 4, Building Permits Renewed 2, Certificates of Compliance Issued 2, Certificates of Occupancy Issued 2, General Complaints 4, New Building Permit Applications Received 5, Code Violation Investigations 1. Application Fees for January, 2016 \$195, Total Fees for Year to Date \$195.

Grants/Promotions/Economic Development

Councilman Ruso: We have two grant proposals out there, one for the Bank of Greene County; we haven't gotten a response on that.

Councilwoman VanEtten: We got it in by the 31st, but we haven't heard back. They usually do it though where they give them out to everybody at once and we have to all go there.

Councilman Ruso: They have the ceremony. One to the County Legislator.

Councilwoman VanEtten: The AgFest one is in so far, but I think we have more to work on.

Greene County Planning Board

The County Planning Board met on February 17, 2015 and reviewed four applications: - A Site Plan/Special Use Permit in the Town of New Baltimore for the addition of a silo/packaging plant at Package Pavement, 14554 Route 9W. The Board voted to approve the application with a recommendation of adding additional screening and landscaping. A Site Plan in the Town of Athens to locate a Dollar General Store at 9718 Route 9W. The location is 640' from the intersection of 9W and the Schoharie Turnpike. The Board voted to approve with a recommendation to use a monument sign. A Special Use Permit in the Town of Catskill for the placement of a manufactured home at 5281 Route 32. The Board voted to approve the application. A Site Plan in the Town of Catskill for a trucking/excavating business at 2869 Route 23A, Palenville. The Board voted to table the application for further investigation and review.

Highway

Highway Report January 18 to February 17, 2016: Monday January 18 called all in at 4:30 am plowed and sanded all roads, Dismounted and mounted 6 new tires for 1993 International snow plow, Painted rims for 1997 International plow truck, Mounted new tires for 1997 International plow truck, Repaired stop sign on Gedney Hill Road, Had plow cylinders rebuilt for 2011 International snow plow, Repaired bent sign on Deans Mill Road, Put salt in ditch on Church Street ice building up, Removed sander from 1980 Oshkosh before trade in, Washed all trucks, Installed new tires on 1997 International, Painted frame on 1997 International, changed all oils, and greased, Cut up tree limb that had fallen on East Honey Hollow Road, Cut up fallen tree on Alcove Road, Painted wing post and plow frame on 1997 International, Monday, February 8 called all in at 6:30pm plowed and sanded all roads, Tuesday, February 9 called all in at 3:30am plowed and sanded all roads, Installed fenders on 1997 International, and put sander on, Put plow and wing on 1997 International, it is now ready to work, Adjusted clutch on 1985 Oshkosh and 1993 International, Replaced cutting edge on 2012 International, Adjusted sander chain on 2013 International, Painted plow and wing on 1997 International, Patched holes with winter mix, Repaired leaking wheel seal on 1997 International, Monday, February 15 called all in at 9:00pm worked all night until 3:30 on Tuesday afternoon plowing and sanding all roads, Replaced leaking exhaust clamp on 1993 International, Replaced leaking air valve on 1997 International, Note (recently purchased 1997 International plow truck is now in full service and working very well.)

Insurance

We had a number of meetings with Nolan Pazin, our agent from Marshall & Sterling and Nolan had tried to get estimates for the insurance for 2016. The only one we got back was from Trident. He says there is some kind of a cycle that takes about three years for other insurance companies to get back into the swing of things. So we are hoping next

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year we'll have additional vendors trying to take our insurance. We do have a good quote from Trident. In 2015 we paid \$29,587 and their new quote is \$30,848 which includes the new car that we received and the truck as well.

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**RESOLUTION 74-2016
FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AND
CASUALTY INSURANCE**

RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby authorizes the Supervisor to renew coverage with Trident Insurance Co., through Marshall & Sterling Agency effective March 5, 2016 for one year at a cost of \$30,848.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

Supervisor Dellisanti: One other thing, when Jeff and I were putting the budget together the preliminary numbers, Nolan Pazin told us to increase our number from 2015 by 3%. We did that and we are actually saving \$200 from the amount from 2015 in 2016. So it's another positive number for us.

Councilman Ruso: We did \$31,000.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Any questions or comments on the policy, you have the policy in front of each one of you.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Personnel

I did an audit of the health insurance bills this last weekend. A couple of little issues I need to go over with Erin. Hopefully she will be able to resolve it.

Planning Board

The Planning Board met on February 11, 2016, with the following business transacted: Public Hearing was held on the Minor Subdivision Application submitted by Barbara Smith and Thomas Harrison for a two-lot subdivision on property owned on School House Lane. Public Hearing was held on the Site Plan Application submitted by Package Pavement Company, Inc. to construct a new packaging plant with associated silos and elevator at their business located at 14554 U.S. Route 9W. In the Regular Meeting that followed: Approved the Smith/Harrison Minor Subdivision Application. Approved the Site Plan Application for Package Pavement. Received application from Patricia Mack Cleveland to correct the non-conforming status of her parcel on Sunset Hill Road. Public Hearing on her application is scheduled for 7 p.m., March 10.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet on February 3, 2016, since there were no applications to come before the Board.

Seniors

The Seniors have not met, but they will be meeting on March 16 at 1 PM at Town Hall.

Town Clerk Finke: I would also like to add to that Conrad came in to see me and he put something in the newspaper about having more Seniors join. I did put it on the home page of the website so it's right there as soon as you open it.

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Technology/Website

We actually met with Joe at ITS and we're exploring some options to move forward. Once we have that information to present, we will present that.

Town Courts

In December, Court fees were \$12,159 of which \$6,584 was sent to the State Comptroller and the Town retained \$5,575. Justice Farrell \$5,917 Justice Davis \$6,242
In January, Court fees were \$13,567.75 of which \$7,158 was sent to the State Comptroller and the Town retained \$6,409.75. Justice Farrell \$6,884 Justice Davis \$6,683.75

Veterans and Memorials

The Veterans had their luncheon on the 14th and we had a full house. It went very well I thought. We got a lot of appreciation, a lot of people were very happy.

Supervisor Dellisanti: It was a great program.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

The meeting with Delaware Engineering went ahead with the resolution to proceed with the next step, everything is on schedule.

Supervisor Dellisanti: You met with the people down at the Plant a few times?

Councilman Irving: Yes, I met with Louis Betke and completed the paperwork for the permit and discussed the future of the updating in the Plant.

Youth, Parks and Recreation

We met with the Friends and Scott Briody is making a backstop and we had detailed information about it. Scott, if you want to say a few words.

Councilman Briody: Essentially one of the last phases is to put in the backstop and also safety nets in front of the dugouts so within the next couple weeks when the ground thaws out a little bit, we are going to go in there and auger the holes and place the holes for permanent and then use sports netting as the backstop.

Councilwoman VanEtten: I do have to add that Scott's company is doing all of this for us. Thank you very much.

Supervisor Dellisanti: We sure appreciate it.

Public Comment

Ellie Alfeld: I just wanted to make a couple comments. Barbara mentioned it and Shelly as well. The first thing of course is I wanted to thank Barbara, it is a very informative piece that she put in about the Seniors and if anybody knows any Seniors, she made it very plain that we are looking for anybody to join, so that I want to acknowledge. The other thing that I wanted to mention was I had spoken to you I believe last Monday or Friday looking for an article about the Veterans party. I went and bought a *News Herald*, there was nothing. I went and bought a *Greene County News* and there was nothing. I even bought the weekender and there was nothing. So what I wanted to report was the cold weather -9 degrees didn't stop the New Baltimore Veterans luncheon on Valentine's Day at the Cornell Hook & Ladder Firehouse with some 80-85 vets and their family caregivers turning out, the luncheon was a huge success. Also in attendance were representatives from the American Legion, The Veterans Miracle Center, New York State Departments of Veterans Affairs, and the Patriot Lights. Gift bags were given to each and every one, the food was provide by members of the New Baltimore Veterans Committee, the Cornell Hook & Ladder Fire Company and their Auxiliary, and special thanks to Ken and Barbara Finke because they did donate this huge cake with the emblem the American flag on it. The New Baltimore Veterans Committee is hoping to have more of this type of get together in the future. If you were unable to attend or have any questions, we may be able to get answers for you. Please call Town Councilwoman Shelly VanEtten and I have the telephone number of 756-3517. I think if you really want

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to know how the people felt, you had to be there that day. In order to serve on the Veterans Committee you do not have to be a veteran, you are just having to be interested in helping our vets and that's what we're looking for.

Councilwoman VanEtten: I just want to add that the newspapers were told, they were given the invitation, we cannot make people come.

Ellie Alfeld: I'm very disappointed in them because we don't ask for a heck of a lot.

Ann Marie Vadney: I just want to let you know, Ellie, that there was a very nice article on the blog about our veterans luncheon and it was very inclusive and I have a copy of that and I'm going to send it to our buddies at all of the newspapers and ask them if they would please print something about it.

Ellie Alfeld: I was going to ask you. She took some pictures and I know some of the people did and I just would like, in fact I was going to ask you, Ann Marie, for a copy of one of the pictures. It's a great group picture of the vets that they could all get in and I think it would really be nice to have.

Councilwoman VanEtten: I do have to add that it did make, maybe not our newspaper, but it went into the VFW national paper.

Ellie Alfeld: But our local people let us down. That's my feeling.

Town Clerk Finke: And they're not here tonight. I would also like to say thank you to Shop 'n Save because I contacted them and within a minute they were back at me and said they would donate a fruit platter and a vegetable platter. They are wonderful.

Ellie Alfeld: I saw the boy that worked in the bakery and I had to tell him what a fantastic cake, it had the best flavor.

Town Clerk Finke: I heard somebody say it was the best cake they ever had.

Ellie Alfeld: I told them that, I really and truly did.

Councilwoman VanEtten: I do have to say too there were a lot of people that donated and I really want to thank Ann Marie and she donated and we went shopping and the Town did pay for all the meats all of the stuff too, I do have to say that and also Lynne Wallace put in an awful lot of time and effort into this. So there was a lot of people, it was a collaborative effort.

Ann Marie Vadney: Maybe we could adjust that article that I have and add more things to it and I have a packet that we'll talk about that we want to send out to everyone.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Well done job by all and it was a great day.

Public Comment Period/Community Events

- March 2, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM (If Needed)
- March 10, 2016 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- March 14, 2016 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- March 16, 2016 Senior Citizen Committee at 1 PM
- March 23, 2016 Comprehensive Plan Committee at 7 PM
- March 24, 2016 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 7 PM
- March 28, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

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Audit of Claims

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**RESOLUTION 75-2016
FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

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 2016b-02-01 to 2016b-02-32, it is

REVOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2016b-02-01 to 2016b-02-32.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until March 31, 2016.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

General \$16,370.24, Highway \$34,804.53, Sewer 1 \$18,973.21, Sewer 2 \$162.84, Total \$70,310.82. That also includes the truck payment and the Sewer payment.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Any other business to come before the Town this evening?

Hearing none, Motion by Councilman Briody seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Supervisor Dellisanti: Thank you everyone for coming.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke
Town Clerk