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

SEPTEMBER 26, 2016 AGENDA

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Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation by Erin Nevins on Town Health Insurance Presentation of the Tentative Budget to the Town Board by the Town Clerk

Reports Supervisor **County Legislator** Town Clerk • September 12, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes 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) • Motion to Schedule Budget Workshop Buildings & Grounds/Recycling (Chair Irving/Member Briody) Resolution to Surplus Various Antiquated and Obsolete Computer Equipment and Printers through GovDeals Building Inspector/Code Enforcement (Chair VanEtten/Member Briody) • Resolution to Surplus 2009 Chevrolet Impala through GovDeals Fire, EMS & Law Enforcement (Chair Dellisanti/Member VanEtten) • Resolution Authorizing Supervisor to Execute Agreement with Ravena Rescue Squad for Ambulance Services Provided to New Baltimore District No. 1

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)

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)

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

- Resolution to Set Public Hearing on the Updates to the Comprehensive Plan
- Seniors (Chair VanEtten/Member Irving)

Technology/Website (Chair Briody/Member VanEtten)

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

- October 5, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting If Needed at 7:30 PM
- October 10, 2016 Public Hearing on Updates to the Comprehensive Plan at 6 PM
- October 10, 2016 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- October 10, 2016 Budget Workshop
- October 13, 2016 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- October 24, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- November 2, 2016 Senior Citizen Committee at 1 PM

Audit of Claims

Adjournment

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, Councilmembers Briody, Irving, and VanEtten, Town Clerk Finke, Tax Collector Jordan, and 14 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

Absent: Highway Superintendent Jordan

Supervisor Dellisanti: Tonight we are going to have a presentation from Erin Nevins on Town health insurance.

Erin Nevins: For those of you that don't know, I think everybody in here pretty much knows who I am, you all look familiar to me, Erin Nevins from EP Nevins Insurance Agency. I'm here to just give all of the information to the Town Board regarding their health insurance renewal that's scheduled to renew on December 1st. So I brought packets to you and I have additional packets with me. Jeff and Nick asked me to come in; I came in on a Saturday, we went through the entire health insurance renewal and all of the to-date charges on the Health Reimbursement Account as well as all of the plan information and rates for not only your incumbent carrier, but as well as competitive quotes from other carriers. So at that meeting it was determined that again MVP which is your incumbent carrier would still be a good fit for the Town based on price and that it was a competitive price amongst all the carriers. So the job was really just to evaluate the current plan, the current usage on the Health Reimbursement Account and look at those numbers and then decide how the Town wanted to go forward for their renewal with regard to their budget. So after looking at the Health Reimbursement usage, it was determined that the usage has spiked. The goal of having that type of a plan in place for any employer group is to have somewhere around the 50 percent mark of the total allotment of the Health Reimbursement Account. It can fluctuate from year to year, maybe go up a little, maybe go down a little, however, there's been a steady increase and it now surpassed the 50 percent mark. So as with any employer group, once the Health Reimbursement Account becomes ineffective as far as a way to sustain rates or coverage, the increase caused the Town to really take cause and really look at all of the different plans that were available and look back at their budget. So at that time Jeff and Nick brought all that information back with them. They came back and had determined that the Gold Plan 4 would be a good fit. It's a Gold Plan, so it's two steps up from the Bronze Plan, but the Gold Plan does not have a deductible associated with it, just copays. So their goal was to give a fair plan to the employees that did not have a deductible associated, going back to a copay-type of plan, and to cease the HRA account. So as some of you know, I presented that information to you at the time and at that time I guess it was determined by the employees that maybe they were unhappy with the amount of copays. Subsequently I was asked to come back tonight and give the full piece of information with regard to all the plans available at MVP as well as some comparisons of a couple of different plans. So tonight the Board has been given a copy, which I have extras with me, of the current plan that's in place, the plan itself is actually being retired by MVP and three's a match-back option that's similar to that plan. The second similar plan is another Bronze level plan that I put here as well as the Gold 4 that was initially proposed. An alternative of a Gold 2 and possibly a Platinum 3 based on some conversation that occurred between the employees and the Town Board. So all of those plans, of course they're inside of the packet, is the entire MVP full product line offering and all of their rates, side-byside comparison, one big sheet. But for tonight's purpose of trying to keep it as simple as possible, I put together this side-by-side comparison for you to be able to quickly look without having to flip back. So inside of the folder behind that information is the full product offering, your current MVP invoice so that you know how many people are enrolled and at what level, your current HRA usage minus everybody's specific information and name so it's really just dollar amount on that report. All of the plan details of every single plan that I am comparing here is behind there and then before we get to that also what I included that you did not have information, I got it today, was your renewal for your CDPHP Medicare Advantage Plan and the increase on that is 11.7 percent which I highlighted for you. I also put the details behind there. The rate was \$278 per person per month is going to \$310.70 per month. Your Dental renewal, which I did give you previously, for MetLife the plan design will remain the same with a 3 percent increase for the year. I do not have your Empire Blue Cross Vision renewal, however, I know from looking at other groups that are renewing in the same quarter as you, I don't have the December ones yet, there is no rate increase for the Empire Blue Vision and the plan will once again remain the same and at the same cost. So I put that information in there so you could refer back. So I want you to know that that was in there so when you're doing your budgets you have all that too. Just to go back to the plan comparison page, I gave the monthly rates, I gave

you the breakout of how many people are enrolled in what category, I gave you the annualized premium of every single plan based on your current enrollment, I used an HRA contribution level of what you currently have with this plan, what it will go to if you renew with the matchback plan, what it could possibly be if you went with a Gold 2 Plan option, and of course there would be no HRA if you took Gold 4 or Platinum 3 because they don't have deductibles. I then used the actual usage which I gave you the report minus anybody's personal information, it's just dollars. I gave you your current usage for your HRA currently up to today's date is \$54,075.74. So obviously this plan doesn't renew until 12/1 so you have another, just a little over two months where more usage could be incurred. The allotment was \$95,250 total allotted, so obviously you can see that it is over the 50 percent. The cost to administer the Health Reimbursement Account, which on the backside actually gives you the breakout total of what those costs incur, but it's a total of \$1,100 per year. So I actually used the to-date HRA allocation in my totals for the purpose of your current plan and the match-back plan and then obviously if you were to go to a Gold 2 Plan, the deductibles are much lower and so if you were to fund the full amount, I used that actual number. And then the other two plans there's no deductible so I didn't figure one in there. I've emailed this spreadsheet to both Nick and Jeff so if they want to use that template to do any numbers or changes, you're welcome to do that and put your own formulas in. But currently with a 12 month premium and the current usage, you're at \$123,877.90 pending any other HRA charges for two more months. If you were to renew with a match-back plan using that same usage, you will be at \$130,861, so obviously minus two more months of usage. The Gold 4 Plan which is what we originally discussed and the employees felt that the copays were unreasonable, they didn't mind making copays, but they felt that the copays were maybe too high for certain things such as ER and ambulance. So there's two options alongside of that that I put together. One is the Gold 2, the other one is the full Platinum 3. So the Gold 2 does have a deductible, but if the Town were to fund that deductible, their copays would be extremely low, at the lowest possible amount that they could be at any of the plans offered at MVP and that would cost the Town \$131,507 or less, but most likely they would go through the full deductible. If you were to go with the Gold 4 with the higher copays, the annual amount would cost \$118,369.32. And if you were to actually go with a full Platinum Plan which does have a cost implication to some of the individuals that are contributing to their health plan, the full amount for the year would be \$132,969.84. So the reason for the suggestion of Gold 2 is although it does have a much smaller deductible, a fraction of what you currently are at, the copays beyond that deductible are at the very lowest they could possibly be on any of the plans being offered at MVP. That's the best they can do for copays. If the Town wanted to give a full Platinum Plan, obviously you can see that there's a price difference of doing so, but they would not be at the lowest possible copays. All of these plans say network, no referral, National Signa network, no difference in the base policy, the difference is just in the benefits themselves.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Questions?

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: I see we are running in just about most of the options \$130,000 anyhow regardless; it's not a whole lot of difference between them if you are looking at just bottom line dollars.

Councilmember VanEtten: How does the deductible work for the Gold 2 Plan? Does the Town pay that or does the employees?

Erin Nevins: Well it's up to the Town to decide how they want to contribute for out-of-pocket costs and so if the Town says 'hey, we're going to put this plan in place, but all of your out-of-pockets are on you' then the employees are responsible for that. If the Town decides to keep a funding mechanism in place, then the Town can put funding out there for them.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: Doesn't that figure include the HRA, the \$131,000?

Councilmember VanEtten: They have to meet the deductible before the HRA.

Erin Nevins: Yes, it does.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: Are you saying that the HRA is on top of that?

Erin Nevins: That's on top of contributing the full deductible is inclusive in that rate. So if the Town said 'no we don't want to do that' then you would minus \$1,100 for the administration as

well as \$21,000. So \$22,100 would be off of that. I guess from what, just being in the middle, I feel that I guess from what has been said to me, that they don't mind going to a copay plan and moving away from the deducible, they just felt that that specific plan that the copays were a little unreasonable when you really stared to compare the plans and so I think that was the gist of the complaint. So, therefore, that's why I brought the Gold 2 Plan here as well as the Platinum 3 just to make a good fit.

Supervisor Dellisanti: So the Platinum has the lowest copay?

Erin Nevins: The Platinum has no deductible at all and it's full on just copay driven, lower copays than the Gold 4 Plan that we initially had thought we were going to go with and the out-of-pocket maximum is lower, however, on the Gold 2 Plan as long as the Town were willing to fund that Health Reimbursement Account for the deductible, the copays are at their very, very lowest.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: So what happens when someone exceeds because if we're already exceeding and we have in a couple cases the \$6,500 or whatever it was and \$12,000 for the HRA on some individuals, I see you have an HRA of \$1,400 to \$2,800.

Erin Nevins: \$1,400 for individuals, a full \$2,800 for families.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: Right, my point was that if we've already exceeded that in many of our cases if not all of them, they're going to be exceeded with ease.

Erin Nevins: It's a known expense and that's why I figured in \$21,000 which is the actual expense.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: I see, might as well just calculate that in there the expense. I follow you. What happens when that \$2,800 or \$1,400 is met?

Erin Nevins: If I was an individual enrolled in this plan, once the \$1,400 is met everything goes to a copay model and the copays are at their very, very lowest on that. So my recommendation is if the employees are looking to get that cost savings in their copays, it would actually be more on the Gold 2 Plan because the lowest copays possible are there so long as the Town is willing to contribute dollars to their HRA to offset the deductible.

Councilmember VanEtten: So on top of the \$131,000 it would be...?

Erin Nevins: No, it's built in. I put it in.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: No, it's built in.

Alan VanWormer: Erin, I'm confused. I thought there was no more HRA. I thought they wouldn't allow it.

Erin Nevins: CDPHP that you had before would not allow employers to fund more 50 percent of a deductible otherwise you could not remain with them. It was a carrier policy. So that's why we ended up moving to MVP because none of the other carriers have a funding limit.

Alan VanWormer: I thought after December that there were no more HRAs anyway, I thought they weren't allowing it.

Erin Nevins: Last December, that's why we moved to MVP.

Alan VanWormer: MVP can still do them.

Erin Nevins: MVP doesn't care. It's a carrier policy that CDPHP implemented on every single employer group. Which is thus the reason for the move and the Town can continue to fund the full out-of-pocket maximum. The Gold 2 plan baring the Town agreeing to front the deductible for the employees, it actually works out better financially for the Town, but also for the employees because the copays are at the very, very lowest on that Gold 2 plan compared to the Platinum.

Supervisor Dellisanti: And that's the plan below the one you presented, the Gold 4 Plan.

Erin Nevins: It is the Gold 2.

Councilmember VanEtten: Because it's only a \$5 office for your primary care, \$15 specialist. That's unheard of those copays.

Erin Nevins: If you look at the full on MVP spreadsheet tucked in your folder, you can actually compare every single plan that they have to offer and look to see that that is indeed the least amount of copay you can possibly get.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: Using this year's usage pattern with the HRA and taking your matchback Bronze 2, I see actually a dollar figure it comes closer to \$141,000 and I'm taking that \$54,000 used through 9/26 and extrapolating that at the same usage pattern to the last two months of the year because that's only representative of basically 10 months worth of costs. So making it 12 months if the same pattern exists for the last two months, that brings it up to almost \$65,000, plus add the \$75,000 to it, we're talking \$141,000.

Erin Nevins: It is hard for me to show what it would be compared to what it is for the two month period left.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: Nobody uses a doctor for the rest of the year, we don't know that.

Erin Nevins: It's a guess so the only thing I could use to give you this comparison is what I have, but if you look at Gold 2, Gold 4, and Platinum 3 regardless, the definite amount being contributed based on premium or HRA dollars with Gold 2 is that factual amount. The other plan you could add two more months of HRA usage onto that to really know.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: The Gold 2 that's going to be absolute that \$21,000?

Erin Nevins: Yes

Supervisor Dellisanti: When you made your presentation to the Greene County EMS Board that was also the Gold Plan at that particular time, but they went with the Silver Plan.

Erin Nevins: So the Greene County EMS, which I do broker many entities in the County, Greene County EMS has a different contribution model. Theirs is a defined contribution amount. So the Greene County EMS has a budgeted number that they use. They're like 'this is how much we pay, pick what's best for you.' Every company employer group is allowed to have as many plans as they want. So the Town, too, could have five plans in here if they wanted to. The difference is they have a specified amount that's budgeted for each person and the employees can look to see 'okay does that match, do I need to buy up, am I good with that, it's kind of in the middle.' So most of the employees that elected coverage through the Greene County EMS took the Silver Plan because of the employer contribution was not pretty much more than that and they didn't want to buy up. So it's kind of a different model of how they contribute.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Does any town or village that you represent presently have the Platinum Plan?

Erin Nevins: No.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Nobody and what's the reason for that, the expense?

Erin Nevins: The cost and generally as you're looking at these MVP products which MVP is a very competitive carrier right now, looking at the MVP product line if you look at the cost of a Platinum Plan as opposed to a Gold Plan with no deductible from an employer standpoint that's kind of where if they want to get away from a high deductible plan that's where most employees have looked to seek that relief. And it all depends on the employer group. So I do multiple towns not just this town, of course, you know you're my favorite, some of the towns they all have the same issue where they're trying to balance their budget, they are trying to keep taxpayer cost down, they're trying to compensate their employees at the town, so you're not the only town

in the situation So at a period of time when the high deductibles first came in, so prior to you coming in as the Supervisor, the cost of a monthly premium through CDPHP to implement this program, was about \$106 a month for the plan for a single person. The price has skyrocketed, so combined with the increased cost of almost tripling, almost quadrupling, and then, of course, usage over time it becomes that it's not a good fit and where that breaking point is can vary from place to place depending on the age and health of the employer group. Some towns have said 'this HRA is killing us, we have to do something else' and so that's when you start to see the change. And like I always said from the very beginning if your goal is to give good health coverage, do your part all the way around, the goal is to stay within 50 percent of your allotted HRA dollars. When you start to encroach on that 50 percent mark, it's no longer advantageous to the town which ultimately does harm the employees because then there's no other funds for anything else at the town. Some towns are encroaching on that and reevaluating their programs to go back to a copay model while other towns are still good with their usage and they're like 'we'll let it go another year.' So it's kind of a year-to-year thing, but obviously when we started this it was \$106 for a single person and now it's...

Supervisor Dellisanti: Are you trying to correlate the fact that when I came in all the prices went up?

Erin Nevins: No, I'm just trying to give you background.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: If I can just reflect back again at the HRA pattern as we have, with the cost that we have for the current plan it would come in at about \$133,702,. Just to give a retrospective look, the actual cost in 2013 was \$67,078, 2014 was \$80,981, 2015 was \$101,000, and so it looks like we are going to come in around \$130,000 this year for 2016. It's gone from \$67,000 and, of course, we're all blaming you. Insurance everywhere is going crazy.

Erin Nevins: I'm just the messenger.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: It makes your job tough, we understand that.

Erin Nevins: My goal obviously is to insure that I'm giving a good product to them, but trying also to accommodate the Board and your budget with your taxpayers. It's a fine line although I'm not responsible for it. I do feel some onus to make sure that you're getting the most competitive carrier, you're paying the most competitive rate, and you're adopting probably the best case scenario you can based on your actual group makeup and that's where I come in to give these types of comparisons for you so that you can just parse through it quickly without having to flip through 15 pages.

County Legislator Linger: Erin, any idea if any of these plans would fall under the Affordable Care Act "Cadillac Plan" getting penalties.

Erin Nevins: Almost every single plan in the State of New York falls in that category, not even just the Platinums but almost every plan in the State of New York.

County Legislator Linger: Who pays that penalty?

Erin Nevins: The employer pays a 40% penalty so I am almost, don't mark me on tape, but I feel certain that the Country is run by unions and unions have the most powerful, most Cadillac benefits you could ever even imagine and there's no way that that piece of the Affordable Care Act will go forward. I am almost certain you'll see that piece repealed, not the full Affordable Care Act, but I am sure it will either be repealed or amended because there's just no way that's happening. It's unreasonable to think that it would.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: Forty percent on the total, so we're taking \$130,000; 40% is that is \$54,000.

Erin Nevins: There's just no way you are going to see that. The school districts is an example. I report the New York State Empire Plan. Those plans are somewhere in the neighborhood of \$800-\$900 a month for a single person.

County Legislator Linger: But they have employee contributions.

Erin Nevins: Most of them don't. I mean you are talking about teachers or state workers.

Supervisor Dellisanti: I thought most state workers are paying 20%.

Erin Nevins: Even if they are, 20% of \$900 for a single person, most people have a family, in my mind there's no way. I'm involved in this industry and that's been spoken about from Day 1 and pretty much the consensus from everybody in my industry is like 'yeah, that's not happening.' Although it could, it's there. Most likely it will go away; it's unreasonable to think that that would occur. And every single plan in New York State meets that criteria. So you are going to tax everybody in New York State 40% even more on top of what you're pay now. You can't afford to have health insurance. It's not just the town, its employers, mom and pop shops and small businesses, individuals. You can't afford it.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Will these five plans be available next year or do we have to start from Ground Zero again?

Erin Nevins: I've got to look because the rates just came out this past week for next year and I've been, all of my energy has been focused on my fourth quarter groups and really involved with that so I haven't evaluated the plans, I just have them. Even if there's not one there as a match-back or exact, there's a match-back option. When I opened up the spreadsheet it actually looked like there were more plans for next year than they're even are for this year. The sheet was even bigger. I'm sure you're not going to have a problem at renewal time. And in evaluating the plans, the rate increases -- so somebody in my office was doing a quick tabulation from 1/1 to 1/1 -- the rate increases were 2-3 percent. They were minimal. So if you have this plan next year, you are only going to see a 2 or 3 percent increase in the premium. It's probably not going to be an issue next year for you so you might get another year of reprieve.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Can I get that in writing?

Erin Nevins: They never go down.

Alan VanWormer: The funds that would be required from the Town to fund the HRA under the Gold 2, would that be less than what was required and what we have now?

Erin Nevins: Yes, but the premiums would be more. So the premiums are higher.

Alan VanWormer: Because they're only covering the deductible right now; we are paying our own copays.

Erin Nevins: Correct, but to move to a Platinum while it sounds great in theory, 'I want the Platinum Plan because it's the best right,' if you look at the comparison, the copays are actually higher for you and will also adversely impact the people contributing. So there are people contributing that would impact them.

Supervisor Dellisanti: So based on the last conversation we had at the Highway Department about two weeks ago, Jeff and I took the Gold Plan out of the Tentative Budget and put in the Platinum Plan based on what you were looking for so we are going to have to...

Alan VanWormer: We didn't know until today about the Gold 2 Plan which is cheaper and we're fine with it so it saves you money and we pay our own copays.

Don Curtis: Which are lower.

Councilmember VanEtten: And they're the best copays.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: I think that before we finalize anything I don't know if we need to do it tonight, I'd really like to crunch numbers because there's a couple places where we are trying to avoid, we have some errors in the calculations. We have five people on the Family Plan, five town employees on the Family Plan as opposed to two.

Erin Nevins: I gave you a copy of your bill.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: I used my worksheet that you gave me two weeks ago.

Erin Nevins: I just got a copy of your actual bill today and on the back of there is...

Councilmember VanEtten and Deputy Supervisor Ruso: It says three family here.

Councilmember VanEtten: Are they doing employee and spouse though, they are broken down.

Erin Nevins: Here's the actual bill that I just pulled out today. I emailed you the spreadsheet. So inside of your packet I gave you the full bill plus the breakout on the back side.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: That will change our calculations actually for the better.

Supervisor Dellisanti: So now we're going to look at the Gold 2, is that what you're telling me?

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: I'm fine with that. I have to crunch some numbers, but we're not troubled by that. It's really in the same ballpark anyway. Erin's estimate is \$131,000 versus \$132,000. Once you're over \$130,000 it doesn't matter. We are actually willing to go to the \$132,000. We can crunch the numbers.

Supervisor Dellisanti: We are only in the Tentative phase so that's fine. So you want us to look at the Gold 2 then?

Alan VanWormer: Yes, anything that will save money to a point.

Supervisor Dellisanti: So that's what we'll do. Alright, Erin, thank you.

Erin Nevins: Does anybody else have questions? Do you guys have questions about anything in the packet?

Alan VanWormer: Erin, can you leave some of those folders?

Erin Nevins: I did.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Just so everybody knows, the goal here was to get you the best insurance we could without the out-of-pocket as much as possible. That's why when Erin had presented to the EMS Board, the Gold Plan sounded like we were two levels ahead of the Bronze Plan so you were getting a two level increase, but the deductibles were extremely high and I always thank Mr. Obama for that. So Jeff and I will crunch more numbers. Thank you very much and we'll look at that Gold Plan

Question from Audience: Will you let us know?

Supervisor Dellisanti: We'll give you a comparison between the Platinum and the Gold 2 what the breakdown is.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: When do we have to have our decision made, what's the deadline?

Erin Nevins: November 15.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: We'll be well ahead of that.

Erin Nevins: Would you like for me to go back and just put those two plans side by side?

Supervisor Dellisanti: That would be great.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: We have to have it plugged into our budget anyway which date comes before yours, so we're fine on that.

Supervisor Dellisanti: If you send me that, that will be perfect.

Erin Nevins: I did send you tonight's but I'll revise it with those two plans and I'll send it back.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Perfect, the Platinum versus the Gold 2. Thank you very much. Anybody else have a question for Erin before I let her go? Let's move on.

Town Clerk Finke: I will pass out the Tentative Budget for 2017. You have two weeks to review and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Supervisor Dellisanti: So the only change that you will see in that report, Scott and Chuck and Shelly, will be the insurance numbers if that does change.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: And all things related.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Anything related to it, yes.

Supervisor

The monthly financial report for August were forwarded to all Board members. Has everyone had an opportunity to take a look at them? Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti to accept the August financial reports, seconded by Councilmember Ruso AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement Greene County EMS

The regular monthly meeting was held on September 22. There were a total of 9 EMS calls in August for a total of 61 for the year. There were a total of 75 calls for all of 2015, so we are closing in our average rate. As of September 22, 2016, there is a projected year-end balance of \$270,000.

Greene County Ambulance Task Force

The Task Force on a Countywide Ambulance has resumed its work. They have made no report as yet.

County Legislator

September has been another busy month for me. All committee and regular legislative meetings were attended. I also attended a tour and inspection of the GC Highway Department facilities as well as the Solid Waste facility in Coxsackie. This tour brought us to Athens, Coxsackie, Freehold, and Ashland and was requested by the Public Works committee, which I serve on. We were able to view all equipment and ask about daily operations and maintenance. It was very informative and helps me understand the requests we get for replacement and repairs. I was amazed to see that we don't have many plow truck that are younger than Legislator Aidan O'Connor from Durham, he's only 29. Most of our plow trucks are that old or older. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the jail project has been completed and is available online, as well as in print at the office of the Clerk of the Greene County Legislature, 411 Main St. Catskill. This is part of the SEQR process which we are required to follow, and the corresponding positive declaration of potentially significant environmental impacts. A required public hearing has been scheduled for Oct. 19, 2016 at 6:15 pm in the Legislative Chambers. Public comment period is open until Oct. 19th and all written comments should be addressed attention to Warren Hart, Director of Economic Development, Tourism & Planning. That whole SEQR process is one that they are regularly involved in so they have taken that on for us. County Route 61 paving has been completed, striping will follow shortly. The bridge on Deans Mill Road will now close for replacement this Wednesday Sept. 28th, for approximately 6-8 weeks. They were supposed to start four weeks ago, they were held up on the last job. The Countywide Ambulance Task Force met twice this month in workshop forum to try to get to a design and associated cost point in our new endeavor. We met twice this month. We were supposed to have a regular meeting. The numbers that I mentioned to you by splitting this thing up to a northeast corridor and a mountaintop system, it's tougher to come down into actual numbers and call volume and personnel vehicles and that type of thing. So we did have two workshops this month. Still not at the point of numbers or costs or anything to bring back to the

towns, but I know it was a concern people haven't heard too much in the last couple of months as to where that Task Force is, they're busy working.

Supervisor Dellisanti: The towns on this side of the County, we are all planning on continuing with what we have right now with Ravena and Greene County EMS.

County Legislator Linger: For 2017, yes. Our goal is to have this designed and ready to bring to the towns and have a decision as to whether you're good with it or not in order for you to be able to put this in your budget next year for 2018, to begin in 2018. The hope is that very similar to Greene EMS when that started, that didn't roll out as a countywide system. That rolled out as a few towns that saw the need, got in on it early and the everybody else looked at it and saw how well it worked and then it was expanded out to the whole County. So our hope is the same thing here. We have three big town right through the middle that don't want anything to do with it, but if it's designed well and works well, they may come in later on, a year or two or five down the road. But it is still very active and I am on that committee, so if you have any questions just let me know. At the regular Legislative meeting, we read a proclamation to designate October 2-8, 2016 as National 4-H Week in Greene County. At this same meeting we presented a Commendation to Lewek Reynolds, a 7 year old boy from Cairo, who saved a 5 year old girl from drowning by quickly throwing her a skimmer pole to grab and pulling her to the ladder. Lewek was paying attention and reacted quickly when adults nearby were not. There were two specific items this month that I voted against. First, I opposed, in committee, increasing the Town share of the Greene EMS contract to keep 4 medic trucks in service. The idea was to split that increased cost 50/50 with the towns and the County which would have brought our cost up here. The proposal was defeated and the County will pick up the entire additional \$200,000 cost to maintain Catskill's Medic 3 for 2017 as approved by resolution. It is housed in Catskill right now, I think that after the first of the year that's going to change. Catskill is not part of the paramedic system for this year and they are not going to be part of it for 2017 and that was a request was to move that medic to somewhere else in the County. The alternative was to drop that medic, save the \$200,000. Three medics will not adequately cover the County. So we opted for 2017 to spend that \$200,000 and that was approved. The second was a motion to amend made at the regular meeting to remove 2 properties in New Baltimore from the auction approval list, pending further review, and a potential refund of deposit. While I was sympathetic to the bidder, auction rules are very clear about non-refundable deposits. My position is that all bidders are given the same rules to follow, regardless of "buyers remorse." The bidder has signed that they had read the conditions of the auction and voting any other way would compromise the integrity of this auction, as well as future auctions. This was also defeated and the resolution to approve all bids was approved. Also approved in the month of September: Property was purchased on Water Street in Catskill to expand parking for the County Office Building; Contract with Greene EMS for 2017 and that contract now includes on my request was any mutual aid funds that they receive will come back to the County, Purchased Four 18,000 pound mobile vehicle lifts for the Highway Department, Awarded the bid for the Rehabilitation of the Black Bridge over the Catskill Creek, Awarded bids for Abrasives used in Snow and Ice Control which the Town can piggyback on.

Supervisor Dellisanti: We got that today.

Town Clerk

9 Late Dog Licenses \$45, 18 Building Permits \$3,199, 1 CO Search \$15, 15 Hunting/Fishing License \$78.58, 1 Exempt Dog, 43 Dog Licenses \$330, 2 Marriage Licenses \$35, 2 Demolition Permits \$150, 1 Park Permit \$25, 2 Minor Subdivision \$60, 1 Certified Copy \$10, 39 Photo Copies \$9.75, Recycle Fees \$305, Total State, County & Local Revenues \$5,330.75, \$67 to NYS Ag. and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program, \$45 to NYS Department of Health for Marriages, \$956.42 to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses, Total to Supervisor \$4,262.33

The Townwide Yard Sale was held on September 17 from 9 AM to 4 PM. There were 51 sales on the list including the New Baltimore Reformed Church with food and drink items. A flyer was sent out in 4,200 State Telephone bills; posters and applications were available at post offices; posters throughout the area with businesses that have bulletin boards; press releases and reminders to the *Daily Mail, Greene County News, Ravena News-Herald*, and the *Greenville Pioneer*; advertisement in the *Times Union*, Channel 11; maps available at Town Hall, District 2 Park, Coxsackie Antiques Center, New Baltimore Reformed Church, Albright's Garage, and on

the Town of New Baltimore website. I would also like to thank the Highway Department for installing and removing the Yard Sale signs, thank you very much.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 12, 2016 Town Board Regular Meeting submitted by Town Clerk Finke, moved by Supervisor Dellisanti, seconded by Councilmember VanEtten AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Tax Collector

<u>Property/County Tax</u> – Anyone still owing property/county taxes will now be required to call Greene County for amounts owed and information on how to pay the tax bill. Please call Greene County at (518)719-3530. <u>Sewer District #1</u> – I am still collecting for the second billing for Sewer #1. There is a 4% penalty added to this bill. Last day to pay your Sewer #1 bill will be October 31. No payments will be accepted after this date. <u>Water District #2</u> – I am still collecting for Water #2 billing a 4% penalty has been added if your bill was not paid by September 15. The 4th quarter bill will go out in October for a November 15 payment. Anyone with questions please call me at (518)756-6671 x1 and I will be happy to help you any time.

Historian

August: Received photos of the former Albertus Hotaling farm from the owner. Made copies. Received a collection of photos which were originally used in the printing of the Heritage Book in 1976. These have become part of the town archives. They were donated by Alma Flegel, who received them from Mrs. Ackerman one of the authors/editors of the Heritage Book. September: Alan Bedell dropped off a couple of scrapbooks with lots of old family photos which he had found at a yard sale. Through yellowed newspaper articles and wedding invitations found in the scrapbooks, I figured out that the people in the photos were the Gallivans from Albany. My secretary Kate searched the internet and found a grandson Dr. Gallivan in Cohoes. We are in the process of reuniting these books with the family. Although unrelated to New Baltimore history, I was happy to help, and I appreciate Alan thinking of me as a resource.

Agriculture

No Report

AgFest

No Report; no meeting until after Christmas.

Animal Control

No Report

Assessment

ENHANCED STAR A mailing of approximately 61 renewal applications will be sent out by the end of the month. This is for the seniors who do not participate in the IVP (income verification program with NYS) renewal process for the enhanced star exemption. As all with all exemptions, the deadline is by March 1st of next year. **STAR CREDIT PROGRAM** We have received a few phone calls from homeowners with questions about the STAR credit they are to be receiving. We refer them to either the NYS web site or a phone number for their inquiries.

Audit and Control

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: We have one Town account from 2015 that is still required to be audited; it has been difficult to get together. We are scheduled for Saturday morning to accomplish that audit. Aside from that, we have been busy working on the budget for mostly every Saturday for the last six weeks. It's that time of the year we're not auditing as much as trying to figure out next year's expenses.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember Irving to Schedule Budget Workshop on October 10, 2016 following business of the Regular Town Board Meeting. AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Supervisor Dellisanti: At that meeting we'll go through the entire budget line by line.

Buildings Grounds/Recycling

60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastics) 26, 55 Gallon Drums of Cans & Aluminum 6, 32 Bundles of Magazines & Phone Books, 40 Bags & Bundles of Newspaper, 12 Bags of Shredded Paper, 22 Boxes & Bundles of Cardboard. No income.

Alan VanWormer: The metal dumpster was (unable to understand).

Supervisor Dellisanti: We got a check today for \$152.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 160-2016 SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS VARIOUS ANTIQUATED AND OBSOLETE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND PRINTERS THROUGH GOVDEALS

WHEREAS over the years Town Hall has received various donations of surplus computer equipment that are currently obsolete and printers that no longer function.

RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approves the surplus of said equipment through GovDeals, Inc. auction services as approved by Resolution 139-2016.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember Briody AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for August, 2016, is as follows: Building Inspections 22, Building Permits Issued 8, Building Permits Renewed 9, Certificates of Compliance Issued 7, Certificates of Occupancy Issued 3, Certificate of Occupancy Searches 1, Commercial Plan Reviews 2, Commercial Site Fire Inspections 5, Court Appearances 1, Demolition Permit Applications Received 2, Demolition Permits Issued 2, General Complaints 1, New Building Permit Applications Received 9, Pool Permit Applications Received 1, Pool Permits Issued 1, Septic System Replacement Applications 1, Code Violation Investigations 1, Application Fees for August, 2016: \$ 3,349.00, Total Fees for Year to Date: \$10,192.40

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 161-2016 SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS 2009 CHEVROLET IMPALA THROUGH GOVDEALS

WHEREAS Greene County surplused a 2009 Chevrolet Impala used by the Greene County Sheriff's Office to the Town on April 6, 2015 at no cost to the Town.

WHEREAS the power steering pump and hoses have been repaired twice and still not functioning properly for safe usage.

RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approves the surplus of the 2009 Chevrolet Impala through GovDeals, Inc. auction services as approved by Resolution 139-2016 with a minimum bid of \$3,000, as is and where is, and buyer to pay all expenses.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

Supervisor Dellisanti: This was a good deal. The Sheriff gave us this car; we had it for a yearand-a-half and we did save mileage for that period of time, but it's just at a point where the repairs outweigh the use of the vehicle. I do have a bid in for another vehicle from the Sheriff, he's already been made aware of that so we're on the list. Right now we have basically a reserve of \$3,000 on the bid and we are hoping to get at least that for the car. Any questions or comments?

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 162-2016 SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH RAVENA RESCUE SQUAD FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED TO NEW BALTIMORE DISTRICT NO. 1

RESOLVED the Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to execute an agreement with Ravena Rescue Squad for the period January 1, 2017-December 31, 2017 for basic ambulance service provided to New Baltimore Ambulance District No. 1 at a total cost of \$24,251.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember Briody

Supervisor Dellisanti: The cost of this particular contract had an increase of \$485 which is absolutely terrific. The Ravena Rescue Squad has done and outstanding job for us and they are actually the only rescue squad that gives us reimbursement on some of the money that they do collect. I'm very happy to get this contract and I thanked Ginny Pearson who is in charge of that. We had a nice conversation on the phone. She was worried that we were going to be mad about the increase in the ambulance service. I said I wish I got calls from everybody like you. I can deal with \$485 for the program. Any other comments or questions?

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Supervisor Dellisanti: I am going to sign this now and we are going to get this to Ms. Pearson.

Grants/Promotions/Economic Development No Report

Greene County Planning Board No Report

Highway

Highway Report August 22 to September 22, 2016: Checked grates and ditches cleaned where needed, Cut hanging limbs along roads, Picked up garbage dumped on Paradise Hill Road, Took junk culvert pipe to W&J for recycle, Took stumps from Mount Misery to stump dump, Mowed and weed eat all parks and Town Hall as needed, Mowed and weed eat cemeteries, Hand patched Staco Road, Alcove Road, Dugway Lane, and Sarles Roads with blacktop, Hand patched dirt roads with crusher run, Moved picnic tables to District 2 park for Veterans luncheon, Cut hanging limbs at District 3 Park, Changed oil and filter on Case/International tractor, Moved picnic tables back to District 3 Park, Cut brush and limbs on Medway Earlton Road, Brush hogged field at District 1 Park, Cut brush behind guide rails on New Street, Cut up fallen tree on East Honey Hollow Road, Patched holes with winter mix, Cleaned up large fallen tree on Deans Mill Road, Replaced rusted brake line on 2002 Ford Pickup, Cut brush and trees on Beaver Lane, Met with Nick and Jeff regarding employee health insurance, Installed "Watch for Children" signs on Flatbush Road, Installed two "No Parking" signs on Acquetuck Road, Replaced 3" box tubing on Case/International mower for along roads, Winterized Hyster roller, Put new rear rim on Case/International tractor, Mowed along roads, Checked over all fuel and gasoline storage tanks for DEC inspection

Insurance

We already had Erin here.

Personnel

No Personnel issues this month.

Planning Board

The Planning Board met on September 8, 2016, with the following business transacted: Continued discussion with Attorney Michael Biscone, authorized representative for William Brandt, regarding the proposed Bristol Manor assisted living facility, Received Minor Subdivision Application for two-lot subdivision of the Leona Flack property located on Route 61. Required Public Hearing has been scheduled for 7 p.m., October 13, 2016.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet on September 7, 2016, since there were no applications to come before the Board.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 163-2016 SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING ON THE UPDATES TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS the Comprehensive Plan Committee has been meeting monthly since 2014 and has recommended changes to the Plan.

WHEREAS the Greene County Planning Board approved said updates at their August 17, 2016 meeting.

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby schedules a Public Hearing on October 10, 2016 at 6 PM to accept public comment on said proposed updates.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE UPDATES TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Notice is hereby given that there will be a Public Hearing before the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore on October 10, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall, 3809 County Route

51, Hannacroix, New York to hear those members of the public who wish to be heard regarding updates to the Comprehensive Plan.

All persons wishing to be heard in favor or opposition will have such opportunity at the time and place stated above.

By Order of the New Baltimore Town Board, Barbara M. Finke Town Clerk

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember Briody AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Seniors

Councilmember VanEtten: The Seniors are planning their Christmas luncheon and they're not meeting until November 2.

Ellie Alfeld: Right now it looks like we have made the determination as to the bids and it will be held at Pegasus. We are anticipating a nice turnout.

Councilmember Ruso: When's the luncheon?

Ellie Alfeld: The luncheon will be Wednesday, December 7 I believe is the correct date.

Technology/Website

Councilmember Briody: We have half the computers for the Code Enforcement Officer. Chuck will check in on the sewer plant. We have software coming for the new digital recorder which we were able to get upgraded to two versions newer because the older versions were not available, at no cost.

Town Courts

In July, Court fees were \$18,376 of which \$10,576 was sent to the State Comptroller and the Town retained \$7,800. Justice Farrell \$10,665 Justice Davis \$7,711

Veterans and Memorials

Councilmember VanEtten: We will probably start meeting again in November to plan the veterans' luncheon on Valentine's Day.

Wastewater Treatment

Councilmember Irving: Other than the technology upgrade, that's it.

Youth, Parks and Recreation

No Report

Public Comment

Alan VanWormer: On the Highway report we spoke of the DEC inspection that was done last Friday. Everything was fine, there were no issues. They had a recommendation that we build a containment dyke around the (unable to understand). For some reason that's not regulated, you're not required to have one on heating oil tanks, but it's cheap insurance if that tank ever sprung a leak so we are going to do that in the spring Denis said. Shelly, we spoke once about the memorial garden.

Councilmember VanEtten: Ellie had said some people were interested, but I haven't had anybody contact me as to what they wanted exactly. If you have something in mind, Alan, let me know what you think.

Alan VanWormer: The fire company will pay for both of those bricks.

Councilmember VanEtten: What we'll have to do is put together, if I have any volunteers, a committee of people that would like to do work on this. Alan (VanWormer), Barb (Finke), and Ann Marie (Vadney) will do it. I'll give you a call and we'll plan the meeting.

Community Events

- October 5, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting If Needed at 7:30 PM
- October 10, 2016 Public Hearing on Updates to the Comprehensive Plan at 6 PM
- October 10, 2016 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- October 10, 2016 Budget Workshop
- October 13, 2016 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- October 24, 2016 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- November 2, 2016 Senior Citizen Committee at 1 PM

Audit of Claims

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION #164-2016 SEPTEMBER 26, 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-09-01 to 2016b-09-32 it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2016b-09-01 to 2016b-09-32.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until November 30, 2016.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember VanEtten AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

General \$8,295.16, Highway \$7,016.22, Sewer 1 \$2,099.28, Sewer 2 \$137.18, Water 2 \$404.34, Total \$17,952.18

Supervisor Dellisanti: Any other business to come before the Town tonight? Hearing none, I'll accept a Motion.

On a motion by Councilmember Briody seconded by Councilmember VanEtten, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Supervisor Dellisanti: Thank you all for coming tonight.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke Town Clerk