

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

**APRIL 13, 2020
AGENDA**

In consideration of COVID-19, the open meeting of the Town Board regularly scheduled for April 13th has been postponed. Our goal, as articulated by the CDC and the NYS DOH, is to mitigate against the spread of the virus and reduce its rate of transmission. This action will allow the Town of New Baltimore to exemplify infection control procedures to prevent the continued and pervasive spreading of disease.

Per communication from NYCOOG (New York Committee on Open Government):

The New York State Committee on Open Government issued guidance regarding the “Open Meetings Law ‘In-Person’ Requirement and the Novel Coronavirus.” The guidance acknowledges that there is no process for waiving the Open Meetings Law’s “in-person” requirement for conducting meetings. Furthermore, the Committee conceded that there is no jurisprudence regarding the ability of local governments to forego or waive the “in-person” meeting requirement. Nonetheless, the Committee opined that judicial review of alleged violations of the Open Meetings Law will likely take into consideration the public body’s desire to protect the public health while continuing to perform necessary government functions. However, the Committee urges that if a public body determines that limiting public in-person access to an open meeting is necessary in response to the COVID-19 virus, that the public body limit discussions and actions taken to those matters for which harm would be caused by delay in order to mitigate potential impact of constituents.

That being said, Town Hall has not allowed entrance of the public to this facility as of Monday, March 16th. Meeting of the Town Board and Town Clerk will occur on the evening of April 13th at 7 PM, however, said meeting will be held in a very limited extent to enable the monthly bills to be reviewed and paid. A special meeting may be scheduled, pending DOH recommendations for continued ‘social distancing’ at a later date. Minutes will be posted within a few days.

Per orders by the Office of Court Administration, all court proceedings are suspended until further notice. Should you have any questions, please contact Court Clerk Kimberly Ruby at (518) 756-2079.

Officials will hold regular hours, and all business will continue to occur via telephone and email. This being a time when tax payments are still being collected, and cash cannot be refused, please contact Tax Collector Diane Jordan at (518) 756-6671 Ext. 2 should you require a cash transaction. Please consider mailing your payment in check form or delivering in a sealed envelope through the mail slot on the red door of the Meeting Room. Receipts will be sent and a confirmation call will be made if requested.

The Highway Department has a skeleton crew and can be reached at (518)756-2078.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance; please stay well.

Jeff Ruso, Town Supervisor, Town of New Baltimore jruso@townofnewbaltimore.org, (518)756-6671, Ext. 7 or (518)337-9238

Pledge of Allegiance

New Business

- 2020 AgFest is Cancelled
- Notice of Public Hearing on Town of Coeymans Proposed Local Law # 3 of 2020 on April 23, 2020 at 6:30 PM at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY
- Audit of Claims

Upcoming Meetings

- April 27, 2020 Town Board Work Meeting at 7PM

Adjournment

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OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Also attending Councilmembers Boehlke, Downes, Irving, and VanEtten and Town Clerk Finke. Absent: Supervisor Ruso and Aline Galgay, Esq.

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: Good evening everyone and welcome to the Regular Meeting of the Town of New Baltimore Town Board for April 13, 2020. I'm Nick Dellisanti; I'm pinch-hitting for Jeff Ruso tonight. And just to let everyone know the Executive Order from the Governor is still in effect so the Town Hall will still be closed and our Court offices will still be closed; so basically on minimum staffing. Our Highway Department is working on half-shifts Monday through Thursday so you may still see them out on our roads. With that being said, will you all join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: I want to thank the Town Board for being here today and also Town Clerk Barb Finke. These are difficult times and we're basically here just to pay our bills, make a few announcements so our vendors can stay employed, keeping them going. When I get to the New Business, Shelly, would you like to make a comment on this, you want me to read it?

New Business

Councilmember VanEtten: Sure. AgFest for this year 2020, the AgFest is cancelled due to the coronavirus and we're looking forward to seeing everybody next year.

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: It's a shame. It's the first time this hasn't been done in approximately 30 years.

Councilmember VanEtten: About 30 years give or take a year.

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: Life is changing all around us right now because of this COVID-19.

Town of Coeymans: 'Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law # 3 of 2020 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans will hold a Public Hearing on April 23, 2020 beginning at 6:30pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY concerning Proposed Local Law # 3 of 2020 as described below: A Local Law to propose a moratorium to stop the processing of applications for, and the issuance of any permits, certificates of occupancy and approvals for certain land uses relating to solar energy, including but not limited to solar farms. The moratorium is for a period of six (6) months, allowing the Town Board of analyze and determine potential appropriate revisions and amendments to the Town of Coeymans Zoning Code concerning this use. A copy of the Proposed Local Law is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and is available on the Town website. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all interested parties will be heard at this time and place. By order of the Town Board Of the Town of Coeymans Cindy L. Rowzee Town Clerk'

Audit of Claims

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 72-2020
APRIL 13, 2020

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 2020-04-01 to 2020-04-36, it is

REVOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2020-04-01 to 2020-04-36.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until June 30, 2020.

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Motion by Councilmember Downes seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

AYES: Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NA\$YS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ruso

Motion Carried

General \$3,613.50, Highway \$2,199.11, Sewer 1 \$195,580.68, Lighting 1 \$1,560.73, Lighting 2 \$172.23, Ambulance 1 \$3,953.67, Ambulance 2 \$2,322.00, for a total of \$209,401.92.

Upcoming Meetings

- April 27, 2020 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

Supervisor Dellisanti: And we will basically be here in this room just the hopefully six of us at that particular time.

Motion by Councilmember VanEtten seconded by Councilmember Irving to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM

AYES: Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ruso

Motion Carried

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: Thank you all for coming. Everybody please stay safe and stay at home.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC
Town Clerk