

**TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE**                      **Draft 10/28/2022**  
**COUNTY OF GREENE**                      **Adopted 11/14/2022**  
**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**  
**TOWN HALL, 3809 COUNTY ROUTE 51, HANNACROIX, NY 12087**  
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**OPENING PUBLIC HEARING**

Supervisor Ruso opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM with a Motion by Supervisor Ruso, seconded by Councilmember Boehlke.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes, VanEtten

Motion Carried

Also attending Councilmembers Boehlke and Irving; Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti; County Legislator Linger; Town Clerk Finke; Highway Superintendent VanWormer; and 5 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Councilmembers Downes and VanEtten

**Supervisor Ruso:** Today we're moving things from the Tentative to the Preliminary. The Final Budget will be at a future date. Differences not substantial this year in terms of history of the past number of years. We do rise in a lot of columns and there's a lot of uncertainties on various rows, but on the New Baltimore General Fund our revenues will be up by a total by about \$50,000 and the reasons for those are numerous. That's revenue side. There is an increase in taxes of \$22,000 in that range and there's also an increase in Fines and Forfeited Bail. That's an increase of \$18,000 and that's based upon history. If you look at Actual for the column that says Actual for 9/30 -- that represents three-fourths of the year -- and you'll see that our Actual is up \$77,000 on Fines and Forfeited Bail and if you extrapolate that out, that would be over \$100,000 for the remainder of the year. So we didn't go all the way to that high, we went to \$95,000. Mortgage Tax, that's an increase of \$15,000. We budgeted last year \$75,000 and we have a budget this year of \$90,000. That's \$64,000 under the Actual column. That represents what we've received to date from Mortgage Tax. We receive from Mortgages Taxes two payments annually, they come in May and it comes in November. Now our May check was \$64,517 when we only budgeted \$75,000. We have good reasons to believe that it will be somewhat less but not that far less in the \$50,000's for our Mortgage Tax for our second check. However, that's all based upon activity, purchases with the mortgage or a loan. So we raised it but we didn't want to go too far too much. The other line items here are rather similar dollar figures from previous years. State Aid is at \$12,000 and Planning fees we kept that the same. The list goes on with some of the smaller line items. So that's the budget Income. Now in terms of our General Fund Expenses, the bigger expenses there's a number of unknowns, but this will by the way represent a 2 ½ percent salary or wage increase for everybody who works in the Town. Everybody. The other expenses that are uncertain -- we don't know how that's gonna work out -- there are so many line items, but we do have some concerns about a cost of electricity, cost of fuel, and that is represented in various places. For instance, there's a line item A5182.4 -- that's the cost of the Garage -- and that's almost entirely utilities. We had \$17,000 last year; we made it \$22,000. Buildings Contractual Expenses, we had that at \$28,000 and we brought it up to \$30,000. It has had a little bit of fluctuation downward in the last couple of weeks. Central Hudson just raised it up last month to \$0.175 per kilowatt hour so we may need to look at that, but we do have a relief in sight by the way and I think he'll be here before long. You guys have any thoughts or questions or observations of any particular line item, something you'd like to have a description of?

**Councilmember Boehlke:** I have no questions.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Good. Overall if you go to the Summary page on the front there is a \$.09 -- \$.090632 -- over in the far right hand column that says Difference, third line down -- Townwide Funds, there's a .09 cents per thousand decrease in taxes from the Town of New Baltimore for 2023 as compared to 2022. And some of it's based upon increase in funding and some other decreases. If we look at the Highway, the big change in the Highway is going to be the Serial Bond Principle and Interest. Our bond is paid off. We don't have another bond for next year. So we no longer have to make payments there. There are some suggestions that our CHIPS Aid is going go down, not badly, so we're going to budget less -- \$310,000. We did have \$362,000 for this year under the column Actual. And that's the General Funds which are comprised of General and the Highway. There is another big change in the Sewer. District 1, you're going to see that we have -- it's gonna look like a deficit in the Sewer District -- if you look down on the second page of the Sewer District, you see that it's a negative \$75,000, but if you go back on the income what we've been budgeting, the Tentative Budget is \$150,000, but we're only going to

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have rates that are half for this year for all users in the Sewer District. At a previous meeting I described how we had closing in on \$400,000 in the Sewer District -- \$ 350,000 we had in the Unallocated Fund Balance and another \$40,000-ish in the Reserve Account. So what are we going to do with the \$358,000? 1) Everybody who's a user in the Sewer District is going to have their rates cut approximately in half. The calculations came out that it would have been \$62.90 per point for the year. Most of the homes have 10 points, most of the users in the District have 10 points. There are two family homes down there as well, but for the majority of our folks here the \$62 is resembling what you've been paying. We're gonna charge for this year for 2023 \$31.45, 50 percent, and that comes to about \$75,000 less in income. So that comes off that \$358 extra money that's been out there. We're also paying off a \$100,000 bond, exactly \$100,000, which is a nice, clean figure and then we're going to be putting \$120,000 into Reserves. We're not gonna finalize that Reserve transfer until after the budget is final, the final, not this one. So I'll have that then, I didn't want to focus on that so much now. And then I'll still retain a chunk of money and if there's a good level of funds available in the unallocated fund balance, we're gonna do this again for '24. I doubt it will be brought down to \$31.45 per point, but it will probably come close to that. So in essence everybody who has 10 points, a standard homeowner in the district, is going to have a reduction on the Sewer of \$314.50. So that's what going on there. Our Reserve Fund will be at approximately one year's worth of expenses. I don't think if there's anybody here, I don't see anyone who's in Water District #2, they were rather upset that a Reserve was not in place when all their issues happened and so we don't want to repeat that one. That was not a good day. We're gonna have that money there in case something goes wrong. We have a new Sewer Plant and a lot of updates, but I don't know what line's gonna burst and I don't know what pipe is gonna go bad and I don't know where it will be. It won't be under the Thruway thankfully, at least we have that going for us. Nevertheless we're gonna keep that there in case of and it's nice to be in that circumstance and I think that folks generally, there some people that don't have a lot of money, three hundred fourteen dollars will make a difference to them. I think so anyway. So it looks like there's a deficit, but that's because we're collecting less and that deficit dollar will be taken out of that unallocated fund balance. The Water Fund, we're coming along okay on the Water Fund. I don't think anyone here in the room is in any Water District. There are three districts. Did you guys know that? Do you know where they are? That's a question. I'll tell you where they are. There's one that comes off of Ravena and goes along 9W to where the Budget Motel is. And then there's the one over in Scheller Park and there's a very small one, the only user is the SERTA plant over on 9W on the Cocksackie line. So that's our Water District. Actually, Water District 3, that's the one down by SERTA, we have added some people. We had a Public Hearing earlier this year. There's a few homes nearby that that are on that District as well, Cocksackie Antique Place and a couple people in between, but there's only 12 parcels in that whole district so it's very small. Street Lighting, we raise this up because our outcomes are rather high already this year. And that's because the change in electricity rates. Now Mr. Barrios will be here and he's going to talk about Community Choice Aggregation because it's time for renewal of that contract. The Town properties -- Town Hall, Highway Garage, Sewer Plant, Street Lighting, and perhaps some incidentals like the Parks that only run so many months of the year, they're not big users -- we're gonna put on a contract with Constellation and Central Hudson's charging 17.5 and per kilowatt, that's cents, and they're gonna give us a rate of 11.5 cents per kilowatt. So we're gonna be doing that and hopefully we'll have an impact on this. Any way we can save a buck. The Ambulance Fund, well that's pretty much what it is. They submit figures to us. We plug those in based upon their expenses and expected earnings. So that's from an outside and ancillary outfit. So I reviewed these, I'm not going go through every line item. Mr. Boehlke, have any thoughts or observations?

**Councilmember Boehlke:** No, I'm just thinking about the Street Lighting issue. Didn't we talk about reviewing with Central Hudson about changing the light fixtures in there to something more energy saving?

**Supervisor Ruso:** We have been, but the cost of replacement was exceedingly high. However, if one goes bad, they replace it without that cost.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** So they're doing it through attrition.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Yeah and there's a lot of new ones. I drive through the hamlet area and there's so many you can tell are the new LEDs and we're probably at a I'm gonna say about a 50 percent level. I haven't done a count. There's so many more, I spot another one here and another

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one there. And they don't tell me when they do it. They just do it and that's okay by me, but I'd like to get more done.

**Supervisor Ruso:** 'GREENE COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 6:30 PM at Town Hall, 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, NY to hear those members of the public who wish to be heard regarding the 2023 Preliminary Budget. The Work Meeting will be held at 7 PM. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office at the Town of New Baltimore, 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, NY 12087. Proposed Salary Figures of Elected Officials are as Follows: Town Council (4) \$5,125, Town Justices (2) \$12,300; Town Supervisor \$12,300, Town Clerk \$41,000, Superintendent of Highways \$58,425. By Order of the Town Board, Barbara M. Finke, Town Clerk'

**Supervisor Ruso:** Have you any thoughts or questions on this before I open up to...?

**Councilmember Irving:** I think the point you brought up about the electrical rates is a good point, but I think we're gonna save...

**Supervisor Ruso:** We'll wait to the Work Meeting for Javier.

**Councilmember Irving:** I think we'll save more. I have talked to some people in the Sewer District and I think some property owners and we're gonna be making a few more hookups in the hamlet probably over the next year.

**Supervisor Ruso:** That has to be audited as well because I'm informed, not knowing, but I've been told by people, that there's some homes that used to be a one-family and are now a two-family and they should be getting charged 20 points. If they never got a permit to change it to a two-family in the first place, we don't know about it, but people tell us things.

**Judy Felsten:** So my question is about the fact that the Highway Personal Service lines are flat from last year to this coming year and so to me that seems like you're either not preparing for the contract changes or you're not trying to outflank them by raising the wage to the point where they'd actually have a full staff. It would be really great if we had a full staff by this winter wouldn't it?

**Supervisor Ruso:** Of course, but, no, neither of these are true.

**Judy Felsten:** So what is the situation?

**Supervisor Ruso:** As people will know, we are in negotiations.

**Judy Felsten:** I know you are.

**Supervisor Ruso:** And when I put a figure down there that may not meet our current offering and that current offering could very well change.

**Judy Felsten:** What does that mean, that your offering would change in the Final budget?

**Supervisor Ruso:** No, if I put a salary figure change in there then that would constitute an offering at the negotiating table. That's what that would imply. So if I said 'oh, let's add \$28,000 to it' that would kind of short circuit the negotiating table. So we're holding that where it is. There's money in there nevertheless in our unallocated fund balance.

**Judy Felsten:** In other words you have the money, it's just not showing in...

**Supervisor Ruso:** We have money in case the electricity rates go skyrocketing. We have that in our unallocated fund balance much as what I described for the unallocated fund balance for the Sewer. So there's monies in there, but we're not gonna put a salary figure in there until we have a final negotiation and it doesn't look like we're going to have that by our Final Budget. In fact it's absolutely certain it won't be.

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**Judy Felsten:** So suppose the negotiations stall out again, what would you do so there's a full crew by the winter?

**Supervisor Ruso:** We still have to recruit.

**Judy Felsten:** And they're having trouble recruiting because the rates as I understand are lower than surrounding rates.

**Town Clerk Finke:** Everyone is.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I know. They need to get a raise. In fact that's our plan. Briefly, this is off the topic, we put an offer on the table. I'll put it on the TV station, we put an offer on the table was that in June?

**Deputy Supervisor Delisanti:** April.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Yes, you're right. We've expected them to come back with a counter. We've called them and we've called them. We've called the union rep 'would you please give us a counter.' Our offer is \$2.50 an hour, our most recent offer. Their expectation is \$3 an hour. Good heavens the differences aren't that hard that we can only get a meeting and again I want it in public here. I want a meeting with the folks so we can get this done.

**Judy Felsten:** Is that the only issue on the table?

**Supervisor Ruso:** That's the main issue. Once that's resolved, the other ancillary ones will probably be better.

**Judy Felsten:** And what would happen if you went up to \$3?

**Supervisor Ruso:** Well, we're in negotiations. I expect that we would perhaps be at \$2.75 then everybody would be happy. They won't even come back to the table.

**Judy Felsten:** Is that the story I would hear from the Teamsters?

**Deputy Supervisor Delisanti:** The union is going to mediation right now, after three meetings.

**Supervisor Ruso:** They've asked for mediation. Now what mediation means for those that've been through it, a mediator will find typically the middle point by the very nature of the word mediation. Mr. Eckl will probably tell me it resembles that. I have a funny feeling it will come out to about \$2.75.

**Judy Felsten:** Will that put you in competition with the surrounding departments and state departments and stuff?

**Supervisor Ruso:** Yes, it will. I can't say that someone else isn't going to go out next week, but that always happens. But, no, that resembles what others are paying.

**Supervisor Ruso:** We're not going to get into negotiations here, so we're not gonna do all that stuff. So we are waiting for them. For those that don't know, the process is they come up with a given expectation. We come back with an offer. Then they were this way, then we go that way. We have put our offer on the table. They aren't meeting and they aren't coming back to the table. Why? I don't know. I have my suspicions and I'll tell you what I think it is. I think they're a small fish and the union is not spending the resources to try to get four people when they are working on getting Amazon across the river with 400 people. I think they're not putting their resources because it's not a big bargaining unit. That's my opinion. It's not absolute, it's opinion.

**Judy Felsten:** Yeah, I know. It's speculation.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Yes, thank you. Good point.

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**Judy Felsten:** But isn't one Teamsters and the other a different union?

**Supervisor Ruso:** Actually I don't remember which one the Amazon was. The Teamsters are involved with a lot of different ones, they're not only here.

**Judy Felsten:** I know. I just want you to know that I really hope there's a full crew.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Yeah, I do too. We just lost one last week or two weeks ago.

**Elleen Vosburgh:** I also want to speak on behalf of the Highway crew. I'm hoping that you can come to a reasonable contract because recently I saw on TV it was either DOT or the Thruway was offering \$20 an hour and they would give CDL training. So we all know that our Highway employees need a decent living wage so that they don't leave and we all need continuity.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Quite frankly I was hoping that this would have been done by now. I've actually calculated what they would be receiving and it's an excess right now, today, what they would be receiving if we weren't in negotiations, if we had gone through the process as we had with every other employee in the Town who were not in the bargaining unit. They'd be in excess of \$20 today. They would be in excess of \$20.

**Judy Felsten:** If it had been settled when?

**Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti and Supervisor Ruso:** That's without the union.

**Elleen Vosburgh:** You would have given them the \$3.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Well, it wouldn't have been quite \$3, but they would be in excess of \$20 right now. I know they would, I did the math on it. That's what they would be receiving today.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** Absent union dues. I'm just saying absent union dues.

**Elleen Vosburgh:** Well, it seems that as of for 2023 we would have spent \$26,000 in legal expenses on this. Am I right?

**Supervisor Ruso:** I think we're coming up not quite that much. You said \$27,000?

**Elleen Vosburgh:** Well \$7,747 Actual in '21 and then \$10,880 for Actual of this year and then another \$7,500 budgeted for next year.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Yeah, you're right.

**Elleen Vosburgh:** It's a lot.

**Supervisor Ruso:** It's getting up there, yeah.

**Elleen Vosburgh:** I wanted to ask you about the Attorney fees, increase in Attorney fees. Page 2 of 5 it looks like there's approximately about a \$4,000 increase since 2021. It looked like it was \$18,493 was the Actual and the 2022 we really bumped up the Actual \$22,000. So can you just tell us what...

**Supervisor Ruso:** That's because we've been sued.

**Elleen Vosburgh:** Oh, forgot about that. Okay.

**Supervisor Ruso:** We've been sued two or three times now.

**Elleen Vosburgh:** Yeah, that does explain it.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Now for both the hotels in Town to have their assessment brought down and then we had the...

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**Eilleen Vosburgh:** The Albright thing.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Yeah, all that stuff too so that bumped it up.

**Eilleen Vosburgh:** Alright, thank you. The other thing I wanted to ask is how did we come to having such a high sewer fund balance.

**Supervisor Ruso:** It took about 25 years to get there, little bits, less expenses and roughly the same rates. The rates haven't really changed.

**Eilleen Vosburgh:** No, they haven't.

**Supervisor Ruso:** So and then with some changes with the new bonding, with interest rate has made a difference already so we're going to have, but it was incremental. Year after year they didn't spend as much as was budgeted. We had savings each year. Well, not every year but most years. There were some that were extraordinary.

**Judy Felsten:** Does that means there wasn't any catastrophies?

**Supervisor Ruso:** Yes, pretty much. So you budget for some contingencies and they worked out and I can only speak of the last nine years on the Board, but there was a balance already when I came on board and the balance has grown. I'm a sort of person in my own personal life if I think I'm gonna spend \$10,000, I'll put it down there and I'll be quite happy to spend \$9,000 whatever the case may be and that's true with everyone.

**Eilleen Vosburgh:** One more thing about the Highway, I know a lot of community members are really thinking about the Highway crew and the fact that we are down two and these guys work very hard.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Yeah, we'd like to get them up and running. I just want to get this negotiation -- I know that Alan I mean I've asked him please. We're not allowed to interfere with union business. We're not allowed to. NLRB stuff, we don't want to do that, but can I light a fire under their front seats. I'll go down to the Teamsters and say 'let's get it going,' but I can't do that.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** We have industries in the area paying in excess of \$30 an hour having trouble finding people to work.

**Supervisor Ruso:** And people know their jobs, too. This isn't a job that people here can just go in and do. These are technical skilled. It's not easy.

**Eilleen Vosburgh:** And we all value their knowledge of the Town, of the trucks.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Well, they know their routes too and that makes a big difference. If Alan could light a fire under their chair.

**Highway Superintendent Van Wormer:** You have no idea.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Please is the answer. So we've had our Public Hearing. We've heard from all the ones we've heard so I'll make a Motion to close the Public Hearing.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** Second.

**AYES:** Ruso, Boehlke, Irving

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:** Downes, VanEtten

**Motion Carried**

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:01 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,



Barbara M. Finke RMS  
Town Clerk

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

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

**Reports**

**Supervisor**

- Presentation on New Program Details and Renewal Program Details by Javier Barrios and Ed Carey from Good Energy, L.P.
- Resolution to Authorize Continuation of the Community Choice Aggregation Program Agreement in the Town of New Baltimore

**County Legislator**

**Town Clerk**

- October 12, 2022 Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes

**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)**

- Resolution to Establish 2023 Preliminary Budget
- 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)**  
**Greene County Planning Board (Boehlke)**  
**Highway (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)**  
**Insurance (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)**
- Resolution to Approve Medicare Advantage Plan, Dental and Vision Insurance Plans for 2023

**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**

- November 2, 2022 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- November 8, 2022 Town Offices Closed for Election Day
- November 10, 2022 Planning Board Meeting at 7PM
- November 11, 2022 Town Offices Closed for Veterans Day
- November 14, 2022 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- November 24-25, 2022 Town Offices Closed for Thanksgiving
- November 28, 2022 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.

TOWN BOARD WORK MEETING  
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**OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING**

Supervisor Ruso opened the meeting at 7:09 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending Councilmembers Boehlke and Irving; Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti; County Legislator Linger; Town Clerk Finke; Highway Superintendent Van Wormer; and 8 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Councilmembers Downes and VanEtten

**Supervisor Ruso:** I'm going to start out with having our special guest, Mr. Javier Barrios, and he's going to talk about the Good Energy program details and renewals. Proceed, sir.

**Javier Barrios:** Thank you, Supervisor. Thank you, Board. Thank you for having me. I'm gonna start with I'm Javier Barrios with Good Energy, one of the Managing Partners, and I'm gonna give a little bit of history of how you guys got into that and then it will lead into what we're doing right now with the renewal of the program, the extension, the continuance of the program. About close to four years ago you guys passed a local law, 3½ or so where you actually moved to do a Community Choice Aggregation Program. Basically, the program is a program where it collects all the data, all the accounts from the residents and small businesses. You get to aggregate that, you use a CCA administrator like us, Good Energy, to move forward and we aggregate all of the community residents, we run an RFP, we run a bid, we collect the prices and then we move forward with a price that hopefully provides price protection and budget certainty and beats the utility rates. So when you first started the program your rates were about in the high \$0.05's-low \$0.06 range. We renewed the program a couple of years ago. You're currently at \$0.574 and it's been fantastic because if people remember in February the Central Hudson rates went up to \$0.22 per kilowatt hour. So they literally more than tripled. Pretty scary situation. Currently what's going on in the global markets is that there's an energy crisis. Prices in the UK for example are up 20 times believe it or not. So it's unbelievable how much the global situation and the geopolitical things that are happening have affected all energy markets. So the US has been very sympathetic to that. So in February timeframe all the energy markets, all the power markets, not only New York, but in the Midwest, in the south, in California, we followed suit and a lot of places have gone up ten times. Our neighboring states in Massachusetts believe it or not they're averaging about \$0.11 a kilowatt hour for electricity rates. Come winter they're going up to \$0.33 a kilowatt hour. So it's a really volatile, volatile market. In fact to be quite honest about two or three months ago we didn't even know that we were going to have a competitive-rate that would even match the utility. It's been so high and volatile and many of the suppliers that are bidding into these competitive markets don't even want offer a price because there was so much volatility. You have all these jagged edges in the natural gas and power markets. So it's been a real trial for us as consultants to really balance and manage the power cost and come in with a fixed price. The good news is that over the last month or so we've really seen natural gas and electricity prices soften while utility rates continue to trend upwards. So essentially we're seeing a big trend up in Central Hudson so let me narrow it down to this utility where it's affecting everybody here in this room. Last month the utility rates were \$0.1358 and just this month October, they're \$0.1745 now. So they're back close to that \$0.22 price range. So what Good Energy is recommending and I think we had a call with both Cossackie and Cairo who were in a call and the Deputy Supervisor who was on that call and there was a verbal promise or a verbal commitment to do a 24-month term to provide budget security and price protection for the community which is most important. We're going into the winter months. They're volatile times. We don't know what those winter months will look like. So before a peak high-risk season like a winter season, we want to make sure that we have an insurance policy in place, have some budget security for residents. I do want to point out that the program allows residents to come in and out of the program without any penalties and they're not individually in a contract. The contract is with a supplier and the municipality. The municipality's not liable for anything. Residents aren't liable so the supplier does take the risk on that hedge mechanism with the power so it's really a nice feature for the community, it's a nice feature for residents. It gives you another option in the market. They can go find a competitive supplier on their own or they can use the municipal program. So it's a real win-win for residents. If you don't want to use the program, you don't have to. If you want to stay in the program, not worry about it, have some price protection, you can choose to be on there. So it's a real easy, user friendly program. So currently the good news is the market has come down a little bit more from our conference call about a month ago. We were in the \$0.12 range. It softened quite a bit and so today the offer and I can confirm that Cossackie and Cairo both signed today, this afternoon, and it was \$0.1135 which is good news. I think what we quoted first was \$0.124, so we've come down a little over a penny which is fantastic. So real

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that the contract is already in place with New Baltimore in your mailbox and so we just need to move forward with that. As far as the comparisons, again last three months you're talking about rates that averaging about \$0.14 and then the trailing 12 months it's pretty much break even at \$0.112. So \$0.112 is the 12-month trailing, but that's not taking into account those cheap months last year so you're using some of those cheaper months to bring down those rates. But we're in a new economy at this point with inflation, with supply chain issues, with geopolitical news, all that stuff. We're in a totally different new plateau now for all energy markets. So I know going from \$0.574 to \$0.11 sounds awful, but it's all relative right being that you're in this new economy.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Not as bad as \$0.17.

**Javier Barrios:** It's better than paying \$0.17 right now in October exactly. That's simple math. But more importantly it's really understanding why we do this and we've been doing this for 15 years and we've seen from 15 years ago the trend of energy markets grow and we, being in the CCA game and the Community Choice Aggregation Programs and manage it, we see the value of a hedge. The value of that insurance policy in place. It's really important to have that and you guys saw that firsthand starting January, February where you guys were protected from the volatility of those crazy prices from Central Hudson. In fact Central Hudson from a percentage delta was the highest increase utility in the State of New York. Higher than ConEdison, LIPA, your neighbors NYSEG, your neighbors O&R, your neighbors National Grid. Everybody around you, their rates stayed very stable. Central Hudson screamed up.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** It was all in Delivery pretty much right?

**Javier Barrios:** No, it was mostly Supply. It is all the volatility of market supply cost, it was not delivery. Delivery did go up, but delivery is a little bit slower because the utility has to petition to increase so there's a little bit more where in New York, markets are dynamic every month. Every month they can go up 70, 100 percent, 200 percent. Delivery, the utility has to petition, they have to justify the operational cost because it's more of a transport. It's all transport. Where commodity is more dynamic, it can't be petitioned. You have to let the markets move as they move. So that's pretty much it. I'm gonna take some questions with regard to the program.

**Supervisor Ruso:** We've had this for a number of years and I don't really know because I know some people opted out, some people stayed in, is there an idea as to how much our residents have saved over the years. Is there any dollar figure or rough?

**Javier Barrios:** I was doing some numbers, I would probably say it's about -- with the February to December price increases -- it's probably averaging out to about \$200-\$300 a year.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Per house.

**Javier Barrios:** Depending on the size of your house per home. So since January-February when the rates really tripled and quadrupled with Central Hudson, if you take that, and you go back two years, it's probably about \$200-\$250 a month. So collectively you're program is about 715-725 people who are active participants in the program, so you're talking anywhere from \$175,000 - \$200,000 collectively in the Town. In the Town.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Now I've had some calls in the past month particularly, couple months from folks who opted out. I gave some of them your phone number. I don't know if they called you.

**Javier Barrios:** I was mentioning that today that people have been opting-in to the program. I think I was talking to Barbara where we were talking about that today.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I think a few years ago when it was \$0.05 versus \$0.07 or \$0.08, I don't know if people saw the difference, but when the rates go for \$0.20 or whatever they were back in February then obviously that hits people harder.

**Javier Barrios:** I think the real value when you go into the specifics of the program, how we view it and I think how many of our municipal clients have been on for many, many years -- 10 years, over a decade -- they realize that they're not looking out for somebody who's smart

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enough and has the energy to go and shop around, and shop for oil companies, natural gas companies, and electric. You know those people they could do the studies and they might get a better rate, there's always a better rate somewhere in any market, in any industry right, but what we're doing with this program is really looking out for people on fixed income, don't have the energy, are more worried about other things besides looking at their bills. So at least you have someone looking over that aggregate, that demographic to make sure that they're taken care of. Everybody else who can go find a better rate, go find a better rate, it's fine, but those who can't do it for a number of reasons -- busy, physically they can't do it, don't have the energy -- that's who you're looking out for. Does anybody have any questions on the program?

**Elleen Vosburgh:** So we're locked in at that rate \$0.1135 and for 2 years?

**Javier Barrios:** Correct.

**Elleen Vosburgh:** What if it goes down?

**Javier Barrios:** If it goes down people can opt-out and find another.

**Elleen Vosburgh:** So you can go in and out.

**Javier Barrios:** Yes, so individually they can go and opt-out.

**Elleen Vosburgh:** Now I stayed in, but the company I have is Clearway. Is that...?

**Javier Barrios:** So you have a competitive ECSO and we're not Clearway. It's Constellation is the supplier, the winning supplier that runs the program for us. They actually hedge the power. We're the administrator, the CCA administrator; Constellation is the selected supplier.

**Supervisor Ruso:** One way if you had an energy company prior to them coming in.

**Elleen Vosburgh:** No.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I don't know because if you did have one, then you would have stayed with that one. They couldn't have swapped them out. So I'm not sure how that happened. Someone else told me they got switched too.

**Javier Barrios:** Correct. Some people use like a telephone tactic so you have to be real careful. Our program, we don't solicit at all.

**Elleen Vosburgh:** Somebody came door-to-door. I wonder if that was how it happened.

**Judy Felsten:** I wondered why I keep getting mail from them.

**Javier Barrios:** You have to be careful with direct mail, you have to be careful with door-to-door, and you have to be careful with outbound calls from calling centers and just know the one thing you have to know if you're being solicited, it's not the municipal program. The municipality is not soliciting this, the municipality is only informing, educating, and sending an opt-out letter telling you 'do you want to stay in the program or not.'

**Elleen Vosburgh:** Do you send out an opt-out letter?

**Javier Barrios:** Yes, we send an opt-out letter the second go round.

**Elleen Vosburgh:** To all residents?

**Javier Barrios:** Yes, to all the participants. Well, if you have opted out already, they you're out. So we can certainly run a campaign to let people know to opt-in if you'd like. That's not a problem.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Yeah, why not. Why not.

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**Javier Barrios:** Well you might be in the program already. Okay you're definitely not in the program. So some people don't know because they might see the letter, they don't pay attention, they throw it out and they're automatically in the program because they haven't opted out right. So like when you get a magazine subscription and you get the card and you opt.... That's not it, it's the opposite of that right. It's called an opt-in. We run an opt-out. So you're automatically in it until you say 'I don't want to be in it.' That's when you opt-out.

**Richard Guthrie:** Could we identify on our bill which program we are in?

**Javier Barrios:** Yes, so it should say Constellation. It should say New Baltimore CCA, but we could put a better identifier for that so that people can know.

**Supervisor Ruso:** New Baltimore CCA kinda works pretty good.

**Javier Barrios:** Exactly. Usually every six months we do send out opt-out letters to people who move into the program. What we can do and we can discuss with the municipality if you'd like to send opt-in letters to people who are completely out of it. We can send them opt-in letters if you like.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I was going to ask a similar question perhaps, what about new residents? Somebody moves in tomorrow, where do they go?

**Javier Barrios:** Every quarter we send out an opt-out letter to them if they want to come in.

**Elleen Vosburgh:** I would appreciate that letter.

**Javier Barrios:** I can give you my information if you'd like or get your information from Barbara.

**Richard Guthrie:** In the news recently there's a company over in Columbia County that somehow was considered ineligible to participate in this energy program and Central Hudson ended up having to retrieve all those customers again and that resulted in a huge mix-up in the billing process causing some people to get astronomical bills. Could that scenario happen on this side of the river with you and the other people?

**Javier Barrios:** Correct. The good news is that was our competitor who actually did that and our Central Hudson aggregation didn't do that. I think I'm just gonna speak for myself and our Company, I think we're very good as far as due diligence and understanding the companies and the ESCOs, competitive suppliers that can manage these kind of programs, and we're using companies that we've used across the country here in New York so we feel comfortable with the balance sheet, we feel comfortable with the solvency of that particular company, and so I think our due diligence is one where we've learned over the years, we've been in commodities, myself personally over two decades. So we understand who are the players and really who has the bigger balance sheet. So one of the reasons that we're able to say that our program is still No.

**Richard Guthrie:** So you guys were watching what was happening over there and learned from their mistakes.

**Javier Barrios:** No. Well we didn't learn from their mistakes, that supplier that they used did not pass our smell test on our side. We never partnered with them. We were approached by them, but...

**Richard Guthrie:** That's reassuring.

**Javier Barrios:** We don't use companies that we really don't trust or are not operationally ready and financially ready. Good question though.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Thank you, sir. I appreciate your time. We're also going to get our Town properties. We can't be on a CCA program. but we would be on.

**Javier Barrios:** Correct, it depends on the rate class, but yes.

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*Supervisor Jeff Ruso*

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RESOLUTION 138-2022  
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RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CONTINUATION OF  
THE COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM  
AGREEMENT IN THE TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE

*WHEREAS* the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore authorized participation in a Community Choice Aggregation Program and adopted Local Law 1 of 2016 on July 25, 2016.

*WHEREAS* the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore adopted Resolution 117-2016 on June 27, 2016 to appoint Good Energy, L.P. as administrator of the Community Choice Aggregation Program.

*RESOLVED* the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore authorizes continuation of the Community Choice Aggregation Program Agreement for the residents of the Town for an additional two years.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Irving

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes, VanEtten

*Motion Carried*

**Supervisor Ruso:** The monthly financial reports for September were forwarded to all Board members. Has everyone had a chance to review them? I would like to make a Motion to accept the September financial reports.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Irving

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes, VanEtten

*Motion Carried*

**Supervisor Ruso:** I know it's still October, but based upon the September figures, it's clear we're gonna end up with a surplus. I'm just not sure how much for the end of the year. So we won't be a deficit which we like.

*County Legislator Pat Linger*

I have 2 scheduled Public Hearings to announce tonight. The first is for public comment on the Tentative 2023 County Budget. This budget proposes a 0 percent increase in the levy, a noteworthy accomplishment in a year where inflation is over 8 percent. We will also cover budgetary concerns and potential solutions looking ahead several years. This hearing will take place this Wednesday, October 26 at 6pm in the Catskill HS Auditorium. The second hearing is the Human Services 2023 Plan for Services. Concerns for the services and support of our elderly population should be brought here. This hearing will take place on Thursday, November 17 at 1:30pm at the Cossackie Senior Center. Stephanie Schleuderer, the new Executive Director will run this meeting. Scheduled paying has been completed for this year and shoulder work is being finished up over the next week. At that time, we expect to replace 2 culverts on Main St that are damaged. We hope to complete this replacement before the blacktop plants shut down in late November. Several of the ARPA funding requests have been approved, including the \$100,000 for the Town of New Baltimore. We authorized the new contract with Greene EMS, which is a \$300,000 increase over last year. This is the first budget increase in 4 years from them. The Cossackie Transfer Station is scheduled for substantial completion by November 1, 2022. We will re-open that facility shortly thereafter, and will haul waste directly to the landfill from that

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location. This move will save us hundreds of thousands of dollars in fuel and labor costs each year. There are some updates on Developments off Thruway Exit 21 in Catskill that have finally been signed. First, Exit 21 East Property of the former Quality Inn Hotel will be an 80-room Hampton Inn by Hilton, which is to include a fitness center, saltwater pool, business center, and conference room. Second, Stewart's Shops signed a contract to purchase land in the Exit 21 East business park to relocate and build a new retail store. Stewart's new store will be located at the current location of the Greene County Tourism Center. The Tourism Center will be demolished to allow Stewart's to build at that location and the current Stewart's will be renovated to accommodate the new Tourism Visitor Center. The IDA has set aside funds to assist in the rehab of the new tourism center and Stewart's will be donating the existing building. The first part of development on the Exit 21 West Property will be by Bell Jar Holdings that purchased a 1.7 acre parcel with plans to rehabilitate the existing garage on the site, and add a 1950's diner as a second building. The new owners plan to convert the garage into a gourmet food market. Next to the food market they will place the 1950's diner opening as a bar serving local beers and cocktails. The next hurdle is the installation of the natural gas line through that corridor. The County is also committed to building the new Community Services building at that location to replace the Mental Health building and add space for Public Health and Veterans Services. Given the recent retirement of debt service and the influx of ARPA funds, we expect to be able to build both the Criminal Justice Center at the former Jail site and the new Community Services building with no increase in the tax levy. Saturday, November 5 at 10 am, we will honor Dave Darling from Catskill as the 2022 Veteran of the Year. This annual ceremony will be held at the Historic Catskill Point.

Unable to understand the question.

**County Legislator Linger:** You know where the old Quality Inn was on 23B in Leeds, it's there and then it's across the Thruway and across the road is the 21 West site.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** That's a lot happening there.

**County Legislator Linger:** There's a lot happening there.

**Richard Guthrie:** Just to clarify, you're taking 21 not 21B.

**County Legislator Linger:** Correct, Catskill.

***Town Clerk Barb Finke***

1 Special Use Non-Commercial \$100, 8 Building Permits \$929, 2 New Septic Systems \$100, 3 Certificate of Occupancy Searches \$150, 2 E-Z Pass Tag \$50, 17 Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$100.43, 17 Dog Licenses \$120, 3 Late Dog Licenses \$15, 1 Marriage License \$17.50, 2 Minor Subdivisions \$150, 1 Solar Residential \$50, 28 Certified Copies \$280, 2 Genealogical Copies \$44, 15 Photo Copies \$3.75, State, County & Local Revenues \$3,887.75, to New York State Agriculture and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program \$23, to New York State Department of Health for Marriages \$22.50, to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$1,732.57, Total to Supervisor \$2,109.68. The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Townwide Yard Sale was held on September 17 with 32 sales on the map. An ad was placed in The Times Union and the press release was sent to the Greenville Pioneer, Ravena News Herald, and the Daily Mail. The Ravena Branch of the National Bank of Cossackie advertised on their outside sign on Route 9W. The map was on the website and copies were available on the Town Hall steps, Cecil Hallock Park, Cornell Hook & Ladder, Medway Church, and at a number of sales throughout the Town. I would like to thank the Highway Department for changing the day on the signs and putting them up and taking them down.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The October 12, 2022 Town Board Regular Meeting submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Moved by Councilmember Boehlke and was seconded by Councilmember Irving. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:



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AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving  
NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes, VanEtten

**Motion Carried**

***Audit and Budget***

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**RESOLUTION 139-2022**

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**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH 2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

***RESOLVED*** that the Town of New Baltimore hereby establishes the 2023 Preliminary Budget from the 2023 Tentative Budget.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes, VanEtten

**Motion Carried**

***Recycling Center Operator Kirk Trombley***

September 28-October 24 4 Tires Up To And Include 16" Without Rims \$16, 60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastics) 7, 16 Bundles of Magazines and Phone Books,. 42 Bags and Bundles of Newspaper, 63 Boxes and Bundles of Cardboard, 1 Microwave Oven 10/15/22 and 1 Washer 10/15/22, Total Income \$16

**Supervisor Ruso:** For your information we just received a check for \$335 from Baroni metals for the metal bin. I believe that brings us up to over \$1,000 for the year just from people dropping their stuff off at the metal recovery for the Town. I just deposited \$335 over the weekend.

***Code Enforcement Officer Allan Jourdin***

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for September, 2022, is as follows:  
Building Inspections: 30 Total Building Permits Issued: 6 Building Permits Renewed: 4  
Building Permit Renewal Letters Sent: 6 First Notices; 2 Second Notices Certificates of Compliance Issued: 5 Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 1 Certificate of Occupancy Search Requests: 3 Complaint Forms Received: 1 Demolition Permits Issued: 1 Total New Applications Received: 3 Building Permit Applications Awaiting Permit Issuance: 13 Open Building Permits: 193 New Septic System Applications Received: 2 New Septic System Permits Issued: 2 Application Fees for September, 2022: \$1,079.00 Total Fees for Year to Date: \$25,740.47

***Greene County EMS Representative Nick Dellisanti***

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2022. There were 17 EMS calls in September for a total of 119 for this year. We had 110 calls for all of 2021.

**Nick Dellisanti:** So our numbers are still on the rise.

**Supervisor Ruso:** How much do they charge us per?

**Nick Dellisanti:** About \$255.

**Supervisor Ruso:** So \$255 is what the Town pays for each call and we're already up, we're nine more than we had all last year and we've got three more months.



Nick Delisanti: Correct.

***Highway Superintendent Alan VanWormer***

**Highway Report September 26 to October 24, 2022** Grader patched blacktop portion of School Hill Road; Repaired bad spot on Paradise Hill Road with blacktop; Mowed parks as needed; Hauled in #1 stone and dry screenings to mix item 4; Mowed along roads; Repaired roller bushings on roadside mower; Washed and serviced 2017 F350; Took 2012 F350 to Vankleeks for tires; Sent two trucks to help Village of Ravenna haul dirt; Cut 2 fallen trees in cemetery on Rt. 26; Sent two trucks to Town of Cossackie to help pave; Repaired oil leak on roadside mower; Picked up dead deer on Roberts Hill Road; Dug shoulder off on Circle Drive Checked drains in Hamlet before heavy rain; Removed hanging tree on Jennings Road; Moved equipment to District 3 park for site work; Finished digging concession stand hole and two holes for dug outs at District 3 park; Backfilled holes at District 3 park with stone and prepared for concrete forms; Hauled In crusher run for park work; Met with Dave hailes from Village of Ravenna Highway Dept at park to discuss concrete pours.; Ordered reinforcement wire for concrete work at park; Serviced leaf vacuum; Bagged leaf pickup in hamlet will begin on Monday October 31 and will continue each Monday morning until November 28<sup>th</sup>. Please have bagged leaves curbside by 7:30 am on Mondays for pickup.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Just so the Board is aware and everybody else is aware of our current situation, at the current time we have five full time Highway employees including myself. In the near future I have 1 employee that applied with the Thruway Authority. He's just waiting for his paperwork to get completed. I have no reason to believe he won't be leaving us soon and I have another one that applied at CSX and he's just waiting on an interview. So if those two guys leave that's going to leave three of us to do all of our winter maintenance including myself. I know there's so much you can do, there's only so much I can do, but I'm asking please if anybody in any way can help, we need it because it's unrealistic to expect three people to do all the winter maintenance on our roads for the Town.

**Supervisor Ruso:** You do have the one part-timer.

**Town Clerk Finke:** Two part timers.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** I have Jim Meade and then if Huey's available and he's making 2 ½ times what we pay here. If he's available he'll come, but Jim Meade is usually available. But even four people it's not even realistic to expect four people to do that kind of work. So if somebody can build a fire somewhere to please help us.

**Supervisor Ruso:** It's not. I know we just lost one. In fact maybe you and I can talk on Wednesday. I'll be in the Town Hall.

***Insurance***

**Supervisor Ruso:** Resolution 140, we've got our offerings for our other medical plans. We have four medical plans that are offered in the Town. One is the MVP Plan for the employees and retirees under age 65, the other one is the CDPHP Plan for those who are over age 65, that's the Medicare Advantage matchback. And we also have a Dental from MetLife and we have Vision from Empire. The last Board meeting or two back that we did the resolution for the MVP Plan. So we have the other three and I will tell you that all three of these plans that we have on the resolution tonight have a \$0 increase.

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**RESOLUTION 140-2022  
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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN, DENTAL  
AND VISION INSURANCE PLANS FOR 2023**

**WHEREAS** the match-back option for the Medicare Advantage Plan for retirees age 65 and above will be CDPHP PPO at the rate of \$326.10 effective January 1, 2023 for a total estimated monthly cost of \$3,261.00 based on current usage; and,

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*WHEREAS* the Met Life Dental plan is renewed as of January 1, 2023 for a total estimated monthly cost of \$461.39 based on current usage; and,

*RESOLVED* the Empire Vision plan is renewed as of December 1, 2022 for a total estimated monthly cost of \$114.58 based on current usage; and,

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign for the renewals of each of the above insurance plans.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

**Supervisor Ruso:** When I say current usage, I don't know who's going to come on, join this health plan this month, or come off. In six months a new person may come on board for the Highway Department so I can't predict those things.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes, VanEtten

**Motion Carried**

**Planning Board Chair Rob VanEtten**

The Planning Board met on October 13, 2022, with the following business transacted: Public Hearing was held on the minor subdivision application submitted by Dale and Laurie Hitchcock for a two-lot subdivision of property owned on Sawmill Road. In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed: ...The Hitchcock Minor Subdivision Application was approved. ...Formal resolution was presented and approved granting Special Use Permit to Kevin Pacuk of 3240 County Route 51, Hannacroix, to allow for the installation of a 13.2kW roof-mount solar array on his residence. ...Received Minor Subdivision application from Marjorie McCoy to correct the status of parcel owned on Medway-Earlton Road. The parcel created in 1985, prior to Ms. McCoy's ownership, never received the required subdivision approval nor was a map filed in the County Clerk's Office. Ms. McCoy wishes to formalize the subdivision at this time and file required map in County Clerk's office. Public Hearing on the application was scheduled for 7:15 p.m., November 10. (Since the meeting, the Public Hearing date has been changed to 7 p.m., December 8.) ...Received Minor Subdivision Application from Cindy Agar Grogan for two lot minor subdivision of property owned on County Route 61. When the new Route 61 was put in, it left 1.98 acres of the parcel on the west side of the road. At this time, she wishes to make the 1.98 acres a separate parcel from the balance of the parcel on the east side of Route 61. Required Public Hearing has been scheduled for 7 p.m., December 8. ...Received Minor Subdivision Application from Gertjan Meijer & Pim Philip Zeegers for three lot subdivision of property owned at 1838 River Road. Required Public Hearing was scheduled for 7:30 p.m., December 8, and then since with the cancellation of McCoy Hearing moved to 7:15 p.m. ...Christine Hansen discussed with the Board her business, Spirit Trading Company, located at her home at 1259 Aquetuck Road. She was present to learn whether she needed to obtain any permits from the Town. Based on business activity and traffic that would be generated to her road side stand and to display in outbuilding located on property, the Board did not feel that any Planning Board permits would be required at this time.

***Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Pat Linger***

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet on October 5, 2022, since there were no applications to come before the Board.

***Town Court***

The following is the Town of New Baltimore Court monthly report for September 2022.

- Total September monies received was \$36,044.00
  - Judge Huff                      \$27,640.00
  - Judge Konsul                      \$ 8,404.00
  - State/County Share \$23,831.00/\$1,005.00
  - Town Share \$11,208.00

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- Total 2022 (January-September) monies received \$202,386.00
- Total New Cases Received 99

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 141-2022  
OCTOBER 24, 2022

**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 2022b-10-01 to 2022b-10-21, it is

*RESOLVED* that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2022b-10-01 to 2022b-10-21.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until November 30, 2022.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Irving

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes, VanEtten

**Motion Carried**

General \$40,129.82, Highway \$18,563.03, Sewer 1 \$4,795.50, Sewer 2 \$615.88, Water 2 \$4,300.34, Water 3 \$646.66, Total \$69,051.23

**Upcoming Meetings**

- November 2, 2022 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- November 8, 2022 Town Offices Closed for Election Day
- November 10, 2022 Planning Board Meeting at 7PM
- November 11, 2022 Town Offices Closed for Veterans Day
- November 14, 2022 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- November 24-25, 2022 Town Offices Closed for Thanksgiving
- November 28, 2022 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

**Public Comment Period/Community Events**

**Elileen Vosburgh:** You approved the Medicare Advantage Plan, the resolution for under 65. What about the people who are under 65?

**Supervisor Ruso:** They're on the MVP plan. So if one were to retire at age 60, for the next five years you're continued under our MVP Plan that's offered to the employees. Once you hit 65, you're Medicare eligible. Then it's a different plan.

**Elileen Vosburgh:** The other thing is may be, Bill, you could check into this pickleball for the Wyche Park. It's a new thing people do. Pickleball is really easy and they could put it right on the basketball court. I think they can make three nets on the basketball court for it pretty easily and still keep the basketball lines. They can work together.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I've heard of pickleball, but I don't know much of it.

**Elileen Vosburgh:** I've never played, but I hear it's really easy especially for seniors and I think they had one in Joralemon, but can you look into that for us?

**Supervisor Ruso:** Is it a seasonal thing? I didn't know if they had indoor things.

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Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 .PM

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes, VanEtten

**Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Barbara M. Finke RMC  
Town Clerk