

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

**OCTOBER 2, 2019**

**AGENDA**

*Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**6:00 PM Public Hearing on Local Law 2 of 2019 to Rescind Local Law 2 of 2000**

**TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

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By Order of the Town Board  
Barbara M. Finke  
Town Clerk

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2 of 2019  
TO REPEAL LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2000 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE TOWN OF  
NEW BALTIMORE TO PARTICIPATE IN A COORDINATED ASSESSMENT  
PROGRAM WITH THE TOWN OF COXSACKIE PURSUANT TO SECTIONS  
576 AND 579 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW AND ARTICLE 5-G OF  
THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore enacted Local Law 2 of 2000 on December 12, 2000 to establish a coordinated assessment program and enter into a municipal cooperative agreement with the Town of Coxsackie pursuant to Sections 576 and 579 of the Real Property Tax Law and Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law in order to utilize one assessor for both towns; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Baltimore no longer desires to utilize the same assessor as the Town of Coxsackie;

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore that Local Law 2 of 2000 is hereby repealed.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

**Approval of Minutes**

- September 23, 2019 Town Board Work Meeting

**New Business**

- Resolution to Adopt Local Law 2 of 2019 to Repeal Local Law 2 of 2000, which Authorized the Town of New Baltimore to Participate in a Coordinated Assessment Program with the Town of Coxsackie pursuant to Sections 576 and 578 of the Real Property Tax Law and Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law
- Resolution to Appoint Sole Assessor

## **Community Events**

- October 2, 2019 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM
- October 10, 2019 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- October 16, 2019 Town Board Meeting at 7 PM
- October 24, 2019 Seniors Committee Meeting at 1 PM
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## **Audit of Claims**

## **Adjournment**

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

## **GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC CONDUCT DURING TOWN BOARD MEETINGS**

1. The Supervisor shall preside at the meetings of the Town Board. In the absence of the Supervisor, the Deputy Supervisor shall be the acting Supervisor. In the event both the Supervisor and the Deputy Supervisor are absent, the other members shall designate one of their members to act as temporary chairman. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a lesser number may adjourn.
2. Town residents who wish to speak shall fill out a card at the entrances of the meeting room listing their name, contact information, and the subject matter in which they would like to speak. These cards will be collected prior to the beginning of the Town Board meeting and given to the Town Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor in the absence of the Supervisor.
3. Speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer and then proceed to the lectern and state their name and address. They must limit their remarks on official town business to up to three minutes on a given topic and may not yield any remaining time to another speaker. They must address their remarks to the Board as a body and not to any member thereof and not to other members of the audience in the form of a debate.
4. Speakers should present their remarks in a courteous manner and may not make disparaging remarks or personal comments about public officials, town residents, or others. All speakers will observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity, and good taste with no cursing, swearing, clapping, booing, finger pointing, bullying, whispering, or talking that disrupts the proceedings of the business of the Town Board.
5. Any speaker who disregards the directives of the presiding officer in enforcing the rules, disturbs the peace at a meeting, makes impertinent or slanderous remarks, or generally conducts themselves in an inappropriate manner shall be barred from further participation and will forfeit any balance of time remaining for their comments.
6. After a final warning, if a speaker willfully refuses to step down, the Town Supervisor shall contact the appropriate authorities to remove the speaker from the meeting room and to restore order.
7. The Town Supervisor, or in their absence the Deputy Supervisor, shall ensure compliance with these rules.

**This policy will be amended by Majority vote of the Town Board.**

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**COUNTY OF GREENE**                              **Adopted 10/16/19**  
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**OPENING OF SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING**

Supervisor Ruso opened the Special Meeting at 6:02 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti, Councilmembers Briody, Downes, Irving and Van Etten, Town Clerk Finke, and 3 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Highway Superintendent VanWormer, and Tax Collector Jordan

**Supervisor Ruso:**

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Supervisor Ruso opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 PM on a Motion by Councilmembers Downes and VanEtten seconded by Councilmember Irving. Also attending Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti, Councilmembers Briody, Downes, Irving and Van Etten, Town Clerk Finke, and 1 member of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Highway Superintendent VanWormer and Tax Collector Jordan

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2 of 2019**  
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**Supervisor Ruso:** Now it's time for from the public to have its comments.

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Motion by Councilmember VanEtten seconded by Councilmember Irving to amend the Proposed Local Law #1 and close the Public Hearing as no comments were received by the public at 6:06 PM.

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The September 23, 2019 Town Board Work Meeting submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Moved by Supervisor Ruso and was seconded by Councilmember VanEtten. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and vote was as follows:

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

**New Business**

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

**RESOLUTION 137-2019**

**OCTOBER 2, 2019**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2019 TO REPEAL  
LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2000, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE TOWN OF  
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Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

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

**RESOLUTION 138-2019**  
**OCTOBER 2, 2019**

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT SOLE ASSESSOR**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby appoints Justin Maxwell as the Sole Assessor for the Town of New Baltimore effective October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2025.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

**Supervisor Ruso:** Welcome to the Town of New Baltimore, Mr. Maxwell. Thank you. Subtle little hurdle that we had that we didn't even know existed until rather recent. So, thank you for joining us.

**Justin Maxwell:** Just mention before I got here, I apologize for the procedural hurdle.

**Supervisor Ruso:** You didn't have anything to do with it, it was the Town Board members in 2000. We had to surmise why they did it and we're not perfectly sure why. Ellie was probably there.

**Ellie Alfeld:** Yeah, probably.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Do you recall?

**Ellie Alfeld:** Not quite.

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**RESOLUTION 139-2019**  
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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 2019S-10-01 to 2019S-10-30, it is

**RESOLVED** that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2019S-10-01 to 2019S-10-30.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until November 30, 2019.

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Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Briody

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

General \$7,138.02, Highway \$20,503.69, Sewer 1 \$605,308.91, Sewer 2 \$32.53, Total \$632,983.15

On a Motion by Councilmember Briody seconded by Councilmember VanEtten, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC  
Town Clerk