

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

**NOVEMBER 27, 2017  
AGENDA**

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Presentation by Assessor Gordon Bennett**

**Reports**

**Supervisor**

- Resolution to Set Date for 2017 Organizational Meeting
- Notification of Liquor License Application from AGM Associates LLC for the New Baltimore Truck Stop Plaza

**County Legislator**

**Town Clerk**

- November 13, 2017 Town Board Regular Meeting

**Tax Collector**

**Historian**

**Agriculture (Chair Irving/Member Briody)**

**Ag Fest Liaison (Member Irving)**

**Animal Control (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)**

**Assessment (Chair Dellisanti/Member VanEtten)**

- Resolution to Set Public Hearing for A Local Law Providing for an Alternative Veterans Gold Star Parent Exemption Law

**Audit and Control Committee (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)**

- Resolution to Correct Cover Page of 2018 Budget for Water District No. 2

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

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

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

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

**Greene County EMS (Representative Dellisanti/Deputy Ruso)**

**Greene County Planning Board (Member Irving)**

**Highway (Chair Dellisanti/Member Ruso)**

**Insurance (Chair Ruso/Member Briody)**

**Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)**

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

**Seniors (Chair VanEtten/Member Irving)**

- Resolution to Authorize Prepayment for Senior Holiday Luncheon

**Technology/Website (Chair Briody/Member VanEtten)**

**Town Courts Liaison (Chair VanEtten/Member Briody)**

- Resolution Appointing Part-Time Deputy Justice Clerk
- Resolution to Increase Hourly Rate for Justice Clerk

**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**

- December 6, 2017 Senior Committee Christmas Party at Pegasus at 12:00 PM
- December 6, 2017 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM (If Needed)
- December 11, 2017 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- December 14, 2017 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- December 14, 2017 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 5:30 PM
- December 27, 2017 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

**Audit of Claims**

**Adjournment**

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

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**OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING**

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

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** First on the Agenda we have a presentation by our Assessor, Gordon Bennett.

**Assessor Bennett:** The first thing I wanted to talk about was the yearly or semi-yearly change; the County is going to change their method of changing the senior citizen exemption. Normally what's happened in the past ten or so years is that every two years they change by \$2,000 which means they increase the sliding scale for income by \$2,000. This year because the cost of living increase for social security was a smidge higher than it has been in the past -- it's not huge but it's a little bigger than it has been; the fear was that if they got a little bit extra in their social security, that would bump them up a little bit in income and they would get less exemption. So what they have tried to do in the past is to make sure that, like if somebody's getting 35% that if the social security increase that they get doesn't preclude them from getting it, doesn't bump them down to 30 percent so they'd lose a little bit of exemption. Their Public Hearing is on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December so you guys need to make your decision on what you're going to do. We've tried to keep the County and the school districts all on the same page with this so that it's easier for people to understand you get the same percentage for the County, the town, and the school with the exception of RCS. RCS has a much, much, much higher senior sliding scale like the bottom of their scale is higher than the top of our scale, but the other two school districts -- Cocksackie and Greenville -- are kinda sorta on the same page with us so you guys generally speaking follow the County so when is your first meeting after the 20<sup>th</sup>? They're going to decide on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Ours will be the 27<sup>th</sup> I think.

**Assessor Bennett:** So do you remember if you guys do this by resolution or local law? I think you do it by resolution, right?

**Town Clerk Finke:** We do it by local law.

**Deputy Supervisor Ruso:** It is local law.

**Assessor Bennett:** Is it by local law? So then...

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** We need a Public Hearing.

**Assessor Bennett:** Yes, correct.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** This isn't going to happen until January.

**Assessor Bennett:** That's fine; that's fine. Waiting for the County to do their stuff isn't absolutely necessary. I don't think in a million years that they won't do this. Pat, I mean what do you think?

**County Legislator Linger:** I'm one vote out of 14 (unable to understand) but I don't see a problem with it. We've discussed it already.

**Assessor Bennett:** It's not a huge increase and it's not out of the realm. It's got some logic behind it.

**County Legislator Linger:** Percentagewise it's the same increase that's normal only we're doing it a year early at half the increase.

**Assessor Bennett:** Next year is gonna be the question like 'are we gonna continue to do the \$2,000 next year or are we gonna do \$1,000 again,' but that's another question.

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**Supervisor Dellisanti:** So the best we can do on the 27<sup>th</sup> is announce a Public Hearing in the first meeting in January.

**Assessor Bennett:** Great. I need to know by May to put it into the computer and calculate the exemptions. The only reason that I would ask for it as soon as possible is that when somebody comes in to file their exemption paperwork, many times they say 'how much am I going to get' and I won't be able to tell them that until I know what you guys are going to do although I can tell them this is what you got last year and this is what you would get if the exemption didn't change and this is what you would get if it did change. So I can give them some information so whenever you can do it is fine.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Okay.

**Assessor Bennett:** The other thing that Nick and I talked about the other day and that's this page with the Real Property Tax Law kind of thing, Real Property Tax Law 458-a is the Veterans Exemption that everybody has to have. So we have that and we have some options on that in terms of the amount that we can give them, but you guys have the ability to grant the exemption to a Gold Star Parent and everybody's familiar with what a Gold Star Parent is I'm sure. So with a local law we can offer that exemption to a taxpayer who has lost a loved one, a child in the service of our Country.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** We actually have that on the Agenda for tonight to set the Public Hearing.

**Assessor Bennett:** Okay, great, great, great, great.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** After our conversation I wanted to get it on the Agenda.

**Assessor Bennett:** Normally the question that I'm asked when a new exemption comes out is how much is it going to cost and what's the shift because these people aren't going to be paying some tax dollars, how much is the shift to the rest of the taxpayers, but with this one I have no idea and I won't be able to know until they file and like Nick and I were talking the other day, I can't believe it's going to be a whole bunch of folks. I personally don't know anyone, but maybe you guys do, but if it's a handful I would be very, very surprised. So this is going to be a very low impact, but very worthy kind of thing in my opinion.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** It's an emotional thing and I think it's the right thing to do.

**Assessor Bennett:** I agree. But with that you've already...

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Tonight we're going to announce the Public Hearing for that.

**Assessor Bennett:** I can try to get you some statistics on what we have countywide if you're interested in those.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** We can talk about it when you get that I'll bring it to the Board.

**Assessor Bennett:** Okay. I'll see how many towns have it the County. I know Greenville does and we've passed along the local law. You got the local law from Greenville?

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Yes.

**Assessor Bennett:** And then I'll try to find out how many other towns have it and how many exemptions have been granted by those towns. I can tell you that in Greenville we passed it in 2007; I do not have one on the roll right now. Not one.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** That's a good thing.

**Assessor Bennett:** That's a good thing.

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**Supervisor Dellisanti and Councilmember VanEtten:** Thank you.

**Assessor Bennett:** Thank you very much; have a good night everybody.

***Supervisor***

The monthly financial reports for October were forwarded to all Board members. Has everyone had a chance to review them? I would like to make a Motion to accept the October financial reports, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

***Greene County EMS***

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, November 21. There were 6 EMS calls in October for a total of 88 for the year and we had 94 calls for all of 2016. As of November 21, 2017, there is a projected year-end balance of \$400,000.

**TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE**

**RESOLUTION 185-2017**

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**RESOLUTION TO SET DATE OF 2018 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

***RESOLVED*** that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore will hold the 2018 Organizational Meeting on January 1, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Town Hall, 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, New York.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** We received a notification of a Liquor License Application from AGM Associates LLC for the New Baltimore Truck Stop Plaza. I'm required to make that announcement. If anyone has questions, contact me and we'll try to find out the answers, but they've applied for a liquor license down there.

**Deputy Supervisor Ruso:** Haven't they always had one?

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** I have a feeling that something may have happened with all of the incidents that were down there.

**Deputy Supervisor:** I do recall something.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** So I think they had to reapply.

***County Legislator***

I have attended my regular committee meetings in November, as well as the regular Legislative meeting. I also have attended several events around the county including the opening of the new playground at Hallock Park, a seminar given by GC Public Health and the GC District Attorney office at the YMCA on drug abuse in our schools, and met with Supervisor Dellisanti and Senator Amedore on traffic concerns regarding Rt. 144 in the Hamlet. I attended the GC Honor a Veteran Ceremony where we honored Robert Stefanko of Windham, a Vietnam Vet, for his service to his country and community. I have also continued to meet with department heads that fall under the Public Works committee that I now chair as well. Some of the more important news this month includes votes on Local Law, the 2018 budget, and authorization of serial bonds for the jail project. Local Law Number 2 of 2017 was passed and extends indefinitely an exemption

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to certain qualifying military veterans. The 2018 budget was passed and includes a tax levy of \$26,628,235. This reflects a 3.3% increase over 2017, and keeps GC under the NYS mandated Tax Cap. The total budget for 2018 is \$113,567,042 and revenues are budgeted to be \$84,000,721; the difference is the tax levy. The bond resolution for the jail project was again on our agenda. Serial bond resolutions require a supermajority to pass, and after a lengthy discussion, the vote was taken but did not pass. I voted for this resolution because it's the only responsible vote to protect taxpayers. Two separate times this year, this bond has been on our agenda and both times it has been tabled. To date, that delay has cost taxpayers \$3.75 million in interest only with two rate increases in 2017, based on a \$44 million cost. Passing the bond resolution would have allowed us to submit an application for USDA funding and locked interest rates at the submission date. We have saved \$8 million by making cuts to the facility as originally proposed, but continue to lose much of that savings due to interest rate increases. Regardless of the bond resolution amount, we will only need to use what we need, and only if building a facility is the final decision after alternatives are fully investigated. The naïve understanding of bond procedure by a few legislators will cost more the longer it takes to come to an agreement. Two separate meetings including Columbia County and NYS Commission on Corrections, as well as a conference call with the Governor's office took place this month regarding a shared facility. The jury is still out as to how viable the opportunity to do this is. Three public hearings have been set for December 20th beginning at 6:15 pm in the Legislative Chambers. The first will be to hear comments on the Senior Citizens Tax Exemption, the second will be to hear comments on Local Law Number 3 of 2017, relating to exemption for persons with disabilities and limited income, and the third will be to hear comments on the annual inclusion period for Ag District 124. We had a major breakthrough on a collective bargaining agreement with two CSEA unions this month. The first, and smaller Public Safety unit, has voted to approve a contract, which was welcomed by our Legislature. The second, larger unit, will vote soon on theirs after turning down several previous agreements since 2011. I remain optimistic that this will be approved. Notable resolutions passed this month include: 1) Authorized an agreement to update the GIS WebMap Application for Real Property Services 2) Authorized purchase of a used 1997 truck with snow/ice removal equipment 3) Authorized purchase of a used 2013 Volvo tractor for Solid Waste 4) Authorized purchase of a Heavy Truck Diagnostic tool/software, enhancing our abilities to repair equipment and save tax dollars 5) Authorized distribution of mortgage tax, including \$21,521.93 to the Town of New Baltimore This winter, GC Highway will be initiating a trial with road salt and abrasives used in snow and ice control on our County roads. Due to advances in spreader technology and recent upgrades in our fleet, we are going to switch some plow routes to 100% salt distribution. In New Baltimore, this will include CR 61 and Main St. Due to the hills on CR 51, CR 54, and CR 26, abrasives will still be used, but salt percentage will be increased. So we'll have more salt less sand on those routes. This will be an ongoing adjustment to see how quickly roads clear of ice, and whether the change can save money in the whole picture. Salt cost is higher than sand, but much less salt can be used to clear ice under most conditions. Please call or email with comments on what you see in comparison to other years. In what is certainly very good news, Greene County has topped the Hudson Valley/Catskill Region with a 12-month job growth of 3.8 percent in October. In comparison, NYS overall lost 14,000 jobs in October. This is no doubt a testament to the success of all the partners in Greene County working very hard to make this a place to grow! Questions?

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** On the mortgage tax, we were down quite a bit this year from last year. Do you have any idea why?

**County Legislator Linger:** I don't for sure; the only reason may be with increased interest rates this year; you're not seeing as many refinances on mortgages.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** The reason I ask is Coxsackie went up \$70,000 and we went down \$24,000.

**Deputy Supervisor Ruso:** I heard Greenville went up about \$30,000.

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**County Legislator Linger:** That's the only thing I can think of and that's based off of the percentage of house sale or refinances that are within your municipality. So either we have a lot that are for sale and are still for sale and didn't sell...

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Which we do.

**County Legislator Linger:** Or we see the signs so we know that's true, but the other side of it is the refi; interest rates are up now so people may not be refinancing at the same rate they were previously. I'll see if I can find out anything different.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** We were hitting \$80,000 for the last three years and this year we didn't come close to it. The drop like that was just too drastic.

**Deputy Supervisor Ruso:** I didn't know about Coxsackie, I was going to ask about Greenville because I'm trying to think why would the properties sell in Greenville and Coxsackie now but not here to anymore of an extent than the other. It doesn't make sense they would go up by about 10-15 percent and ours would drop by about 40 percent.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Just a weird number.

**County Legislator Linger:** I know Countywide assessment is up so property value as a whole County was up which helped us with the budget, but I don't know why the mortgage tax would have been that much short.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Well if you can find out anything, I would appreciate it. Thank you, Pat; thanks for all your help.

**County Legislator Linger:** Anybody else? Thank you.

***Town Clerk***

6 Late Dog Licenses \$30, 2 Building Permits \$175.00, 2 CO Searches \$30, 9 Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$23.74, 33 Dog Licenses \$234.00, 1 Demolition Permit \$75, 2 Certified Copies \$20, 12 Photo Copies \$3.00, Recycle Fees \$3.00, Total State, County & Local Revenues \$1,086.00, New York State Agriculture and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program \$47.00, New York State Environmental Conservation \$445.26, Total to Supervisor \$593.74. Supervisor Dellisanti and I attended a Columbia-Greene Town Clerks Association Meeting on October 19 in Catskill. LoriAnn Shura from General Code made a presentation on eCode360. I received 9 FOILS in October for a total of 29 for the year; all but one has been satisfied. I did receive a compliment that FOILS coming out of my office are answered quickly and thoroughly. I wanted to clear a misunderstanding that was stated at the November 13 Town Board Meeting concerning Building Department Complaints. I received a FOIL concerning open Complaints from the Building Department which were provided by the Building Department, not the Town Board. The Town Board does not control, approve, or see ANY Complaints from residents. In fact, residents can only file a Complaint through the Building Department. I also wanted to clarify a statement that I heard concerning my vote on the 2014 budget which was the budget for the incoming Administration. I would like the record to indicate that I did not support the 2014 budget. I have the official Minute book at this desk and I would welcome anyone to take a look at it. Concerning the Minutes on the website, the only meeting that was not on the website was September 11, 2017. The October 9 Public Hearing and Regular Town Board Meeting as well as the October 23 Work Meeting were added to the website on November 14 following adoption by the Town Board on November 13. If anyone has a question, please call me. Minutes are available on the signboard outside my office and as I mentioned at the last meeting I will be happy to mail, email, or drop them off at anyone's home if necessary. There is certainly no need to grandstand; I'm in the office every day.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The November 13, 2017 Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes submitted by Town Clerk Finke, moved by Supervisor Dellisanti, seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

***Tax Collector***

No Report

***Historian***

No Report

***Agriculture***

**Councilmember Irving:** Recently a meeting was held, the New York Farm Bureau addressed the 2018 Farm Bill needs. President Dave Fisher encouraged congressional members of the House Agriculture Committee to work closely with farmers to improve the 2018 Farm Bill. In particular, he highlighted the need for a revamped safety net for New York's dairy farmers and improved protection for the important specialty crops grown in New York. His presentation led off a special listening session held today at SUNY Cobleskill where Agriculture Committee Chairman Michael Conaway (R-TX) and members of his Committee were able to hear first-hand from farmers and others associated with New York agriculture about their priorities for a new Farm Bill. New York Farm Bureau's goals for the 2018 Farm Bill include no further cuts in spending, Agriculture accepted more than \$20 billion in cuts in the 2014 Farm Bill, and farms currently continue to face low commodity prices and downturn in the farm economy. The farmer led organization also asked the committee not to split apart the farm and nutrition titles. Both components of this bill need to work together to ensure a safe and reliable food system for all. President Fisher also spoke about the need for major changes to be made to the dairy safety net. The Dairy Margin Protection Program in its current form has failed dairy farmers during the three-year slump in milk prices, which has increased the pressure on financially strapped family farms. Fisher said lawmakers should strengthen both the safety net and affordability for farmers including support the Dairy Revenue Protection and an increased cap on the Livestock Gross Margin insurance program. New York Farm Bureau also encourages Congress to keep the Whole Farm Revenue Protection Program as a pilot program. This product was intended to help diversified farms that do not have good crop insurance options. In addition, Farm Bureau continues to support a large number of rural development, research, food procurement and commodity-specific benefits in the Farm Bill. "We appreciate Chairman Conaway and the rest of his committee's time to travel to New York to hear directly from our farmers on how we can work together to improve the Farm Bill. We also thank Representative John Faso (R-NY) for his effort to make this listening session happen in his district. Everyone who eats is touched by this important legislation and we need to ensure the programs and safety nets it provides are workable and effective. We also encourage the Agricultural Committee to have a thorough discussion about the bill and then move to mark it up in a timely fashion. We can't afford the uncertainty of expiring programs and funding that farmers experienced five years ago with the previous Farm Bill," said David Fisher, New York Farm Bureau President.

***Ag Fest***

No Report

***Animal Control***

**Deputy Supervisor Ruso:** I don't have any reports from Joe. I did meet with him on Saturday and he described how his little kennel operation that he has over there is just about done and looking forward to start occupying it. We did also have our annual – not ready to present it, but we did have – our annual agreement with the Humane Society. That's not in our packet tonight, but we can present that for our next meeting.

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***Assessment***

The roll was uploaded to TelAscent for the production of the January Town and County Tax bills. Julie has been preparing the mailings for the exemptions that require yearly renewals. The letters and renewal forms will be sent out the first week in December. All renewals are due back by the deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The IVP reports are in for the Enhanced STAR. A combination of 161 postcards or letters was sent to homeowners informing them of the status of their qualification for the Enhanced STAR exemption.

**TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE**

**RESOLUTION 186-2017**  
**NOVEMBER 27, 2017**

**RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR A LOCAL LAW  
PROVIDING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE VETERANS GOLD STAR PARENT  
EXEMPTION LAW**

***BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore will hold a public hearing on December 11, 2017 at 7:00 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 proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2017, a Local Law Providing for an Alternative Veterans Gold Star Parent Exemption Law.

**SECTION 1. TITLE**

This local law shall be known as the "Alternative Veterans Gold Star Parent Exemption Law of the Town of New Baltimore, Greene County, New York."

**SECTION 2. AUTHORITY**

This local law is adopted pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §458-a. All terms, definitions and conditions of such statute shall apply to this local law.

**SECTION 3. PURPOSE AND ELIGIBILITY**

It is the purpose and intent of this local law to include in the definition of "qualified owner" as provided in paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of the Real Property Tax Law §458-a, and to include property owned by a Gold Star Parent within the definition of "qualifying residential real property" provided that such property shall be the primary residence of the Gold Star Parent, thereby making available to such Gold Star Parents the alternative veterans' exemption under said section.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any Court of Competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgement shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to said clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law.

**SECTION 5. INCONSISTENT LAWS**

All Local Laws or parts of Local Laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 6.**

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Municipal Home Rule Law §27.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember Irving

**Ellie Alfeld:** Could you clarify what they mean by Alternative? I understand about a parent as a Gold Star, but what's the alternative?



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**Supervisor Dellisanti:** I have no idea; it's just the terminology that they use, Alternative Veterans Gold Star Parent Exemption Law. This is something that hasn't been done before.

**County Legislator Linger:** Because there's a veterans exemption law on the books.  
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**Supervisor Dellisanti:** So this is the alternative to that.

**Ellie Alfeld:** So they'll have either or?

**Councilmember VanEtten:** Or, right, either the veteran would get it or the Gold Star Parent.

**Ellie Alfeld:** Okay.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Make sense. Any other questions?

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

***Audit and Control***

**Deputy Supervisor Ruso:** We have a resolution here, Resolution 187, the issue for everyone to know that when we did our budget, we crossed over the numbers into the Final column. We were off by \$600.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** It was a typo.

**Deputy Supervisor Ruso:** It was a typo. Our numbers should have been for Water District No. 2 \$24,750 and it appears she took the 7 to be a 1 and it turned out that it's \$24,150 for our estimated revenues. So we have to fix that typo and as a result we have a resolution to correct the cover page of 2018 Budget.

**TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE**

**RESOLUTION 187-2017  
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**RESOLUTION TO CORRECT COVER PAGE OF 2018 BUDGET FOR  
WATER DISTRICT #2**

***WHEREAS*** the New Baltimore 2018 Budget Summary for Water District #2 "Estimated Revenues" was listed as \$24,750.00 on the 2018 Preliminary Budget, but a typographical error was made when carrying over the final figures for the 2018 Adopted Budget.

***RESOLVED*** that the New Baltimore 2018 Budget Summary under "Estimated Revenues" is corrected to reflect \$24,750.00 for Water District #2.

Motion by Deputy Supervisor Ruso seconded by Supervisor Dellisanti

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Just a comment on that; it doesn't change any of the tax calculations. It was just a typographical error.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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BUDGET SUMMARY

CODE	FUND	APPROPRIATIONS	ESTIMATED REVENUES	UNEXPENDED FUND BALANCE	AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	ASSESSED VALUE	TAX RATE	PRIOR YEAR TAX RATE	DIFFERENCE
	GENERAL	578,780.00	277,500.00	0.00	301,280.00	218,896,975	1.389047	1.377823	0.011224
IA	HIGHWAY	985,752.90	217,828.00	0.00	767,928.90	218,898,975	3.540515	3.592431	-0.051916
	<b>TOTAL TOWN-WIDE FUNDS</b>	<b>1,564,532.90</b>	<b>495,328.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,011,208.90</b>		<b>4.929561</b>	<b>4.970254</b>	<b>-0.040693</b>
	COUNTY CHARGEBACKS	12,882.00			13,154.00	218,896,975	0.060848	0.074107	-0.013461
	<b>SPECIAL DISTRICTS</b>					<b>TAXABLE VALUE</b>			
IL	LIGHTING DISTRICT #1	22,000.00			22,000.00	38,761,885	0.567567	0.644962	-0.077395
IL	LIGHTING DISTRICT #2	2,100.00			2,100.00	12,106,597	0.173459	0.173459	0.000000
IW	WATER DISTRICT #1	1,000.00			1,000.00	8,607,987	0.161332	0.151332	0.000000
IW	WATER DISTRICT #2	24,750.00	24,750.00						
IW	WATER DISTRICT #3	2,000.00	2,000.00						
IS	SEWER DISTRICT #1	149,485.00	149,485.00						
IS	SEWER DISTRICT #2	4,350.00	2,820.00		1,530.00	4			
IM	AMBULANCE DISTRICT #1	37,338.00	4,020.00	0.00	33,318.00	144,753,975	0.230156	0.225555	0.004601
IM	AMBULANCE DISTRICT #2	34,400.00	20.00		34,380.00	88,204,455	0.389776	0.487787	-0.098011
	<b>TOTAL SPECIAL DIST.</b>	<b>277,421.00</b>	<b>183,095.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>14,328.00</b>		<b>1.612281</b>	<b>1.683095</b>	<b>-0.170814</b>
	<b>TOTAL TOWN TAX LEVY</b>	<b>1,841,953.90</b>	<b>678,421.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,163,532.90</b>				
	Medway Fire District	194,080.00	2,100.00		191,980.00				
	New Baltimore Fire District	441,750.00	18,500.00		423,250.00				

***Building & Grounds/Recycling***

1 Microwave Oven \$4, 60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastics) 13, 27 Bundles of Magazines & Phone Books, 87 Bags & Bundles of Newspaper, 26 Boxes & Bundles of Cardboard, Total Income \$4

***Building Inspector/Code Enforcement***

Summarization of Building Department activities for October, 2017, is as follows:  
Building Inspections 13, Certificates of Compliance Issued 1, Certificate of Occupancy Searches 2, Demolition Permit Applications Received 1, New Building Permit Applications Received 2, Pool Permits Issued 1, Application Fees for October, 2017 \$250, Total Fees for Year to Date \$9,403.95

***Grants/Promotions/Economic Development***

No Report

***Greene County Planning Board***

1. Town of Greenville-Construction of +/- 3000 KW solar array farm at 9873 State Rt. 32, Freehold. Approved 2. Town of Greenville-Upgrade/addition to Stewart's at 4834 State Route 81 including a 914 sq. ft. building addition and canopy replacement. Approved 3. Town of Coxsackie-Moratorium on utility scale solar energy systems. Motion failed due to lack of approval votes. PB Members concerned that there is a proposed moratorium at the same time as a solar farm going forward on IDA property 4. Town of Greenville-Construction of a new +/- 19,000 sq ft. Tractor Supply retail store on a 8.2 acre parcel on west side of State Route 32 north of Tops Plaza Approved 5. Town of Coxsackie-Construction of a 723.6 KW solar array at 233 Stacey Road Approved

***Highway***

No Report

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***Insurance***

**Deputy Supervisor Ruso:** Letters to the employees and the retirees are in the process of being sent out. I sent out one today to one of our employees whose insurance started December 1<sup>st</sup> to update them on the price they have to pay and with the case of the employee the cost went up by \$1.44 a month.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** That's not bad at all.

**Deputy Supervisor Ruso:** The other retirees who's renewal starts on January 1 will be receiving their letters before the end of the week.

***Personnel***

No Report

***Planning Board***

The Planning Board met on November 9, 2017, with the following business transacted: ...Received Minor Subdivision Application for three-lot subdivision of property owned by Patrick and Alina Conway on Old Kings Road. Required Public Hearing has been scheduled for 7 p.m., December 14.

***Zoning Board of Appeals***

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on November 1, 2017. The Board heard the application of William and Gail Towslee for an Area Variance to allow for the placement of a two-car garage with less than the required 40-foot setback from High Rock Road. Required Public Hearing on application will be held at 7:30 p.m. on December 6, 2017.

***Seniors***

**Councilmember VanEtten:** They are having their luncheon soon.

**TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE**

**RESOLUTION 188-2017  
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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PREPAYMENT FOR SENIOR  
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

***WHEREAS*** the Town of New Baltimore Senior Committee will hold their Annual Holiday Luncheon on December 6, 2017 at 12:00 PM at Pegasus Restaurant.

***WHEREAS*** according to the Town Procurement Policy dated January 1, 2017, two quotes were procured if the total amount is over \$1,000.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Town of New Baltimore is authorized to prepay the Senior Luncheon for attendees of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$1,395.64 from Line Item A.6772.4.

Motion by Councilmember VanEtten seconded by Councilmember Briody

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

***Technology/Website***

No Report

***Town Court***

In October, Court fees were \$10,668 of which \$6,887 was sent to the State Comptroller and the Town retained \$3,781. Justice Farrell \$4,540 Justice Meacham \$6,128

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RESOLUTION 189-2017  
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RESOLUTION APPOINTING PART TIME DEPUTY JUSTICE CLERK

**WHEREAS**, a vacant position exists in the Justice Court and the Town has advertised the position of Part Time Deputy Justice Clerk, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Kimberly Ruby is hereby appointed to the position of Part Time Deputy Justice Clerk for the Town of New Baltimore at an hourly wage of \$11.00 per hour with a maximum of 20 hours per week.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember Irving

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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RESOLUTION 190-2017  
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RESOLUTION TO INCREASE HOURLY RATE FOR JUSTICE CLERK

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to the adoption of the 2018 Town Budget, the Town Justices have recommended an increase for the Justice Clerk from \$16.44 presently to \$18.00 an hour effective immediately.

**RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby increases the Justice Clerk hourly rate to \$18.00 an hour effective immediately.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti.

**Justice Meacham:** Thank you.

Seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ruso

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Any questions or comments? Can I get a voice vote on this?

**Town Clerk Finke:** Absolutely.

**Deputy Supervisor Ruso:** I'm somewhat confused.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Go ahead.

**Deputy Supervisor Ruso:** We have two separate things here, one dated November 18 and one dated November 22 and they're all different figures.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Well, we just got the second one this evening.

**Deputy Supervisor Ruso:** Yes, I know. I'm just comparing it side by side and I was working up numbers on this.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** I am working with the original letter that I received on November 18. Any other questions or comments? Can I get a voice vote?

**Town Clerk Finke:** Absolutely.

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Councilmember Briody	NAY
Councilmember Irving	AYE
Councilmember VanEtten	NAY
Deputy Supervisor Ruso	NAY
Supervisor Dellisanti	NAY

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Motion is not carried.

***Veterans and Memorials***

**Councilmember VanEtten:** Well, we'll be meeting soon to go over preparing for our February luncheon.

***Wastewater Treatment Plant***

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Any update on the progress down there?

**Councilmember Irving:** Everything is moving along.

***Youth, Parks and Recreation***

**Councilmember VanEtten:** I have nothing, but the Firehouse is having Christmas for the kids. Do you know when that is, Pat, off the top of your head? I want to say it's a Grinch Christmas.

**County Legislator Linger:** December 10.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** December 10. What time?

**County Legislator Linger:** 1 PM.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** Thanks. So I hope all the kids do go, they really put a lot of effort into it.

***Public Comment***

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Do you have any announcement for the Church or anything?

**Ellie Alfeld:** Of course as usual the second Wednesday of the month we'll be having a luncheon and it's going to be baked ham.

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** Thank you. Any other public comment?

***Community Events***

- December 6, 2017 Senior Committee Christmas Party at Pegasus at 12:00 PM
- December 6, 2017 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM (If Needed)
- December 11, 2017 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- December 14, 2017 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- December 14, 2017 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 5:30 PM
- December 27, 2017 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

**TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE**

**RESOLUTION 191-2017  
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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

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*WHEREAS* the Town Board has audited claims 2017b-11-01 to 2017b-11-29, it is

*RESOLVED* that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2017b-11-01 to 2017b-11-29.

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

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

YES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

General \$45,688.30, Highway \$42,758.26, Sewer 1 \$6,384.58, Sewer 2 \$256.11, Total \$95,087.25

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

Motion by Councilmember Briody seconded by Councilmember Irving to close the meeting at 7:41 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Supervisor Dellisanti:** This meeting is closed. Thank you for attending.

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara M. Fiske

Town Clerk