

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

April 11, 2016

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Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

- March 28, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting Minutes

Public Comment Period

New Business

- Resolution to Accept Grant from the Bank of Greene County
- Resolution to Appoint Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer/Data Collector and Backup Code Enforcement Officer/Data Collector
- Resolution to Authorize Blue Diamond Septic LLC for Sludge Removal from the Wastewater Treatment Plant in 2016
- Resolution to Authorize the Audubon Society of the Capital Region to Install a Tangletainer at Cornell Park
- Resolution to Authorize Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation to Replace Streetlights with LED Equivalent Fixtures
- Resolution to Approve Settlement of Tax Certiorari Case with ZRZ, Inc.
- Audit of Claims

Upcoming Meetings

- April 14, 2016 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- April 21, 2016 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 7 PM
- April 25, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting
- April 27, 2016 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM
- April 29-May 1 and May 6-8, 2016 Town Roadside Clean-Up Days
- May 4, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- May 9, 2016 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- May 12, 2016 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- June 15, 2016 Senior Citizen Committee Picnic at 12 PM, Raindate??

Public Comment Period/Community Events

Adjournment

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

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OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Dellisanti opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending Deputy Supervisor Ruso, Councilmen Briody and Irving, Councilwoman VanEtten, Town Clerk Finke, Tax Collector Jordan, and 4 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

Absent: Highway Superintendent Jordan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 28, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting submitted by Town Clerk Finke, moved 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, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

**RESOLUTION 87-2016
APRIL 11, 2016**

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

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

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

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

**RESOLUTION 88-2016
APRIL 11, 2016**

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT PART-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/
DATA COLLECTOR AND BACKUP PART-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER/DATA COLLECTOR**

RESOLVED that Steve Mantor is hereby appointed as Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer/Data Collector at a rate of \$13.13 per hour for a maximum of 15 hours per week and Albert Gasparini is appointed as Backup Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer/Data Collector at a rate of \$13.00 per hour until December 31, 2016.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

Supervisor Dellisanti asking Councilwoman VanEtten: Do you want to discuss the interview process that you had?

Councilwoman VanEtten: We had two candidates; we interviewed them both. Steve was our backup previously. We had no complaints; he did a great job. Albert has a lot of experience as Data Collector; has all certifications and so we hired him as a backup just in case.

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Ellie Alfeld: Where's he from?

Councilwoman VanEtten: Catskill.

Ellie Alfeld: Is that where he was certified under, Catskill?

Councilwoman VanEtten: He was in a couple different Towns.

Supervisor Dellisanti: He was in Athens and Cairo as well and he also worked for the New York State Thruway Authority.

Ellie Alfeld: I'm not worried about the Thruway; I want to make sure he's an experienced Data Collector.

Councilwoman VanEtten: He's very experienced; in fact he was Full Time and he retired and they kept calling him back so he wants something that he can do.

Supervisor Dellisanti: There was one other individual who applied from Long Island; doesn't live here and he has a house in New Baltimore, but wants to do the inspection on Saturdays and Sundays so that didn't work.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 89-2016

APRIL 11, 2016

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BLUE DIAMOND SEPTIC LLC FOR SLUDGE
REMOVAL FROM THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN 2016**

WHEREAS Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Louis Betke has attempted to procure quotes for sludge removal from the Wastewater Treatment Plant to comply with the Town's Procurement Policy.

WHEREAS local companies were contacted for quotes and only one was received, Blue Diamond Septic LLC at a cost of \$0.0468 per gallon or \$327.60 per 7000 gallon load, the same amount as 2014 and 2015.

RESOLVED that the Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator is authorized to contract at the above-stated price Blue Diamond Septic LLC for up to 60,000 gallons of sludge removal in 2016.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Irving

Supervisor Dellisanti: We do have a letter from Greene County Septic that did not want to bid on this particular project.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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**RESOLUTION 90-2016
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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AUDUBON SOCIETY OF THE CAPITAL
REGION TO INSTALL A TANGLETAINER AT CORNELL PARK**

WHEREAS the Audubon Society of the Capital Region (ASCR) has been working with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to place tangletainers designed to contain monofilament waste from fishing at fishing access sites along the Mohawk River.

RESOLVED the Audubon Society of the Capital Region wishes to continue this service at fishing access points on the Hudson River and the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore authorizes the placement of these containers at Cornell Park and ASCR will bear the expense of the container as well as their installation and cleaning.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

Supervisor Dellisanti: You all have a copy of the handout. I think it's a great idea. We all know that every once in awhile you'll see a duck or a seagull with a line around their necks. This is something that I think is going to benefit our Town facility as well.

Councilwoman VanEtten: They're taking care of it; cleaning it and fixing so there is no expense to the Town.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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**RESOLUTION 91-2016
APRIL 11, 2016**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CENTRAL HUDSON GAS &
ELECTRIC CORPORATION TO REPLACE STREETLIGHTS WITH
LED EQUIVALENT FIXTURES**

RESOLVED Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation is authorized to replace Streetlights with LED equivalent fixtures at no cost to the Town of New Baltimore.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Briody

Supervisor Dellisanti: I received a call from Joe Hetsler from Central Hudson and he had sent me this form to fill out which I will do tonight after this vote that any time a light does go out in the street lights in New Baltimore, they will replace it with a LED light which is supposed to last three to four times longer than the regular light.

Councilman Ruso: So they're not going to go out just replacing them.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Only when they go out. They are going to be replaced with the LED equivalents.

Ellie Alfeld: I would suggest that anybody in the public that sees the lights burning during the day bring them to the attention of the Board because it does cost the Town money when they're not needed and it shouldn't be in service. It's happened a couple of times at the intersection of Route 144 and 9W.

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Town Clerk Finke: I get calls all the time and we pass them along.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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RESOLUTION 92-2016

APRIL 11, 2016

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT OF TAX CERTIORARI CASE
WITH ZRZ, INC.**

WHEREAS, ZRZ, Inc. commenced a tax certiorari case to reduce the assessment on certain lands it owns in the Town of New Baltimore, and

WHEREAS, following the receipt of an appraisal and upon the recommendation of the Town Assessor and the Attorney for the Town, it is

RESOLVED that the Town of New Baltimore approves the settlement of the lawsuit in accordance with the terms of the attached Consent Order and Judgment.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 93-2016

APRIL 11, 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 2016-04-01 to 2016-04-36, it is

REVOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2016-04-01 to 2016-04-36.

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

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

General \$4,589.07, Highway \$8,717.94, Sewer 1 \$1,058.67, Lighting 1 \$1,733.18, Lighting 2 \$160.59, Total \$16,259.45

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- **April 19, 2016 Ag Fest Meeting at 7 PM**
- April 21, 2016 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 7 PM
- **April 22, 2016 Veterans Committee at 10 AM**
- April 25, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting
- April 27, 2016 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM
- April 29-May 1 and May 6-8, 2016 Town Roadside Clean-Up Days
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- May 12, 2016 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- **June 4-5, 2016 AgFest at VanEtten Farm**
- June 15, 2016 Senior Citizen Committee Picnic at 12 PM at Hallock Park, **Raindate June 16**

Public Comment Period/Community Events

Ellie Alfeld: We have the Senior Luncheon at the Church this coming Wednesday. Menu is vegetable lasagna. Lunch it's usually been very successful; that's donation only and reservations are not required but are appreciated. It's open 12:00 and we're putting food on the table.

Supervisor Dellisanti: At the last meeting you had made a comment about some garbage in the area and I had checked with Gordon Pebler. We didn't have any forms filled out, he didn't start an investigation.

Ellie Alfeld: Excuse me; I have questions about that.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Let me just finish my point. As soon as you fill this out, I've have Steve start a file and get on the investigation.

Ellie Alfeld: Well I feel like I'm being an enforcement officer. I don't think when it is in Town Law about littering that it requires an actual form to be filled out.

Supervisor Dellisanti: You asked for an investigation and that's why I'm telling you. That's a little bit different. You wanted an investigation done; I need a form to be filled out.

Ellie Alfeld: I'll fill them out, but I'm going to make a list of all on one form because I've offered to take you for a ride even and show you them.

Supervisor Dellisanti: You asked me to check into it. I checked into it. He didn't have anything in his file; therefore, he didn't do an investigation.

Ellie Alfeld: Barbara filed a complaint some years ago about one of the places and it still hasn't been...

Supervisor Dellisanti: That's got nothing to do with 2016.

Councilwoman VanEtten: We can't speak of years ago.

Ellie Alfeld: In other words we don't carry over complaints from 15-16 or 16-17.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Unless their finished.

Ellie Alfeld: Every time we see litter in this Town we have to fill out a form.

Supervisor Dellisanti: If you want an investigation done, that's our policy.

Ellie Alfeld: I don't think the enforcing officer should have to have a complaint.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Well then I appreciate your opinion. That's your opinion.

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Ellie Alfeld: I think the Town is dropping the ball insofar as what you want this Town to look like. There is a college program where they say the broken window thesis. Maybe you guys are familiar with it; that's what's happening in New Baltimore.

Councilwoman VanEtten: It's not just New Baltimore, all other Towns.... And just a minute, have garbage all over the place. And unless people are concerned and stop and pick it up themselves, we can't hire a million people to go and pick up the garbage. We can't afford it; either can any other town. So what I'm suggesting is you have the Clean-up Day, concerned citizens keep a bag in your garbage. I know some of my neighbors walk up and down the street and pick it up in between.

Ellie Alfeld: Who do you think keeps my road going?

Councilwoman VanEtten: So do we. And that's very good and that's the only way we're going to resolve this.

Ellie Alfeld: No it's not because you're not going to fix it until the enforcement officer writes them a ticket or something to enforce the Town law.

Town Clerk Finke: How do you know who littered?

Ellie Alfeld: It's in the Town Law about litter; it's in the Town Law about junk cars.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Who do you send the ticket to, how do you know who did the...?

Ellie Alfeld: The property owner.

Councilwoman VanEtten: So if someone throws out paper on my farm then I should get a ticket? That happens almost on a daily basis.

Ellie Alfeld: I'm not suggesting a piece of paper, Shell, I'm talking about some of the piles that are evident as you go up and down the roads in this Town.

Councilwoman VanEtten: Again, if you point them out and there is a line on that form that they have to follow through, then we can keep track of it.

Councilman Ruso: I think there's a difference between the dumper and the property owner. I wouldn't want the property owner to be liable if someone else did....

Councilwoman VanEtten: Right, we did have problems with tires.

Ellie Alfeld: I am talking about litter as it's in the Town Law, how it is described along with junk car ordinance in Town Law.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Any other business to come before the Town Board? Hearing none, motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Supervisor Dellisanti: Thank you all for coming.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke
Town Clerk