

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

**JULY 26, 2021
AGENDA**

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reports

Supervisor

County Legislator

Town Clerk

- July 7, 2021 Town Board Special Meeting
- July 12, 2021 Town Board Regular Meeting

Tax Collector

Historian

Agriculture/AgFest (Chair Boehlke/Member Irving)

Animal Control (Chair Irving, Member Ruso)

Assessment (Chair VanEtten/Member Ruso)

Audit and Budget (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

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

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer (Chair Downes/Member Ruso)

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

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

- Resolution to Accept Grant from the Bank of Greene County

Greene County Planning Board (Boehlke)

Highway (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

- Resolution to Authorize the Supervisor to Sign Letter to Teamsters Local 294 Recognizing them as the Collective Bargaining Representative for the Highway Department and the Titles to be Included in the Bargaining Unit

Insurance (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member VanEtten)

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

Seniors (Chair VanEtten/Member Downes)

Technology/Website (Chair Downes/Member Boehlke)

Town Courts (Chair VanEtten/Member Ruso)

Veterans and Memorials (Chair VanEtten/Member Irving)

Wastewater Treatment (Chair Irving/Member Boehlke)

Youth, Parks and Recreation (Chair VanEtten/Member Boehlke)

Upcoming Meetings

- August 4, 2021 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- August 9, 2021 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- August 12, 2021 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- August 23, 2021 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

Public Comment Period/Community Events

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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OPENING OF WORK MEETING

Supervisor Ruso opened the meeting at 7:02 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending Councilmembers Boehlke, Downes, Irving, and VanEtten; Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti; County Legislator Linger; Deputy Town Clerk Loux; and 4 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Town Clerk Finke, Highway Superintendent VanWormer, and Tax Collector Jordan

Supervisor Jeff Ruso

The monthly financial reports for June, however, have been sent out and forwarded to each of you on your email. Has everyone had a chance to review them? I would like to make a Motion to accept the June financial reports, seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Irving

Motion Carried

County Legislator Pat Linger

My July report follows a month full of meetings, one Public Hearing, and the unanimous passage of Local Law #2, A Local Law Establishing a County-Wide Animal Abuse Registry. This law will require a person convicted of violent crimes against animals, as defined by NYS, to register with the GC Sheriff as an abuser. Their information will be posted to the registry for 15 years, and they are forbidden to own, or live in a residence with domestic animals. Businesses and private owners who wish to transfer ownership of a domestic animal are now required to check the registry, and refuse sale or transfer to anyone listed on the registry. The online registry will also include links to similar registries populated by other counties for informational purposes. Hopefully, we can get a statewide registry to be a priority of the State Legislature. We set a Public Hearing date for the CGCC budget for August 18 at 6:25pm in the Legislative Chambers. Their preliminary budget holds the line at last year's budget, although the GC share increased by \$135k due to a rise in student percentage by GC students. As this discussion moves forward, I would like to repeat last year's funding of the Greene Light grant to assist more students. We saw 33 students utilize that grant to help pay tuition and travel costs, who otherwise could not afford to attend college. The micro-credentialing programs are set to begin this fall at the Cairo Library. These targeted business classes will allow residents to attend college level classes and receive a certificate acknowledging successful completion. This allows for either personal education to improve skills, or move toward an Associates Degree as time allows, rather than at a defined semester schedule. I'm glad to see this initiative that I ran on to support finally come to fruition after last year's Covid delay. I attended a demonstration of the new Use of Force simulator at the college last week. This room is part of the capital improvement project at the college and is the only simulator of its kind from the Hudson Valley to the Canadian border. This interactive 3-screen simulator is an amazing addition to our Criminal Justice program, and is available to local police departments in Greene and Columbia Counties to use for training. Trainers are able to modify responses by the software based on an officer's interactions. In case you're wondering, your Legislator was able to successfully eliminate a zombie attack, and respond to an active shooter in a school. We awarded the County bid for propane to Nolan Propane at \$1.21, an increase of \$0.261 over 2020. Three other bids received were \$1.39, \$1.44, and \$1.80 per gallon. Bids were awarded for #2 diesel fuel at \$2.29 and gasoline at \$2.17, both \$.15 over Albany tank car price. We awarded a bid for emergency repair to the Honey Hollow Road Bridge over the Grapeville Creek. Although this bridge is physically in the Town of Coxsackie, it will affect travel for New Baltimore residents. This repair is scheduled to be completed before fall. We also approved Creighton Manning as Bridge Inspection Engineer for the CR61 bridge over the Coxsackie Creek. Design will begin in 2021 for the scheduled replacement during the 2023 construction season. Last Friday, we received our final Certificate of Occupancy from NYS Department of State for the new jail. At this time, all documents and inspections have been submitted to the NYS Commission of Corrections, and we await their approval to be able to begin populating with inmates. We believe we have satisfied the last minute changes they requested, and expect to be approved shortly. While we weren't able to house inmates when we had planned, the project did finish on time, and will be approximately \$700k under budget. We approved a 2021 budget amendment accepting state grand funds of \$1.266 mil, and \$322k to establish Covid screening/testing programs and Epidemiology and Lab Capacity contracts for enhanced detection expansion activities in our schools. These programs

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are a pass-thru funding mechanism for State contracts to help ensure schools maintain in-person learning. We appointed Debra Fromer, Haines Falls, to a vacancy on the Ethics Board. In cautiously optimistic news, our sales tax revenue is up by 26% over 2020. We're not sure how long this will last, but increased sales tax always leads to either increased fund balance, decreased tax rates, or both. I hope that the trend continues through the year. The GC Youth Fair was held this past weekend and was extremely successful. Attendance was high and the weather cooperated. I presented the Youth of the Year Award to Paige Swartout of Coxsackie at the opening ceremonies. The broadband survey is receiving mixed results on responses. Please, if you have a residence or business in Greene, take this online survey to help us obtain necessary data. The survey ends at the end of August. I awarded a Speenburgh grant to the RC Sportsmans Club to support their Youth Archery program. This program has expanded over the last few years from the original class of 23 to over 70 now, with multiple youth age group classes each day. It has now also extended to adult classes.

Councilmember Downes: Who's gonna manage the Abuse Registry?

County Legislator Linger: The Sheriff's Department. It'll also be available on their app as well as through our website.

Councilmember Downes: And is there any date for that? We're gonna put people who were abused...?

County Legislator Linger: It's anybody that's convicted after July 21 of 2021. I say that just saying that it has to be submitted to Department of State and normally that will take a week or two for the State to recognize it.

Councilmember Downes: Right, but it's just going forward, I didn't know if we were going back.

County Legislator Linger: It will be going forward. A Registry is something that has to be part of the sentencing so anybody previously wouldn't be able to be on there unless for some reason they do it again.

Councilmember Downes: That can just be checked out by anybody, the Registry? So we can just go out and look or another County can go out and look?

County Legislator Linger: Yes, correct. We're gonna link other Counties onto our page. Hopefully other Counties are doing that as well because people move. They move all over the State. I think there are 18 registries now or maybe 20 now out of 62 Counties so we would hope it becomes a bigger priority because people do move.

Councilmember Downes: For anybody selling a dog, they're gonna be required to go out there?

County Legislator Linger: Yup, they're required to look at the Registry. If someone's name is on the Registry, they have to refuse the sale. If for some reason that it's found that they got transferred ownership of an animal and there was a name on the Registry that they transferred ownership to, it's considered a violation of the law.

Supervisor Ruso: Is that only for sellers who are in Greene County or are they from wherever or the other Counties you spoke of?

County Legislator Linger: Yes, we can only do a Local Law that pertains to Greene County.

Councilmember Irving: Is this Registry found in the Sheriff's Office?

County Legislator Linger: Yeah, they're the ones that maintain it.

Supervisor Ruso: But it's online, kind of like the sex offender thing.

Councilperson Downes: So even if it's a private sale...

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County Legislator Linger: Even if it's a private sale.

Councilperson Downes: You're still responsible to go out there and look at it?

County Legislator Linger: Correct.

Councilperson Downes: Before transferring that.

County Legislator Linger: Business or private.

Councilperson Downes: Because I know we've got numerous people who breed dogs for private sale.

County Legislator Linger: Yeah, it wouldn't even have to be a breeder, it could just be somebody who's moving and can't take their dog with them and they want to give the dog away to somebody. They have to check the Registry.

Councilmember VanEtten: And how is the Registry being, how are people gonna know that they're supposed to be checking the Registry? Is it in the paper or are you...?

County Legislator Linger: It's been in the paper already. We've passed it last week and we did a press release on it.

Councilmember Downes: It was on the news again, too.

Supervisor Ruso: What are the fines if you sell or give a dog to someone? Is there some repercussions?

County Legislator Linger: The offender, if the offender is caught with an animal after they've been adjudicated to be on the Registry, they're subject to a one year in jail and I believe it's up to a \$2,000 fine. And not or. I believe the max on someone who either did not check the Registry and there was a name there or did check the Registry and sold it anyway to someone who was on it, I believe the max fine on that is \$5,000.

Councilmember Boehlke: So is this just pets?

County Legislator Linger: Yeah, we can't apply the law to service animals.

Councilmember Boehlke: Or agricultural animals.

County Legislator Linger: And we can't apply it to agricultural animals. Ag and Markets controls those, you can't take somebody's ability to make a livelihood away and service animals are covered under the ADA.

Councilmember Boehlke: It wasn't real specific so.

County Legislator Linger: They are specified in the law that way, but those animals are excluded for those reasons.

Supervisor Ruso: But those fines and so forth are subject to a Court?

County Legislator Linger: Correct.

Supervisor Ruso: I'm must reflecting upon a circumstance that my family took in a dog from a husband and wife who were quite old and the husband had a stroke. If that were to be true today, these people would not be checking the Registry and you never know who they could give the dog to and I don't think that would be someone that the Courts would go after.

County Legislator Linger: Yeah, like you say it's gonna be up to the Judge to decide what's a flagrant violation. I mean our Sheriff's Department typically doesn't want to go out and penalize people, they want to educate people. And in a case like that I think if somebody brought it to the

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Sheriff's attention, they would go out and have a talk with them and say 'look, we have this Local Law, you were supposed to check the Registry. This person was on it.' On the other side of that coin, the person that's on that Registry knows they shouldn't have that animal and they're the ones taking a chance on a year in jail and a fine themselves. That's all explained to them when they're sentenced. The one in Cairo, the one that's been all over the news, that case will be subject to this new law. She has not been tried yet.

Town Clerk Barb Finke

16 Building Permits \$126,054, 2 Decks & Porches \$150, 4 CO Searches \$60, 6 EZ Pass Tags \$150, 5 Fishing Licenses \$9.27, 39 Dog Licenses \$252, 3 Late Dog Licenses \$15, 2 Marriage Licenses \$35, 1 Beer Permit \$20, 2 Demolition Permits \$150, 2 Park Rental \$50, 56 Photo Copies \$14, Recycle Fees \$8, State, County & Local Revenues \$127,203, to New York State Agriculture and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program \$45, to New York State Department of Health for Marriages \$45, to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Fishing Licenses \$145.73, Total to Supervisor \$126,967.27 There was one FOIL in June for a total of 12 for 2021 and the Town did not possess any information pertaining to his request.

Supervisor Ruso: Thank you, Marjorie. I guess I'll ask Barb when she's back, I know she'll be monitoring this tape, I see we got two Marriage Licenses for \$35 yet we paid to the New York State Department of Health we paid \$45. I would hope it's the other way around that we have a process in place. I'll talk to Barb when she's in and she'll certainly point it out to me 'thanks for putting it on the tape.'

The July 7, 2021 Town Board Special 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 the vote was as follows:

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

The July 12, 2021 Town Board Regular Meeting submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Moved by Supervisor Ruso and was seconded by Councilmember Downes. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Tax Collector Diane Jordan

Property/County Tax—There is a 6% penalty added to unpaid bills until the July 31, please have the bills to the post office and post marked on or before the 31 of July. After this date the payments go to Greene County. I collect this payment until July 31, 2021, then all paperwork goes to Greene County. You will pay Greene County all property taxes after the due date of July 31. Sewer District # 1 Sewer #1 now has a 12% penalty added to the bill for February 15, due date. The second billing have gone out and are due by August 15, after this date there will be a 2% penalty added to the unpaid second billing. Water District # 2 Also Water #2 bills now has a 12% penalty on February 15, due date bill or a 6% penalty added to the May 15, due date bill that are due by August 15, bills unpaid by then will have another 2% penalty added to the unpaid bill after August 15. Third quarter water # 2 bills have been mailed out and this bill includes the Repair work to the infrastructure under the thruway for \$210.00 and Operation & Maintenance fee of \$10.00 per Parcel of land in the Water District #2. Anyone with questions please call me at (518) 756-6671 x 2 and I will be happy to help you any time.

Historian Ted Hilscher

Leif Roberg, grandson of Emma Crow, went out with me and John Cannon and Clesson Bush to walk the old turnpike north from Riverside Avenue. We are fairly confident we found the old roadway down the bank to the Cocksackie Creek. Emma Crow walked the old turnpike from Cocksackie to her classes at the Otter Hook School in 1927-28. Received a request for a Heritage

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Book from a new homeowner on Route 144 in the hamlet, and delivered same in person. (Books are available for \$25.) Researched and wrote the article on Irv Smith for the newsletter. This involved continuing my interviews with Irv, and researching the Catskill Recorder from 1913 at the Vedder Library for two mornings. Received an inquiry from Tom Walsh of Austin, Texas. Mr. Walsh is interested in the Alexander Family Cemetery, a private cemetery on Dean's Mill Road. He will be visiting in August. I will contact the landowner to obtain permission to visit the cemetery. Barb Finke has been very helpful in referring inquiries she receives to me.

Assessor Justin Maxwell

The Final Roll is available for viewing in the Assessor's Office and is being put on the Town Website as well. There are two Grievances to keep an eye on, both Arjun Hotel and the Jhoti Sai Hospitality have filed petitions against the Assessor following Grievance Day. Our town attorney is on the case.

Audit and Budget

Supervisor Ruso: We are just beginning our budget season. We will probably be having our first meeting, I would hope to have it within the next two weeks. We've been in contact with our bookkeeper about same and I know that Kelly and I share that responsibility.

Recycling Coordinator Kirk Trombley

18 Tires Up to and Include 16" Without Rim \$36, 4 Tires Up to and Include 16" With Rim \$12, 7 Tires Larger than 16" Without Rim \$52.50, 60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastics) 7, 13 Bundles of Magazines & Phone Books, 51 Bags & Bundles of Newspaper, 87 Boxes & Bundles of Cardboard, Total Income \$100.50 June 30 1 Air Conditioner, 1 Microwave Oven, 1 Toaster Oven; July 10 1 Air Conditioner, 1 Microwave Oven; July 17 1 Stove.

Supervisor Ruso: If we can discuss something here, both you and I Councilman Irving, have been informed, I didn't know it, that our disposal of tires – people bring tires to us, we charge them for the tires. We, in turn, take those tires and bring them to another recycling center who charges us money. If you look at your sheet here, you'll see that we're charged \$2 for a tire up to 16", we charge \$2, and we in turn are charged \$3. Those with a rim, we charge \$3, but we in turn are charged \$4. And anything larger than 16" rims, we are charged \$15 and we're charging \$7.50 for people who drop them off. So lately in the notice has been that we've had a lot of tires dropped off. No wonder, we're the best deal in Town. So I'm going to make a Motion, and we can discuss this, that we increase our fees. I can just make that Motion and it can be seconded. I'm gonna suggest that our 16" without a rim we charge \$4, those up to 16" with a rim we charge \$5, and larger than 16" we charge \$15. Now that gives us a slight increase and let's call it a premium if you will, but some of the problems are that it still costs the Town a great deal of money because the tires that are being dumped on roads here and there are picked up by our Highway Department and so sometimes the tires that we dispose of is double this, where we have a total of 29 tires. Not a lot of money, but still... And if we can catch the guy dumping the tires over in front of whatever, we would certainly, but they never get caught, but someday we will catch them.

County Legislator Linger: Jeff, do you want a point of reference here?

Supervisor Ruso: Yes, sir.

County Legislator Linger: The County Solid Waste, we also charge for tires. It is \$3 for tires up to 16" without rims, \$4 up to 16" with rims, over 16" without rims is \$7.50 as a reference point.

Supervisor Ruso: We can send them to Catskill and that's nice, but the place right over here not even a mile from us is the preferred site. We can get rid of them because we don't have to drive across the County with tires. That's what W&J? Whichever it is.

Councilmember Downes: Pat, do you know how much it costs you to get rid of the tires?

County Legislator Linger: I don't.

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Councilmember Downes: Because you may have a larger amount so you may get a discounted rate for taking \$7.50 when we're getting charged \$15 right?

Councilmember VanEtten: Right, for the large tires.

Supervisor Ruso: Nevertheless, that's what I'm suggesting. I'm ready to hear a conversation so I'm gonna start out by making a Motion that we increase the prices from \$2 to \$4 for those without a rim, from \$3 to \$5 for those with a rim, and for those larger than 16 to \$15.

Councilmember Boehlke: So they're taking them down to W&J?

Supervisor Ruso: Yes, sir. So I made a Motion, do I have a second?

Councilmember VanEtten: I'll second that.

Supervisor Ruso: Motion made and seconded, now it's time for discussion. Go ahead Mr. Boehlke.

Councilmember Boehlke: So can we question why we're even taking tires?

Supervisor Ruso: I think that's a great question.

Councilmember Boehlke: So if we've got W&J on the road that's going to take these for a fee, why should we handle them.

Councilmember VanEtten: Is that something like an individual could go and...?

Supervisor Ruso: Sure, yes, you can. Now the other question is why can't they go to Cocksackie for the County place which they also take tires. So there's more than one source and so...

Councilmember Boehlke: I mean there's a lot of people that take garbage down to the recycling center down in Cocksackie.

Supervisor Ruso: Well, I think that the contrary concern is if we don't have an outlet for people to drop their tires, we're gonna find more along the road is the concern. I don't know I tend to believe that people are gonna do that kind of thing are gonna do it anyway. That my thought.

Councilmember Boehlke: Yes, I agree with you.

Councilmember Downes: But I mean as long as we're covering our cost.

Councilmember VanEtten: Right, I think it's a nice service.

Councilmember Downes: It's a nice service. You know what it's like Saturday mornings, you want to go down, you dump your garbage, you don't want to go to 15 different places, you're gonna be willing to pay a little bit extra to have the convenience just to drop them off.

Supervisor Ruso: I think what we can do...

Councilmember Boehlke: But it's not often you're taking tires.

Supervisor Ruso: I think what we can do is I would like to go forward with my Motion. I like your points though. Let's give it a look see and see how things go. Try it now and the end of the year, a number of months anyway. Let see how it works.

Councilmember Downes: You said the 16" with rim is \$5? That's what we're being charged or that's what we're charging?

Supervisor Ruso: That's what we're charging.

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Councilmember Downes: We're charging \$5, but they charge us \$4.

Supervisor Ruso: And the only reason I'm going a buck more is because of the added cost from those tires that are currently being dumped just to try to get some of our money back, it's not like big money here, but on the other hand it's...

Councilmember Downes: So it would be just an extra dollar on the 16" with rim.

Supervisor Ruso: And the \$15. It will be \$4, \$5, and \$15.

Councilmember Downes: Right, but we get charged \$15 for tires?

Supervisor Ruso: Yes, yes.

Councilmember VanEtten: For the big ones.

Supervisor Ruso: We're charged \$15 for the big tires.

Councilmember Downes: And we charge \$4 and \$3 for the little tires correct?

Supervisor Ruso: Yes.

Councilmember Downes: Okay, thank you.

Supervisor Ruso: Alright so I made a Motion. I heard someone second it, I think it was Ms. VanEtten here. Any further discussion.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: Alright, so we'll communicate this with Kirk, his next opening day is, Kirk Trombley is our Recycling Center Operator, and that's on Wednesday.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Allan Jourdin

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for June, 2021, is as follows: Building Inspections: 26, Total Building Permits Issued: 11, Building Permits Renewed: 1, Building Permit Renewal Letters Sent: 8 First Notice; 2 Second Notice, Certificates of Compliance Issued: 7, Certificate of Occupancy Issued: 3, Certificate of Occupancy Search Requests: 2, Commercial Permits Issued: 2, Demolition Permit Applications Received: 2, Demolition Permits Issued: 2, Manufactured (Mobile) Home Permits Issued: 1, Total New Building Permit Applications Received: 9, New Building Permit Applications Awaiting Permit Issuance: 7, Open Building Permits: 170, Application Fees for June, 2021: \$126,354, Total Fees for Year to Date: \$130,320.10

Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement Representative Nick Dellisanti

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021. There were 6 EMS calls in June for a total of 50 for this year, 2021. We had 89 calls for all of 2020.

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: So we are ahead of the pace. We haven't had an increase I think this is four or five years on the Greene County EMS bill so I think next year we're looking at between three and four percent on an increase which is not terrible.

Supervisor Ruso: I know it's a floating figure, Nick, but approximately what do we get charged per call? I thought \$215 in that range is what I recall.

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: I was gonna say \$275, but it's in that area.

Supervisor Ruso: So if our calls go up?

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Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: That's what they do in September, they check the call log, what our numbers are for the budget for 2021, and it's just a mathematical equation at that point.

Grants/Promotions/Economic Development Chair Shelly VanEtten

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 123-2021
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**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GRANT FROM
THE BANK OF GREENE COUNTY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS Supervisor Ruso and Councilmember VanEtten applied for a grant from the Bank of Greene County Charitable Foundation.

RESOLVED that the Town of New Baltimore accepts a \$750 grant for the Summer Recreation Program.

Motion by Councilmember VanEtten seconded by Supervisor Ruso

Councilmember Downes: Are we up and running this summer?

Councilmember VanEtten: No, what I'm gonna do is use it to buy all new supplies for next year's program because I haven't done it in eight years so...

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: I think what we need to do is have an accompanying card or letter that thanks them for their grant, \$750.

Councilmember VanEtten: Yes.

Supervisor Ruso: You're gonna take care of that?

Councilmember VanEtten: Yes.

Supervisor Ruso: Beautiful.

Highway

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RESOLUTION 124-2021
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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN LETTER TO
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 294 RECOGNIZING THEM AS THE COLLECTIVE
BARGINING REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
AND THE TITLES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BARGAINING UNIT**

WHEREAS the Teamsters Local 294 notified the Town of New Baltimore that they would like to be recognized as the representative for the Town Highway Department employees.

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RESOLVED that the Supervisor is authorized to sign a letter indicating that the Town of New Baltimore recognizes Teamsters Local 294 as the collective bargaining representative for the Highway Department employees, the Deputy Highway Superintendent does not perform any supervisory duties, and the titles included in the Highway Department bargaining unit are Deputy Highway Superintendent, Equipment Operator, and Laborer.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

Councilmember Downes: So my question to you is who handles Highway issues when the Highway Superintendent is out?

Supervisor Ruso: That's a great question.

Councilmember Downes: If the Deputy does not do any supervisory or make any decisions.

Supervisor Ruso: They testified under oath, was it under oath, yes, that the Deputy Highway Superintendent performs no supervisory functions whatsoever.

Councilmember Boehlke: Yeah, they don't recognize the position.

Councilmember Downes: So he does not sign timesheets or anything like that.

Supervisor Ruso: He cannot sign timesheets, he cannot direct, he cannot discipline, he cannot do any of those. Furthermore, he has a stipend that has reflected in the past his supervisory role. So these are conversations that will occur during the contract negotiations which are down the road some, they're not coming around the bend immediately. So these are part of the conversations and I care not to go into too much detail because there are certain things that we can't discuss here that will be...the contract negotiations can't be discussed here certainly. So there's some things to hash out. But that's a good question.

Councilmember Downes: I just wanted to clarify everything.

Supervisor Ruso: We were quite surprised by that assertion, but nevertheless, were we not Mr. Dellisanti?

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: Yes, we were.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Insurance

Supervisor Ruso: We are hopeful to get our insurance figures for our budget season for our employees. We don't have those as of yet.

Planning Board Chair Rob VanEtten

The Planning Board met on July 12 with the following business transacted: ...Held a pre-application discussion with Town resident regarding a proposed two-lot subdivision of owned property and necessary steps for possible transfer of small amounts of acreage to bordering neighbors who may be interested in enhancing the size of their very small parcels. ...Per terms of their Special Use Permit whereby whenever there was to be music included, representatives were present from the New Baltimore Conservancy to advise the Board of the plans for their October 16, 2021, fall event at Longview Park on Route 61 which would include music during part of the afternoon/early evening event. Necessary resolution was passed granting them permission to proceed with the event as outlined including the music. ...Joshua Stiteler's authorized representative presented Minor Subdivision Application for a two-lot subdivision of his owned property on Route 26. Required Public Hearing on the application was scheduled for 7:00 p.m., August 12. ...Representatives were present on behalf of the Hannacroix Solar Facility, LLC Project to continue discussion on the proposed 5MW Solar Project planned for

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property on w/s of NYS Thruway just south of the New Baltimore Service area. Part 2 of Long Form SEQR was completed with negative declaration issued. Required Public Hearing on the Site Plan Application has been scheduled for 7:15 p.m., August 12. ...Discussion was also continued on the remaining items needed to bring into conformance two of the parcels on which panels will be place.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Pat Linger

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on July 7, 2021, with the following business transacted: The Hannacroix Solar Facility, LLC Public Hearing on the five submitted Variance Applications held and recessed on January 8, 2020, was continued. The Board was brought up-to-date on project status and report given on the Board's concerns raised in the January, 2020, portion of Hearing. While the Board felt their concerns had been adequately addressed, hearing was again recessed until 7:30 p.m. August 4, 2021, awaiting the successful conclusion of pending matters before the Planning Board. In the Regular Monthly Meeting, Variance Application submitted by Sarah Pilatich was discussed at length. Prior to considering scheduling of Public Hearing, the applicant was asked to obtain and submit additional information to the Board. The receipt of this additional information would determine whether it feasible for the Board to move forward in giving further consideration to the application.

Town Court

The following is the Town of New Baltimore Court monthly report for June 2021.

- Total June monies received was \$34,122
 - Judge Melewski \$17,029.00
 - Judge Huff \$17,093.00
 - State/County Share \$22,330.00 Town Share \$11,792.00
- Total 2021 (January-June) monies received \$151,774.00
 - State/County Share \$97,604.00 Town Share \$54,170.00
- Total New Cases Received 270

Audit of Claims

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 125-2021

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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 2021b-07-01 to 2021b-07-14, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2021b-07-01 to 2021b-07-14.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until August 31, 2021.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Upcoming Meetings

- August 4, 2021 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- August 9, 2021 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- August 12, 2021 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- August 23, 2021 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

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Public Comment Period

None

Community Events

Councilmember Downes: Saturday is Hazardous Waste Day, the 31st.

County Legislator Linger: 7:00 AM to 11:30 AM down at Scott Lane in Athens.

Councilmember Downes: And it's alphabetical right?

County Legislator Linger: It is, that controls the crowd a little better, but nobody gets turned away if they're there.

Supervisor Ruso: You can bring paint there?

County Legislator Linger: Yes.

Councilmember Downes: Do you have to do anything? Do you have to put kitty litter in it or anything like that or you just bring it in?

County Legislator Linger: They have containers out there, you don't even get out of your car.

Councilmember Downes: I just figured that was something good in case people didn't know.

Motion by Councilmember Downes seconded by Councilmember VanEtten to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC
Town Clerk