

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

APRIL 24, 2017

AGENDA

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation by Tammy Sutherland (School Superintendent) and Robyn Bhend (School Business Official/Purchasing Agent) from the Greenville Central School District

Reports

Supervisor

County Legislator

Town Clerk

- Resolution to Approve Refund for Park Deposit
- Approval of April 10, 2017 Town Board Regular 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)

- Resolution to Approve Annual Review of Accounts for Tax Collector

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

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

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

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)

- Townwide Roadside Clean-Up Day April 28-April 30 and May 5-7. Highway to pick up Orange Bags on Monday, May 1 and 8. Sign up in the Town Clerk's Office or the Recycling Center
- Motion to Authorize the Highway Superintendent to Order and Install NYW7-6 Signage for a Deaf Child on Sodom Road

Insurance (Chair Ruso/Member Briody)

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)

- Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

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

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)

- Resolution to Accept Grant from The Bank of Greene County

Public Comment Period/Community Events

- Townwide Roadside Cleanup Days April 28-April 30 and May 5-7. Sign up in the Town Clerk's Office or the Recycling Center
- May 3, 2017 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM
- May 8, 2017 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- May 10, 2017 Senior Citizen Committee at 10 AM
- May 11, 2017 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- May-24 ~~22~~, 2017 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- May 25, 2017 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 5:30 PM
- May 26, 2017 Memorials Committee at 11 AM

- June 3-4, 2017 AgFest at VanEtten Farm
- June 14, 2017 Senior Committee Picnic at District 2 Park at 12 Noon

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, Councilmembers Briody and Irving, Tax Collector Jordan and 4 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

Absent: Councilmember VanEtten (sick), Town Clerk Finke (attending New York State Town Clerks Association Conference), and Highway Superintendent Jordan

Supervisor Dellisanti: Tonight we have a presentation by Tammy Sutherland, Superintendent of Schools for Greenville School District on the budget process coming up. Nice to see you again.

Superintendent Tammy Sutherland: Thank you, we do appreciate this opportunity. I'd like to introduce Robyn Bhend; she is the new Business Official for Greenville Central School. She has a couple of handouts that we handed out to a few people. So we are just going to briefly talk about the budget and we also have a couple projects that we would like to share. I'm not quite sure if any Greenville voters here? Anybody, how many do we have?

Supervisor Dellisanti: I happen to be, I am, you get my taxes.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: So ask your questions nevertheless.

Superintendent Tammy Sutherland: I mean you can still look and compare it to your district.

Robyn Bhend: Good evening everyone. So my name is Robyn Bhend; I'm the Business Official at Greenville Central School. I served as an Interim last year and this is my first full year as the actual Business Official there. So tonight I gave the District Clerk some handouts for you. You should have a one page front and back which is basically a summary of our budget newsletter, a copy of the budget newsletter which is hot off the press -- just got finalized this afternoon, so you're the first ones to see it -- and you also have a Capital Project special issue which Superintendent Sutherland will talk about after I talk about the budget. Start with the handout, which I'll also refer to the budget newsletter as well so if you want to have them both side by side that will work. Greenville Central School has eleven townships altogether. We have five in Greene County including New Baltimore, we have five in Albany County, and then we have one in Schoharie County -- a little small portion of Clarksville. Our tax levy 10.82% of the total school tax levy comes from New Baltimore. The number of properties as of the 2016 tax season we had 672 and an estimated number of students we have are 75. So for our tax levy for this upcoming year, for the 2017-18 year, we're looking to increase 1.62% or an increase of \$263,533. The District is actually looking to comply with the Property Tax Cap which helps with the property tax relief credit. Many taxpayers may remember this as the Property Tax Freeze Credit; this replaced the Freeze Credit. More information about this is on Page 6 of our Budget Newsletter. There's also a website you can go to for more information on that. So factors that affect individual tax rates -- just to give you a quick reminder -- new properties that are added to the assessment rolls, for example, if there is new construction, properties that are removed from the assessment rolls, perhaps property went to a tax-exempt status, and changes in assessed values which we as the District receive those numbers July 1 and equalization rates. And adding to the changes in assessed values or equalization rate in one town, that can affect New Baltimore or other towns in our school district. On to the budget. For this year we decided to go with the Protecting our Investment, Preparing for our Future. So we wanted our budget to preserve academic programs while maintaining fiscal stability. So propositions on the ballot for Tuesday, May 16, we have quite a few. We have the 2017 school year budget, we have the proposed capital project, we have a purchase of buses and vans, the Rensselaerville Public Library is looking for a \$2,000 increase of their allotment which would go from \$22,296 to \$24,296. The Greenville Public Library will not be on the ballot because they are not looking for an increase, still at the \$41,000 allotment this year for next year. Two seats for the Board of Education so we also have an election coming up as well for a three year term. So our proposed budget, we're looking at \$29,809,355, which represents an increase of \$352,876 or 1.20% from this current year. Page 3 of the Budget Newsletter if you would like to take a look just talks

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about what the expenses are on the top of the page and what the revenues are that make up the budget at the bottom on Page 3. So if you want more details, there is someplace to go for that. On Page 2 of our Newsletter we talk about some budget additions that we have in our budget. This is to help manage class size and strengthen our student support. On the Instructional side of things, we are increasing our Middle School/High School Art Teacher by .45 FTE which would make her or him a full-time Art teacher. This is based on student enrollment. We also have an increase of .05 FTE for our Family and Consumer Science Teacher, also known as our HomeEc teacher which will make this a .70 FTE position. We also have some after school sessions. Currently we have 14 after school sessions K-12 by subject. We're actually looking to add 7 to make it 21 after school sessions by subject – 3 at the High School, 2 in the Middle School, 1 in the Elementary School, and a Response Intervention Case Manager K-12. Small restorations, we have 3 – Student Activity, Extracurricular Clubs -- we're looking at one for each building -- and this is to provide more additional opportunities for students. On non-instructional side of things, in our budget we have a 1.0 FTE Custodian. This is a restoration of previous budget cuts in the prior years. This is just a restoration of the position to help with the needs of keeping the building clean. Clerical/District Registrar, she only works 16 days and we're actually looking to increase that by 9 so she can work 25 days in the summer. A lot of families come in in August looking to register their children and we really need her to be there to help us with the registering process. After School Monitor, we're looking for somebody to stay after school for one hour a day. This helps provide students with assistance they need with technology, Wi-Fi services, and also helps us with supervision in the building. Purchasing of Buses and Vans Page 5 of the Newsletter we did a little spiel about this, but I'll just talk to you about it briefly. So the New York State law, in order for us to buy a bus or van, we have to have voter approval to do so. We here at Greenville, we have a long-range bus replacement plan. I just want to give you a little bit of what it looks like. This is our 2017-18 year purchase that we hope to purchase. Every 2-3 years we look to purchase another bus or a set of bus or vans based on when the last bond retired. So our bonds are 5 years. So if we are retiring right now the 2012, we're making our last payment this year, so then this new bond will pick up from where that left off so there's no disruption in our state aid. We're looking to buy 8 66-passenger buses and 3 20-passenger vans. With the trade-in, the value we're looking at the bond to be \$981,861. This will only increase our debt service budget by \$991 next school year. The District will receive 65.4% Transportation Aid over five years of the bond so the District will pay the 34.6% of that total cost and all of our buses come with new cameras and radios. Initiatives and Cost Savings This is also on Page 4 of the Newsletter. I'll just go through it real quickly here. We always are looking at ways of cost savings, collaborate with other Districts and BOCES, to just have some shared services and save money. One of the things that we participate in is the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Health Insurance Trust where we can help save our costs in medical and prescription coverage. We also participate in the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Workers Compensation Consortium. The DCMO BOCES cooperative purchasing; we use this to keep prices down to purchase materials, supplies, equipment, also our fuel. It actually locked in at a fixed price for next year for our fuel and our oil costs, so we have a locked in price there. Pupil Personnel Administrator, we have an Intermunicipal Agreement with Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School and Hunter-Tannersville Central School to help provide special education administration services. We also have an inter-municipal tuition agreement where we have neighboring districts that may have a student that could fit well in our special education programs, that they can come and join our program. Shared Transportation routes with neighboring districts, so sometimes we may have a kid that rides on the neighboring school bus or vice versa or we may do a cooperative bid to do a contract for transportation with another district to help us save money and they will probably save money as well. We have an electricity bid that we participate with other Greene County schools. We're in year one right now we're looking to go to year two next year. We have cross contracts with other BOCES for cost savings in purchasing and services. And last but not least, Page 6 of the Newsletter talks about the Contingent Budget. So a Contingent Budget how it works is if our vote does not go through the first time around, the Board can either revise the budget, put the same budget up to vote again, or just adopt a Contingent. For the second vote if we get to that point and it does get voted down, the Contingent Budget has to be approved by the Board and basically this would be a reduction of \$263,533. So basically our tax levy increase; you cannot do next year so there will be no tax levy increase in the

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Contingent Budget and we would have to reduce our budget by the tax levy increase amount. In New York State law, the reduction must include no contingent items which would be new equipment purchases and some sort of salary increases. We would have to charge the community for buildings use and grounds. Hopefully I gave you a quick rundown on the budget and now I want to turn it over to Superintendent Sutherland about the Capital project.

Superintendent Tammy Sutherland: We have a special Newsletter that went out last week on our Capital Project and I am excited to present this before the voters. It makes me a little nervous that we're asking them to vote on so much on the same date, but I am excited about it. It truly has a taxpayer impact of \$0. The question is how can you say that there's no impact and I can remember we said it four years ago for a project and I stand by the fact that there was no taxpayer levy increase for that either. So how is this one working? First of all a little background. We have a District Planning Committee that meets monthly so they've been reviewing what's called a Building Condition Survey. This is required by State Education Department. Every five years a school district has to hire, architect and engineers come on site and they actually do a very thorough look at all of the building systems, all of the buildings. They put together in categories of priority -- what really needs to be repaired or updated within the next five years, five to ten years, and so on. That really gives the District Planning Committee a really nice base to start. What do we have to do? From there we expand in the discussion on what are the educational needs in our buildings? We want to talk about that. So what's important what I did a little different this year is just like a home there's always more that can be done, but you do what you can moneywise. So I went to our municipal fiscal adviser and I said 'these are the factors that I want you to look at and I want you to tell me what size project we can do that would have no impact to the taxpayers.' So what are those questions? First of all the District, again there's state aid for Capital Projects, 66.7% is Greenville's rate, so that is how much the State will pay us for the aidable portion of a project -- about 95% of this project would be aided. There's a couple things in it that the State would consider us nonaidable. So the local share, the District is responsible for 33.3% of this project. We had a Capital Reserve Fund that the voters approved. We have \$625,000 in there so I said 'alright the local share is 33.3%, we have \$625,000 in the Capital Reserve, we also have a budget line item of \$320,000 that has been paying for annual projects.' But there is just so much you can do with an annual project, it's when you have a bigger scope. So I said 'if we use that for the principal and interest, what size project could we fund?' And the answer was \$9,585,000. So the \$320,000 will moving forward to pay the principal and interest for the borrowing. The borrowing is \$8.7 million because we have that Capital Reserve money also. So I just want to hit real quickly, you're going to see that they're not wants, they're really needs. So Educational Renovations, you can see a picture on the bottom, our Science labs we want to renovate four of them. They are 1969 Science labs. We need to update our Science for the curriculum that is now there. For the Middle School, we want to turn one of the Science rooms and create lab space in there; they right now don't have any lab space. Our Ag and Tech rooms, they have four small layouts, way in the back very hard for supervision, they're not really being used as much as they could. We want to open up those four small rooms and have one nice big lab area. We have our metal shop right now, it's a distraction because there is no entrance into the metal shop. Students are going in the adjacent classrooms to get into the metal shop. So students are coming and going which is a distraction. So we're looking at making an entrance right into the metal shop. Family and Consumer Science, we know it as the HomeEc. Right now there is a nonbearing wall that separates this nice large space. We're taking that wall down to create a larger space, very old cabinets and appliances we're looking to replace those. Our Music room, you'll see from the picture, this is the one area in the High School that the windows still have yet to be replaced. All of the other areas, the windows have been replaced. We're looking to replace the windows in the Music room. In the storage area for instruments, it is in need of help so we're looking to renovate that area so that all of the instruments can fit in it like we need them to. Gym locker changing areas, this is really for the boys' room in both Middle and High School. We still have the old gang showers which students are just not using. So we want to remove that. There's some ceiling repairs that we're looking to probably put in one individual shower and more changing areas that are private for students who really want that privacy. Student lockers at Ellis, these are older lockers, we're looking to replace this year. At our last

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project we were able to replace the High School lockers; we're looking to replace the lockers at the Elementary School. So those are the categories we've thrown under Educational Renovations. Then we have Field and Site Work (Athletics PE Classes, and Community Use) Now we are constrained on what you're allowed to use on the outside under Site Work. The State Ed gives you a total maximum construction dollars you can use and an incidental. So we are constrained so I know there's more that we could do outside than they will aid us so we will keep it to the \$5.1 million. So while some of these are all listed here, I am hopeful we can do them all, but at the end I need to make sure that we get the aid. New Track I think Greenville Central School is the only School District in this area that still has an old cinder track. Our students have not been able to compete at Greenville School since the late 1990's. They're always going to another District to use their track. So we're looking to actually move and put in for the first time an all-weather track for our Greenville students. This will also be a plus for our community members. Tennis Courts The same thing. We currently have two tennis courts that are in need of repair. This is not enough tennis courts, so our students again have to compete at other School Districts. We're looking to have five Tennis courts so our students can compete in their home district. There's actually some discussion whether we can place them between the two buildings so that at the Elementary School we could begin some PE classes teaching them some racquet sports. So that is a conversation that's happening right now. If you look at the picture, you'll see the agricultural area on the bottom left, that is where the old cinder track is and there's a lot of drainage area there, so we are moving the track up above. That is where the baseball field is. So if you look to the right the baseball field will be relocated there and we are adding a softball field. You will see that we are hopeful that we can put in a small roadway with some parking closer to the fields. Right now especially with soccer you will find that parents have to drive up there and park in the fields and we really don't have any access frankly for grandparents that can't walk that distance, people with handicapping needs. We really need to have a way to get to the students' games for all of the people to be able to see. North Parking Lot Ellis We're trying to look at ways to expand this. This is really a nightmare for parents for dropping their students off and picking them up. It's very congested; too many cars are parked there and moving there at all times so we're looking to see how we can make that area safer. You'll see on the right the picture of the walkway between Ellis and the Middle/High School; that needs to be replaced. It's got all of the potholes that is a safety hazard. And we're looking at a storage building and this is the one thing that would not be considered aidable and that would be behind the Middle/High School area. You'll see it says Maintenance Building. Right now, storage is at a premium. We have taken just about every storage area that the buildings and grounds ever had and what you find is things find their way out to the hallway which is a fire hazard and so I'm constantly saying 'that can't be in the hallway,' but they have no place to put things. We have Technology, students will be dropping off and not taking their laptops home over the summer. We need places to put that. And Athletics frankly is in need of storage also. So that is going to be a building; it's going to be a receiving area so the larger trucks don't have to go throughout the whole campus and they can be dropping off the deliveries to that area. So that is our Field Site Work. Then we have Building Renovations and Improvements; I'll go real quick. Our Cafeteria/Auditorium bleachers needs to come out for all of our music concerts, our graduation, anytime we have something large. They are 1969. Why that's a problem is they're not automated so you have Building & Grounds crew manually pulling them out, but even more is there's no safety railings. So when I watch people climb those, I'm very nervous as they come back down. So that is the Safety area. Ceilings You'll see a picture; we had in our older project four years ago, the ceilings were replaced in the front of the High School and you'll see a picture that there's other areas where the ceilings really need to be replaced. We're looking at replacing some of the lighting in all of the buildings for more energy efficient fixtures. PA system at Ellis we were able in the last project replace the control panel and this is the second phase and that's changing the wiring. Right now there's dead spots, there's places that frankly they can't hear if they're calling for an emergency, a lock down. So we really need to make sure that everyone can hear when we talk to them. Nurse's Office We really need, based on the needs of our students, an additional handicapped bathroom in that area and improved ventilation. HVAC Systems we're looking to just replacing control valves in both of the schools for them to be more energy efficient. We've done a lot of work in this area; this continues that work. We're looking at electronic outside signs; you've seen that in a lot of districts that you drive by.

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That way I don't have to see the misspelled words sometimes and I quickly try to have someone change. And then bathroom renovations, if funds allow, we're looking at two in the High School. At your own leisure you can read the Questions and Answers section. If the voters approve, they would be asked to approve the borrowing of \$8.6 million, that we would use the \$320,000 from the project to pay all the principal and interest moving forward, and that we can use \$625,000 from the Capital Reserve. If they say yes, that's when the architects really start to do the detail plans, that goes to the State Education Department. They have to approve those plans. So we are looking to hope to bid in the spring with construction to begin in July of 2018 which would take about 18 months. So that is what we're looking at for the Capital Project. Any questions, I know I just went through it quick.

Supervisor Dellisanti: I have a couple. On your baseball fields, J of your diagram, do you have any idea what the cost of putting that together is right now?

Superintendent Sutherland: I didn't bring the individual costs, but I'm thinking that is like \$150,000.

Supervisor Dellisanti: You're right on the mark that's perfect. The other question is..

Superintendent Sutherland: And that's for the first I'm going to include this is another thing is our students have never had dugouts. So we'll have dugouts, it will have...

Supervisor Dellisanti: It has a warming track I see it has a warming track as well and fencing as well.

Superintendent Sutherland: Yes, so it's another thing that we haven't had.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Because we're looking at District 3 Park for the same type of facility. We're looking at \$150,000, that's what I think. The other thing, on Page 1 of your handout, I've very happy to see that you've added this time the number of properties in New Baltimore that are being taxed because we've had a number of questions about that every year and we were guessing that we had 100 kids in the program and you listed 75 here.

Superintendent Sutherland: We were talking about which hamlets fall under New Baltimore so would Hannacroix fall under New Baltimore?

Many answered yes.

Superintendent Sutherland: I said no to Earlton, that would be Cocksackie's hamlet right? Coeymans would fall under the New Baltimore part because we don't have Ravena. We were trying to make sure we were capturing the right number of students.

Ellie Alfeld: The easiest way in some ways from what I've worked on before is to go to the Assessment office and they can tell you how much or the boundary lines in each school district, how much money because I got that number too, how much money we send to Greenville in our taxes and to Ravena and to Cocksackie.

Superintendent Sutherland: We have that, it was just finding the kids.

Ellie Alfeld: In order to be up to date I'll say on where our money was going I questioned why. Nobody was telling us. We only had 10 kids going to RCS and we're giving them \$2 million or something. I was saying 'wait a minute, I could send them to Doane Stuart.' This really, I commend you because you are one of the only ones that have given us the numbers.

Superintendent Sutherland: We're trying to listen to your questions and making sure we answer them.

Ellie Alfeld: Well I have another question when Nick and the Board gets done.

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Supervisor Dellisanti: I'm finished, but thank you very much. Anybody else have a question?

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: Your buses, do you put GPS on those?

Superintendent Sutherland: They do not have GPS. The cameras will track how quick they're going, how many stops they're going, and things like that but it's not actual GPS system

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: Because I've had an event where I called up to find out what happened with a pick up of a kid and the lady got on her computer and saw that the bus had not come to our place even though it was an hour late, that kind of thing because she had GPS on the bus

Superintendent Sutherland: This was in Greenville? We had looked at that and it's at a significantly higher cost. It is out there available.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: Well nevertheless, but it was just nice that they could say 'woops we didn't go; we didn't stop there.'

Councilmember Briody: Well I think also, too, that it requires an annual expense too right for that software to track those buses by the unit. So it's understandable.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: I have no idea what it costs.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Any other questions?

Ellie Alfeld: I have just I think two. Alternative Education, does Greenville provide Alternative Education which I have just learned about for RCS?

Superintendent Sutherland: Yes, we do. We have an all day program that's housed that we share with Questar 3 which is our BOCES. So half of the day Greenville is paying for all of the cost and half of the day Questar is and they meet separately, they have a teacher, a TA so there's really two teachers.

Ellie Alfeld: Approximately how many people are children that are provided this?

Superintendent Sutherland: Ours is maxed out at 17 so we can have up to 17; we have probably around 15 in the program right now.

Ellie Alfeld: And the second question I have is just a clarification. Greenville's costs on those buses boil down to I heard you said \$900.

Superintendent Sutherland: It was \$991. That was the increase in the budget line item,

Robyn Bhend: \$991 debt service budget.

Ellie Alfeld: When I heard \$981 I thought 'well, there's got to be a lot more money there.'

Superintendent Sutherland: So we pay 33.3% of the costs, but again one debt is retiring. So it's like that last car payment you have, that you decide to buy another car and you don't stop, you make the next payment. It was only \$991 had to be added to the budget to do that.

Robyn Bhend: And your aid doesn't go down and up.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Very good. I want to thank you both for coming tonight. Tammy, congratulations to you. Thanks for answering our questions from previous years; we appreciate that.

Superintendent Sutherland: We appreciate the invite.

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Supervisor

The monthly financial reports for March 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 March financial reports seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: VanEtten (Sick)

Greene County EMS

The regular monthly meeting was held on April 18. There were 10 EMS calls in March for a total of 28 for the year and we had 94 calls for all of 2016. As of April 18, 2017, there is a projected year-end balance of \$400,000.

Greene County Ambulance Task Force

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

Greene County Sheriff’s Office
Statistics 2017 First Quarter
January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017

CALLS FOR SERVICE	86
UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKETS	25
ARRESTS	8
COXSACKIE RESERVOIR CHECKS	90

Correspondence

The USDA and the SBA are partnering in a regional small business resource at Fulton-Montgomery Community College on April 26. It’s in the College Theater from 9:30-12:30. If anyone is interested, I have more information if they need the contact information.

Department of Transportation – Public Information Meeting on Wednesday, April 26 at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School from 6-7:30 concerning Route 144 and 143 Pedestrian Facilities Upgrade and Resurfacing Project.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Something that everyone might be interested in on that particular project. They give you a project schedule here. The Open House is on April 26, the final design is supposed to be completed by fall of 2017, the project awarded in the spring of 2018, and construction is supposed to start in the summer of 2018. So if you need any more information, we have it here.

Rob VanEtten: Where exactly is this?

Supervisor Dellisanti: It said Route 143 and 144.

Councilmember Briody: Before the new bridge.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Where they meet.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: Where that little triangle is, there used to be a pedestrian walkway that went behind the house.

The Catskill Mountain Housing Development Corporation – They’re soliciting applications for a Greene County home improvement Program. This is a program to help repair existing owner-occupied, single family homes. We can do repairs to fix a problem, extend the life of a home, or improve energy conservation and we are asking you to refer any eligible households to us. Single family homes may receive assistance. Owners must be up to date with insurance, mortgage, and taxes. Households must be income

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qualified for a single person. The income limit is \$34,850. For a family of four it's \$49,750.

Supervisor Dellisanti: I have all the contact information if you can think of anyone. I have this posted on our bulletin board inside and outside, but it's an interesting project.

County Legislator

I was in attendance for all of our committee meetings in April, as well as the Health Services workshop, the budget workshop, and a jail workshop with our architect and project manager. In addition, I attended an Emergency Management Certification and Training: Tier 3 Course at the GC Emergency Operations Center. This course trains municipal leaders in responding to emergency disasters at an administrative level, and was also attended by the Town Supervisor and Emergency Management Officer for the Town of New Baltimore. I was also asked to attend a community meeting to give information on the jail project. Attending with me were Administrator Shaun Groden, Public Safety Chair Bill Lawrence, and ATI subcommittee chair Lori Torgersen. Shaun gave a very comprehensive presentation and attendees were able to get answers to many questions. At this point, we have stopped the design process and will wait for the ATI report in September to see if we need to alter our facility plans further. Any ATI initiatives that come from this subcommittee that the Legislature accepts would be part of the regular budget, not bonded in with the jail. We're not going to finance labor and programming. What we really need to see is if we will effectively reduce our population and therefore reduce the size of the building which then reduces the bond amount. There is a new youth clubhouse opening in Catskill. This is funded by a state grant through OASAS, and will provide a safe, supportive, alcohol and drug free environment. Youths 12-17 and young adults 18-21 in recovery, or at risk will be welcome. They will be separated, they will have two separate time frames for two different groups. Once this program is up and running, they hope to be able to transport youth from around the county to the clubhouse. All activities will be peer driven and at this time will be a Thursday to Saturday program and will promote health, wellness, and long-term recovery. The Columbia-Greene MCAT has requested additional funding, which will be part of this year's budget discussion. MCAT responds to over 1200 calls per month, approximately 2/3 in Greene County. At this point, they operate on a noon-8pm schedule, and would like to move to a 24/7 operation with a call center for emergencies. Greene County was awarded a \$100,000 federal grant to improve and develop our tactical team capabilities. This award will be used in a regional partnership with The Columbia County Sheriff's Office and the City of Hudson Police Department. The Coxsackie transfer station compactor has been repaired and is again operational. This repair was estimated to cost over \$27,000 if it were bid out. The decision was made to do the repairs in house, it took a little bit longer, but saved us about \$16,000. This is the first major repair to that compactor in over 40 years. The transfer of property for the new emergency services tower in New Baltimore has been finalized. Work will begin there shortly. Resolutions of note for April: 1) Supporting Senate and Assembly resolutions repealing the Safe Act for Upstate NY, 2) Authorized the upgrade contracts for the 911 consoles, 3) Authorized 3 Community Development Loans (Microenterprise grant), 4) Authorized bidding for 2 cab/chassis, dump bodies, and snow/ice equipment, 5) Authorized a budget amendment to fund the Speenburgh Grant Program from 2016 in rem proceeds so that will carry on for this year. The Broadband Consortium met again for Round 3 of the Governor's Broadband for All Grant. This is the final round. As you know his vision is to have 100 percent of New York State covered by broadband by the end of 2018. The Consortium included State Tel, Mid-Hudson Data Corp., and Margaretville Telephone. They got together to look over the maps to see where they could go, what they may or may not bid on. I did ask about Verizon because Verizon does service part of the Town of New Baltimore. Verizon has shown no interest in upgrading from DSL to Broadband. There are folks who are being served by Verizon; those are phone calls that should be made to Verizon as well as to State Tel, to Mid-Hudson. If you're close to their service areas, they can bid to go into those areas that are serviced by Verizon. They're not going to do it if there's no people that want them to come in there. It's expensive. Part of the problem that they've had is the third round is also going to be an 80% funding rate from the State, just like rounds one and two were. Now we're getting out to the more rural areas of the County, the expense goes up and the reimbursement from the State is not going up so there's some question as to how many applications are going to be put in and

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where the final numbers are going to be. I do have New York done by our Economic Development office and some maps that they'll be able to overlay and who has service, who doesn't have service. The Greene County maps are actually probably some of the best maps in the State for this initiative and they are trying to get some customer base numbers and addresses from the three different people in the consortium which you can kind of imagine that's a little risky, a little tough to get out there. So far they're being very good about it. What they're trying to do is at the end of this third round, we know there's going to be still places that are not serviced by broadband. It's going to happen, we know it. What we want to do is try to get out in front of it and find where they're going to be and go to the State and say 'look we still have these houses, these census blocks' is what the State terms them, 'they're not serviced' and find out where it's going to go from there. Right now we have no idea what the plan is after Round 3. It has not been announced, but that is moving forward. Those applications for Round 3 are due June 1 so we'll see what happens. Thursday, May 11, from what I just confirmed today, the Senior Center in Coxsackie from 11 AM-1 PM will be accepting any old medications, unused medications. That's going to be a joint effort between the Greene County Sheriff's Department and Greene County Public Health. There are several other sites throughout May, but this is the one that's going to be closest to us. If you need additional sites, I think it was in the *Roundtable* if anyone gets that, Seniors especially get that, but it's also on the website. And just a reminder that the State Burn Ban is in effect through May 14. Anybody have any questions?

Town Clerk

3 Late Dog Licenses \$15, 2 Building Permits \$300, 3 CO Searches \$45, 2 Fishing Licenses \$2.76, 58 Dog Licenses \$420, 1 Beer Permit \$20, 1 Park Rental \$25, 2 Solar Residential \$100, 1 In Ground Swimming Pool \$100, 4 Certified Copies \$40, 2 Photo Copies \$0.50, Recycle Fees \$60, Commercial Zoning \$200, Total State, County & Local Revenues \$1,457.50, \$82 to NYS Ag. and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program, \$47.24 to New York State Environmental Conservation for Fishing Licenses, Total to Supervisor \$1,328.26

I am not at the meeting tonight because I am at the New York State Town Clerks Association Annual Conference in Rochester from Sunday until Wednesday. I also attended a meeting of the Columbia-Greene Town Clerks' Association in Catskill on March 22 where we discussed our upcoming Conference. There was 1 FOIL which has been satisfied for a total of 6 for the year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 10, 2017 Town Board Regular Meeting submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Moved by Supervisor Dellisanti and was seconded by Councilmember Briody. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: VanEtten (Sick)

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 97-2017

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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REFUND FOR PARK DEPOSIT

WHEREAS a check received from the RCS Community Library was inadvertently deposited as a rental fee instead of a refundable deposit.

RESOLVED the Town Clerk is authorized to issue a \$25 refund to the RCS Community Library following a successful park inspection after their August 16 event at Cornell Park.

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Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: VanEtten (Sick)

Tax Collector

Property/County Tax-There is a 3% penalty added to unpaid bills until April 30, please have bills to the post office and post marked on or before the 30, of April. After this date there will be a 4% penalty added to the bills that are still due. Sewer District #1 Sewer #1 now has a 6% penalty added to the unpaid bill. There will be another 2% added to the bill if not paid by the due date of May 15, After this date a total of 8% penalty added to the unpaid bill. Water District #2 Second billing for May 15, payment has been sent out and I am receiving payments. First billing for February 15, due date now has a 5% penalty and are due by May 15. Bills unpaid by then will have a total of 8% penalty added to the unpaid bill. Anyone with questions please call me at (518)756-6671 x 1 and I will be happy to help you any time.

Historian

I was the moderator at an event held at Columbia Greene Community College on March 30, 2017 in recognition of the Town and Village historians of Greene and Columbia and northern Dutchess Counties. The event was part of the recognition of the 50th anniversary of the college. After a reception and award of certificates to the historians, I participated in a discussion on local history in the theatre with two distinguished authors of Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountain History: Thomas Wermuth of Marist College and Vernon Benjamin, author of the 2 volume 1200 page *History of the Hudson Valley*. The event was attended by an estimated 150 persons. Apparently, a good time had by all, based on the many thank you notes and remarks we have received.

Agriculture

Councilmember Irving: Our Congressman Faso attended a Subcommittee on Community Exchanges, Energy and Credit on the next Farm bill credit programs. At a Agriculture Subcommittee on /Commodity Exchanges, Energy and Credit hearing he discussed with panels how important it is for family farms and small producers to have the certainty of credit programs during economic downturns. Together with the Robust Farm Safety Net, credit and loan programs help keep family farmers producing food we eat in the Hudson Valley, Catskills, and beyond. He also attended an Agriculture and Tax Reform Opportunities for Rural America. This week he participated in an Agriculture Committee hearing and spoke with panelists about a simpler and fairer tax code to benefit our families, farms, and producers. On another foot, publication that's put out in *New York Adirondack Life* Small Farm Revival, as we know a lot of the dairy farmers have gone by the wayside. One of the things that's happened is Fresh Fruit Festival and Farm Days. Some of the counties up in upstate New York have had pretty good success with this. They're like a farm hub. They bring in local produce from the Hudson Valley, farm products, cheeses, meats and they miss the middleman and they actually open up businesses in the smaller communities in the Hudson Valley, Greene County that direct market those items and it seems to be working well for these counties up north. If anyone's interested, this publication *The Adirondack Life*, the whole article is in here and you can pick it up and read it. That's pretty much what I have on Agriculture.

AgFest

Rob VanEtten: Meeting tomorrow night. We seen to be on schedule. I talked to by brother today, he checked on the steam tractor. (Unable to understand) They ultimately have two teams of horses show up.

Animal Control

No Report

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Assessment

VALUATION TENTATIVE ROLL SCHEDULE 2017 The data files were submitted for the tentative tax roll yesterday. Gordon will be available for informal meetings with the tentative roll on the following days. These dates will also be published one time in the newspaper. Tuesday, May 2nd and 9th from 9:00-1:00. Thursday, May 4th from 5-9 pm are New Baltimore dates. Saturday, May 6th from 9-1 pm he will also be available but will be sitting in Cossackie. The Uniform Percentage of Value is now 74%, down from 76.25% for 2017. Grievance Day will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd. The BOAR will meet from 4:00-8:00 pm.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: Does that imply there is no Court on Tuesday, May 23?

Supervisor Dellisanti: I would imagine that's going to imply that.

Audit & Control

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RESOLUTION 98-2017
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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ANNUAL REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS
FOR TAX COLLECTOR**

WHEREAS Town Law Section 123 requires each town officer or employee who has received or disbursed any monies to produce all supporting books, records, receipts, warrants, vouchers and cancelled checks as authorized by Section 29 of the General Municipal Law.

RESOLVED that Councilman Jeffry Ruso has completed the Annual Review of the financial records of the Tax Collector and the Town Board has reviewed this report and accepts the Annual Review for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ruso

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: You see them attached. Minor recommendations. If I can add a point that on Saturday we completed the audit of the Justices Accounts, both Justice Davis and Justice Farrell for the year 2016. I put them in front of you today and we'll have a resolution at the next meeting

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: VanEtten (Sick)

Buildings & Grounds/Recycling

1 Oven \$7.50, 1 Microwave Oven \$4, 60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastics) 10, 55 Gallon Drums of Cans & Aluminum 2, 15 Bundles of Magazines & Phone Books, 15 Bags & Bundles of Newspaper, 2 Bags of Shredded Paper, 12 Boxes & Bundles of Cardboard, Total Income \$11.50

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for March, is as follows: Building Inspections: 10, Solar Inspections: 4, Building Permits Issued: 5, Certificates of Compliance Issued: 5, Certificate of Occupancy Search: 3, Compliance Orders Sent: 1, Compliance Orders in Process: 2, Court Appearances: 1, General Complaints: 2, New Building Permit Applications Received: 5, Open Building Permits: 90, Pool Permit Applications Received: 1, Pool Permits Issued: 1, Stop Work Orders Issued: 1, Code Violation Investigations: 3, Zoning Violation Investigations: 1, Application Fees for March, 2017: \$500.00 Total Fees for Year to Date: \$1,863.80 Reminder to Town residents and contractors handling building projects in the Town:

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Submission of the building permit application does not give you authorization to commence your project. You need to have received the actual Building Permit and have it posted before starting the work.

Grants/Promotions/Economic Development

Supervisor Dellisanti: We have a grant resolution a little bit later in the program.

Greene County Planning Board

Councilmember Irving: Meeting on April 19, 2017, Planning and Zoning Referrals: 17-9 Town of Catskill Re: Area Variance, 17-10 Town of Catskill Re: Area Variance, 17-11 Town of Catskill Re: Site Plan, 17-12 Town of Cairo Re: Zoning Amendment, 17-13 Town of Hunter Re: Site Plan

Supervisor Dellisanti: See if you can get in touch with Jean to get you some type of report.

Highway

Supervisor Dellisanti: I do want to announce again that the Roadside Cleanup Day is April 28-30 and May 5-7, Highway to pick up the orange bags on Monday, May 1 and 8 and you can sign up in the Town Clerk's office or the Recycling Center.

Supervisor Dellisanti: At this time I would like to make a Motion to authorize the Highway Superintendent to order and install a NYW7-6 signage for a deaf child on Sodom Road seconded by Councilmember Irving. We had a request come in on April 19 and I went to the Town Attorney and all we need to do is make a motion to take care of this for this couple on Sodom Road.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: VanEtten (Sick)

Insurance

No Report

Personnel

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: Since our last meeting we've had one new employee join the Town and that's the Highway Department. From all work, he's working out rather well. He's on probation right now so we'll keep our fingers crossed and hope we have a good employee.

Supervisor Dellisanti: He seems to be doing very well and working well with everybody. He's a nice young man.

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RESOLUTION 99-2017
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STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of New Baltimore hereby establishes the following as standard work days for an elected official and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

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Title	Name	Social Security No. (Last 4 Digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hours/Day)	Term Begins/ Ends	Participates In Employer’s Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/ Month (Based on Record of Activities)
ELECTED OFFICIALS							
Town Clerk	Barbara Finke	3738		6.5	01/01/15-12/31/17	Y	24
Town Justice	Thomas Meacham	9354		6.5	01/01/17-12/31/20	N	4

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ruso

Supervisor Dellisanti:: Attached you will find their logs of time that they’ve put in and which will be reported to the Retirement System. Any questions or comments?
AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: VanEtten (Sick)

Planning Board
Planning Board met on April 13, 2017, with the following business transacted: Held an easement discussion with owners of property in the Town. Continued discussion with Alan Lord from New York Land and Lakes concerning the 16-lot major subdivision proposed for the Egan property fronting on Route 51, Sodom Road and Old Kings Road. The required Public Hearing on preliminary maps has been scheduled for 7:15 p.m., May 11. Received a Minor Subdivision Application for a two lot subdivision of property located on Hadley Drive. The Board denied the application because parcels do not meet the minimum acreage requirement for the R/A District and referred them to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Variance. Received a Minor Subdivision Application for a three-lot subdivision of property owned by Karl Zacek and Peter Zacek located on Bronck Island. Required Public Hearing is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., May 11.

Zoning Board of Appeals
The Zoning Board of Appeals met on April 5, 2017, with the following business transacted: Public Hearing was held on the Area Variance Application submitted by Saxton Sign Corp. on behalf of Drake Petroleum Company to allow for modification of the SUNOCO sign a the Xtramart located at 12689 Route 9W. In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed, the Variance Application was approved.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: Is that the big sign up on the hill?

Pat Linger: No.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: It’s the one on the road.

Pat Linger: It’s the one on the parking lot.

Supervisor Dellisanti: It’s right on the site right? That’s another issue that big sign.

Seniors
No report

Technology/Website
Councilmember Briody: We got a couple of upgraded computers in the works right now. We’re also doing some preliminary investigation on an upgrade to the website to make it a little bit more user friendly and be able to present information a little bit easier to the public.

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Town Courts

In March, Court fees were \$20,425.50 of which \$12,368.50 was sent to the State Comptroller and the Town retained \$8,057. Justice Farrell \$13,563.50 Justice Meacham \$6,862

Veterans and Memorials

Ellie Alfeld: We did meet. The initial meeting for the Memorial Committee and, Nick, we have scheduled a meeting for May 26.

Youth, Parks and Recreation

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RESOLUTION 100-2017
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**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GRANT FROM
THE BANK OF GREENE COUNTY**

WHEREAS Councilmembers Ruso and 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 Deputy Supervisor Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: VanEtten (Sick)

Supervisor Dellisanti: Greene County Bank has been very nice to us. Every year they have given us, they increased from \$250 to \$500 for the last few years so it worked out very well.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: A big thanks to Don Gibson, the President of the Bank. He told me he watches this Board meeting so I thought I'd make it a point.

Supervisor Dellisanti: He has also made a donation to the Friends of New Baltimore Recreation. Last year they gave us a laptop to raffle off and this year so far he's given us a \$100 gift card from Stewart's to raffle off as well so he's been very involved with the Town of New Baltimore.

Public Comments

Ellie Alfeld: We have one more I believe luncheon at the Church coming up and then that should just be about the end of it for the summer and of course it is going to be a picnic style chicken, potato salad, that sort of thing.

Community Events

- Townwide Roadside Cleanup Days April 28-April 30 and May 5-7. Sign up in the Town Clerk's Office or the Recycling Center
- May 3, 2017 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM
- May 8, 2017 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- May 10, 2017 Senior Citizen Committee at 10 AM
- May 11, 2017 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- May 22, 2017 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- **May 23, 2017 Grievance Day from 4-8 PM**

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- May 25, 2017 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 5:30 PM
Supervisor Dellisanti: we're trying to get another location, it's called Track 32 in Feura Bush. The gentleman that owns Paul's opened up a new restaurant there. I know them personally and it looks like we're going to be able to do a fundraiser there for the Friends of New Baltimore as well.
- May 26, 2017 Memorials Committee at 11 AM
- June 3-4, 2017 AgFest at VanEtten Farm
- June 14, 2017 Senior Committee Picnic at District 2 Park at 12 Noon

Audit of Claims

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RESOLUTION 101-2017
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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 2017b-04-01 to 2017b-04-29, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2017b-04-01 to 2017b-04-29.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until May 31, 2017.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ruso

Supervisor Dellisanti: You all saw the vouchers tonight.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: VanEtten (Sick)

General \$19,920.19, Highway \$7,776.21, Sewer 2 \$272.15, Water 2 \$6,279.70, Water 3 \$210.38, Total \$34,458.63

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

Motion by Councilmember Briody seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ruso to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: VanEtten (Sick)

Supervisor Dellisanti: This meeting is closed; thank you all for coming.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke
Town Clerk