

**TOWN OF NEW BAL TIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE  
TOWN BOARD WORK MEETING**

**MARCH 23, 2015**

**AGENDA**

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Presentation by Mary Beth Bianconi from Delaware Engineering**

**Presentation by Sheriff Greg Seeley**

**Reports**

Supervisor

County Legislator (Invited)

Town Clerk

- Approval of March 9, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes
- Resolution to Authorize the Town Clerk to Attend Training

Tax Collector

Historian

Agriculture (Chair Norris/Member Benway)

Ag Fest Liaison (Member Ruso)

- Resolution Authorizing Supervisor to Execute Memorandum of Agreement with VanEtten Family for AgFest
- Resolution Authorizing Supervisor to Execute Lease Agreement with VanEtten Family

Animal Control (Chair Ruso/Member Norris)

Assessment (Chair Dellisanti/Member Norris)

Audit and Control Committee (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)

- Resolution to Approve Annual Review of Accounts for Town Clerk

Buildings & Grounds/Recycling (Chair Ruso/Member Norris)

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement (Chair VanEtten/Member Benway)

- Resolution to Authorize Code Enforcement Officer to Attend Training Fire, EMS & Law Enforcement (Chair Dellisanti/Member VanEtten)

Greene County EMS (Representative Dellisanti/Deputy Norris)

Greene County Planning Board

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

Highway (Chair Dellisanti/Member Ruso)

- Resolution Approving Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Monies
- Resolution to Authorize Highway Superintendent to Rent Road Sweeper

Insurance (Chair Benway/Member VanEtten)

Memorial (Chair Benway/Member Norris)

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)

Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals (Chair VanEtten/Member Dellisanti)

Seniors and Veterans (Chair VanEtten/Member Benway)

Technology/Website (Chair Benway/Member VanEtten)

Town Courts Liaison (Member Ruso)

Wastewater Treatment (Chair Norris/Member Benway)

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

**Public Comment Period/Community Events**

- March 25, 2015 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM
- April 1, 2015 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM
- April 9, 2015 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- April 13, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- April 16, 2015 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 7 PM
- April 22, 2015 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM

**Audit of Claims**

**Adjournment**

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**OPENING TOWN BOARD WORK MEETING**

Supervisor Dellisanti called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending: Deputy Supervisor Ruso, Councilwomen Benway and VanEtten, Councilman Norris, Town Clerk Finke, and 14 members of the public who signed the attendance sheet.

Absent: Tax Collector Jordan and Highway Superintendent Jordan

**Supervisor Dellisanti** noted tonight we have a guest with us, Mary Beth Bianconi from Delaware Engineering who is going to give us an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Mary Beth Bianconi** began most of you know me, my name is Mary Beth Bianconi, I'm from Delaware Engineering and we have been assisting the Town over the last couple of years with the Wastewater Treatment Plant down in the Hamlet. And my part of this will be extremely short. This is Candace Balmer from RCAP Solutions who has been working with the Town on an Income Survey in the Sewer District. And tonight we are here to talk briefly about the Income Survey results that we have and Candace is going to go over that and then I am going to talk a little bit about what does that all mean and where do we go next steps. For folks who aren't familiar, we have a very small Sewer District down in the Hamlet, there is an existing Wastewater Treatment Plant that is many years old at this point, has been extremely well-maintained and operated, but like everything else wears out over time and needs some significant upgrades to make it last for the next 40 years or so. So we have done some engineering work, but we have been pursuing financing for that because it is an expensive proposition for the few people who have to share the cost. And with that, Candace..

**Candace Balmer** explained as you know we have been working on an Income Survey to document eligibility for what kinds of grants or low-interest loans you might qualify for and based on an Income Survey that we had done many years ago, we had an expectation that it might be considerably lower than the Census data which reflected, the funding agencies use the Decennial Census, so they are looking at 2010. So we are like it is still a possibility that it could be lower even five years later so we completed the survey last week, we had a good mail-out, couple mail-outs actually, and did door-to-door canvassing of everyone we could get our hands on until we reached the required return rate and a couple of agencies, the big agency you are looking at is the Environmental Facilities Corporation, the State Revolving Loan Fund, both the major infrastructure funding agencies looks at this Median Household Income which is just if you take all the incomes and you rank them from highest to lowest, you pick the one in the middle. The 2010 Census recorded the Town of New Baltimore as being \$56,094, so we were hoping to reflect that it was in fact lower than that partly because it was the downtown area where some of the renters lived because we sometimes hold the Census data a little suspect because they don't do quite as thorough a job as we do. They don't have as high of a return rate requirement for that. So the EFC required a 65% return rate and USDA Rural Development, in case you might go down the road, we just happened to complete it for their requirement too which is a little higher 67% return rate. So we achieved a 67% return rate and the Median Household Income turned out to be \$55,000 which is just a little more than \$1,000 less than your other figure which is still pretty significant considering it's five years after the Census so it does reflect that the Census probably was a little high back in 2010 or the service area is lower however you want to look at it. What they do is they take that Median Household Income and they use it as an affordability, they say okay if that's your median as a whole you can afford up to x -- and in your case that x is \$807. So they consider \$807 a reasonable figure for the residents of your Sewer District and, of course, when you think about it, well if half of the people are over that and half of the people are under that, and it certainly does probably impose more of a significant burden on those people that are under the \$55,000. But at the end of the day, that's how they structure it. Any questions?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** inquired what was the amount in 2010?

**Candace Balmer** stated \$56,094.

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**Supervisor Dellisanti** responded the amount for the residents, approximate amount for the residents?

**Mary Beth Bianconi** asked that they were paying?

**Candace Balmer** added good question.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** clarified yes, they are saying \$807 was for 2015.

**Candace Balmer** explained \$807 is based on yes the \$55,000 that's \$807, I don't know what they're paying. But at \$56,094, it's about \$820, I didn't actually do the math, it brought you down about \$20 a household.

**Mary Beth Bianconi** pointed out so remember what this is is all of the funding agencies that provide financing for water and sewer infrastructure have an affordability index. And they do that because they want to target their funds at people who have both environmental need and financial need. They have to have a way of saying at what point does the cost of water or sewer service become overly burdensome? And how they have chosen to do this is to come up with something called a Target Service Charge. And the Target Service Charge is a mathematical calculation based on your Median Household Income and that Target Service Charge, the formula if you take that \$55,000, which by the way is also the state median income statewide 2010, was \$55,000.

**Candace Balmer** corrected \$56,882.

**Mary Beth Bianconi** clarified statewide, right.

**Candace Balmer** answered \$56,882.

**Mary Beth Bianconi** observed close.

**Candace Balmer** agreed real close.

**Mary Beth Bianconi** continued real close so they take that number, they do some math and they say okay here's a calculation, this \$807 so that would be the cost at which where debt service and operation and maintenance, if your cost to your typical user exceeds that amount, then you qualify for low-cost financing or grant financing under whatever capital project you are looking to do. So I ran a couple of numbers today because we need to confirm all of this. But we were originally looking at a capital project for the Wastewater Treatment Plant of around \$2.5 million, I'm using very round numbers, that was \$2.5 million and that assumed we were going to roll the Pump Station work into long-term financing so it would all be kind of one borrowing and I used your debt point schedule that I had from a couple of years ago when I did this map, about two years ago, which was about 2,400 debt points in the district and you were using 10 debt points for a single-family home because what I was trying to do was compare the June capital project to that Median Household Income and that Target Service Charge to say okay if we do a capital project, where do we fall relative to that Target Service Charge because at the end of the day that's how we are going to either attract low-cost financing or not. That's what this whole objective of this would be. If we did a \$2.5 million project and we were able to -- and we did it at we are going to call market rate, which we assume to be about 4% borrowing for 30-year period which is about as long as you can get borrowing for this type of infrastructure -- that ends up being \$60.18 a debt point assuming that there is still 2,400 debt points, which there may or may not be. That's \$601.79/year/customer if that's how you had to pay, that's just for debt, that doesn't include o&m, doesn't include the guys, the lights, all of that kind of stuff. At that rate even if I just take a wage, I assumed o&m was about \$400/customer/year, I don't know what it is, but I'd need to verify that, that's \$1,000/customer/year. That's a household, that's expensive. So that definitely gets you over that Target Service Charge so that's the point where an agency would say okay you may be eligible for some subsidized financing because you are \$200 over the Target Service Charge for your Median Household Income. So then I said well okay let me look at subsidy, run all of the same numbers but use a subsidized interest rate of 2% for 30 years, that reduces us down to \$865/household/year, still a little over the Target Service Charge but getting better. And then if I used hardship financing which is considered 0%

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interest for 30 years, your debt service plus operation and maintenance, again I'm assuming \$400 for operation and maintenance so that may or may not be the case, gets you about \$750/year/customer, that's under the Target Service Charge. So I did that analysis simply to say okay where are we in terms of continuing down this path of looking for subsidized financing. I would say given that analysis what we should do next is if you can provide me with your current budget, current number of debt points that you have, your o&m cost per user and I need your debt schedules. I know Chris you and I had talked about this before because you had some debts that are continuing, but some that are expiring. When you do one of these projects, you don't take on the long-term debt right away. You get bridge financing during construction, that takes awhile for you to get through and then eventually you make a payment. It takes several years. And I think you have some debt payments ready to clean off your book, so timing is important and you may have an opportunity to replace an old debt with a new debt and not impact rates tremendously in getting a new project in place. So that is the kind of analysis that we need to do next. So if you can provide us with those things, we can do this math again, but instead of my guessing numbers we will do real numbers. And the only other thing that I wanted to mention is we have listed your project as Candace referenced on this Clean Water State Revolving Fund for potential financing and that's kind of what we have been working toward all along. When we listed your project two years ago, we were above the subsidy line, so that's the line where you literally rank the projects, top score to bottom score, they put them in a list, they divide them out by population. You are the smallest population category in the state, which is not surprising, put them in a rank and then they say okay a certain amount of money is going to go to this critical communities in this population and they start right at the top and say this is a \$1 million project, subtract \$1 million from the money we have, subtract \$2 million, whatever the numbers are down the rankings. When they run out of money, they draw a line and they say that's our line. If you are above the line, you are considered for subsidized financing. If you are below the line, you can get market-rate financing, but that's like the same thing as you going out and taking out a bond on your own. There is also a gray area in the middle and right now in this current year's list, you are in the gray area in the middle. In that are people who are just under the subsidy line, the subsidy line is set at 36 point this year, you are at 33 points. You are very close. There are a number of projects between you and that subsidy line, but what happens and this happens every year, is that projects that are both above the subsidy line and around the subsidy line, if they are not ready to receive financing in the fiscal year that the list was created, they get bypassed, they go around them because the state being very good at giving out money wants to make sure it gives out all of its money that it has as an allocation from the federal government because that's the only way to go back to the federal government and say we gave it all away, we need more, you've got to give us more. So every year there are a certain number of projects that are called bypass projects, they get to leapfrog over projects on the list. You, being three points away from the subsidy line, puts you in a good position to potentially do that so what we would want to do is we would want to get this information, verify these numbers, make sure that we're really in contention for subsidy based on Median Household Income that Candace was just talking about and our project cost and our current operation & maintenance and debt schedules that we have. We would do that and then the people who were going to make use of financing in the current Federal Fiscal Year had to have complete applications submitted to this agency by March 2, the first Monday of March, whichever day that was, 2nd, 3rd, whatever day that was. The agency got many applications, they are going through them right now, and they put them essentially in two piles -- the 'you gave us everything we asked for pile so you are good to go' and the 'oh my, you're missing a lot of stuff pile and it's unlikely that you're going to get there.' Once they go through the 'you're not there pile,' they start calling people on this list and saying, "Do you want to be there? Are you interested in moving up the list?" So that process is going to start happening in April. So the plan would be that we do our math now, we make some phone calls get ourselves positioned, and again you are not committing to anything, but until you know what your financing is, you really can't commit to anything. But this is a good way to explore this and to get a better understanding. Candace mentioned another financing program which is through Rural Development. That Program, we talked about that one before, that's a grant/loan program. At \$55,000, what's the loan?

**Candace Balmer** replied they are under it already, the cutoff is, yours was \$56,000 theirs was, it has to be under the State Median, so it is \$56,882.

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**Mary Beth Bianconi** agreed so they do make it. Is that 1/2 million in grant?

**Candace Balmer** explained that one is up to 1/2 million in grant, at a 3% interest rate.

**Mary Beth Bianconi** stated so that's that balance there.

**Candace Balmer** pointed out you can't just get grant from them, you have to do a loan too. Work with these guys and cofund, but they might throw in some grant money, but the loan portion with them would be at 3% not at 0%, so you have to kind of weigh the benefits of the grant against the savings if you could get a 0% to see what the offers are so it's a bit of a....

**Mary Beth Bianconi** noted so we could look at that, they did not make LMI's for CDBG right?

**Candace Balmer** confirmed, no I was going to say I forgot to mention we had talked about possibly maybe that you would qualify for the Community Development Block Grant Program which is a grant-only program and the infrastructure area benefit. Their criteria is a little different. Instead of the Median Household Income, they use this percent low to moderate income individuals and that's why we ask how many people are in the house because the number is different for the number of people in the house. So you count the number of people and if they are under the cutoff for 1, 2, 3, 4 and we have a data base that does that and you had to be 51% or better to qualify to apply -- not to get it, to compete with everybody else across the state and at 28.97%, or let's call it 29%, you are nowhere near 51 and would never make that ever. If you were around 45 or 50, they have an even higher percent return rate and if you were in the mid-40s we'd keep going and see if you could get there, but we won't be.

**Mary Beth Bianconi** concluded so that's a grant program that you don't qualify for unfortunately. I know you received recently -- and we are basically done here; I know you have a lot on your agenda -- a funding handbook from Senator Gillibrand's office, and this kind of happens at this time of year every year, there are no new funding programs available, it is sort of a recapitulation of all the stuff in the past. The only thing I will say that is "new," is not federal, it is state and that is the much-talked-about settlement fund -- the upstate competition for \$500 million in three regions. That is right now part of the budget process so everything that you have seen about that is in the Governor's proposal for how that should be rolled out, it would be competition in seven regions, three would win. All of Upstate except Buffalo would compete, because Buffalo already got their billion dollars from the Governor, and so we don't know how this is all going to play out, it's part of the budget process and allegedly, I was just at the Legislative Office Building today, there's a lot of glum faces around there looking like the budget is a struggle this time so it is very hard to say. But that's the only new opportunity that we have, that would be very much like what the CFA process is, the one that we went through to get your grant to write the engineering report in the first place, the competitive process based on regions, if your region scores well you have potential, if your regions scores poorly no matter how compelling your project is, you get nothing. So that's the way that one plays out. To my knowledge there are no new funding programs, other than the one's we already looked at for you, some of which as we discussed tonight you don't qualify for, so we are continuing to work. So that's' were we're at.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** asked besides the o&m and the debt schedule, what else was on your list that you needed from us?

**Mary Beth Bianconi** answered if we could get from you your current sewer budget, your debt points, how many debt points you have, because you do a debt point distribution kind of thing, what are you charging for o&m per household, and then your debt schedules for your sewer, I don't need all the rest of them, just the sewer debt. If we could get those four things, then we can make these numbers go from me-kind-of-guessing to real and then we can see where we go from there.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** said thank you very much.

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**Mary Beth Bianconi** stated I must apologize, I had a whole stack of maps for you Shelly in my office that I forgot to bring. They are in the floor in my office, so I will get them to you. Do you have a date for those?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** answered Wednesday night.

**Mary Beth Bianconi** said I will make sure you get them before Wednesday, can they drop them off here?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** replied that's fine

**Supervisor Dellisanti** added perfect, thanks very much.

**Candace Balmer** inquired is it okay if I email my final report or do you need a hard copy too?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** responded email is fine, thank you. Sheriff Seeley was supposed to be here to speak tonight, but he had a personal matter with his son. They are doing a change of the guard at school and he is attending that particular program. He will be here at our next meeting.

***Supervisor***

The monthly financial reports for January and February were forwarded to all Board members. Has everyone had a chance to take a look at them? Both reports were received together on March 9. I would like to take a Motion to accept the January and February financial reports.

Motion by Councilman Ruso seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

**Councilman Norris** asked are they the ones from the bookkeeper?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** answered yes

**Councilman Norris** continued I didn't see February's.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** confirmed I sent them both out. I have them.

**Councilman Norris** inquired you have both of them?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** replied yes.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan and I met on Friday, March 13 at 9 AM and March 20 to discuss the Highway 284 Agreement that has to be submitted by April 1 which will include completing Roberts Hill Road and Scheller Park Road, 5 collapsed culverts in the Town that need repair, the John Deere lawn tractor may not make it through the 2015 summer season, the water will be running on April 13 when the Parks officially open, roof shingles that blew off the Meeting Room roof this week that is in need of emergency repair, and three quotes on a road sweeper. Per my request, we will be meeting on a regular weekly basis. On March 19 we had our first Friends of New Baltimore Recreation Committee meeting. All six members attended. We discussed the Committee's goals and objectives, grants, Constitution and By-Laws, and officials for the Committee.

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***Greene County EMS***

There were a total of 4 calls for the month of February and a total of 8 calls so far for 2015. The end of the year balance is estimated at \$180,000. Election of officers took place for Greene County EMS on March 17. Aiden O'Connor won reelection for Fiscal Year 2015.

***Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement***

On March 11, 2015, the Medway-Grapeville Fire Department hand-delivered a copy of their Annual Update Document for 2014. On March 19 I was invited to the New Baltimore Fire District Commissioner's meeting. I gave them an update on the Greene County EMS monthly report; also that the Greene County Task Force on Ambulance Service for Greene County has not been finalized as of this date.

***County Legislator***

I am going to start off with that EMS report. The Committee they presented us with a completed report. It's quite involved to say the least. This is the book that we got. I'll leave it here if you would like to look through it because it is quite involved. But the recommendations are, I will go right to the final page, because this is very involved. What we are going to do, this proposal was given to us, it took probably an hour I think they presented this. It is going to seek 70% County financing. It's going to be presented to all the towns, EMS agencies, and the public and this is to determine the involvement from each town. And I can tell you right now we've have already heard grumblings of towns that don't want to be involved, are against it. Some of the Legislators weren't real pleased with the idea that we are going to increase spending on something that we don't know about. They are talking \$1.5 million coming out of the County. The whole, I'm a little skeptical about it but then I have to think back to when we started the EMS Program, there wasn't full involvement in that and it took us years to get our own fly car up here in the valley and now it's something you couldn't get rid of if you wanted to, you couldn't take it away from us. Everyone loves to have that car, you know when is going to be available for us; we need it. The problem with our ambulance service in this County is we don't notice it here in this Town as much as they do up in other areas where they get saturated with calls and they can't get nobody. You might be 40 minutes out from an ambulance, they can't get an ambulance there because the agencies are so broke up in the County, there are 21 ambulances I think in the County, but we can't get them into the right spots because it's not a smooth operating together operation. Now Columbia County has one that's a countywide program, but it took them ten years to put it together. So this isn't going to happen overnight in my opinion. But we do want to take the time and listen to what these folks have found out and try and digest it, I'll leave the book here and anybody who wants to look at it you can through it. It's quite involved, but we need to think about it. I think it is something that the Town and the County really deserves. In New Baltimore we have more calls on the Thruway than we do for the Town. That rest stop down there is probably the busiest spot that we have, so it doesn't affect us. But as a County, it is affecting up in the ski resorts, Catskill, Coxsackie are big draws for ambulance calls.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** asked what is the hit going to be on the towns themselves, is it going to increase or decrease? That's what everybody is asking.

**County Legislator VanSlyke** answered you are going to have to go through this and probably for New Baltimore, I don't think it's going to change, I don't think it will. If anything it would go down, but it's hard to calculate it out. I only heard this presentation one time and it's complicated and we all have to digest it so I'd appreciate if everybody would take the time and try and understand this. The folks are going to get in contact with everyone and be wanting to come and give you a presentation. Other good news is we are going to do some remodeling of the Catskill Point, we have contracted out to do the

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west wall which is the last wall we are going to have all four sides of the building done, new doors and windows also, going to rebuild the doors so it is going to look nice. One of the other topics that we covered last month but we didn't act on any of it was that the state has passed a new law about sparklers and we will be considering if we can opt in as a County to have sparklers legally used and sold in Greene County That is something we are looking at, we haven't made any movement on it yet, but we are thinking about it. But there are believe it or not potential sales, people do sell fireworks in the County and make them, I guess there were some businesspeople interested in it. Sales tax has been generally good not great but steady. We are about 4% above last year's rate which is not too bad. It's projected to give us a little extra at the end of the year maybe \$1.5 million if it stays at that pace. We don't know. Last year we went almost 5 months on a decline of sales tax for the first five months of last year before it started to bounce up and we ended up above almost \$1.2 million I think for the year, no just under a million because for some reason our final payment of the last year was very small and it knocked us down below the million dollars that we expected. Just hopefully it stays steady that's all, but with a decrease in our gasoline costs, that is decreasing our sales tax and we still don't understand why our sales taxes are going up, the only thing we can think is the Mountaintop has been the busiest it's ever been. There's people up there with record years right now and hopefully that will continue, if winter ever stops and we get into spring. That's all I have for you, any questions.

**Kevin Kennah** asked is there anything that the County can do with the motor vehicle so that when renewals get sent out, right now they get sent out and it you want to do by check or whatever, you're sending it to someplace like Syracuse something like that rather than Catskill so you don't get the tax. Is there anything you can do or have the state change so that our Motor Vehicle sends out to the residents here and you write your check to them?

**County Legislator VanSlyke** replied I can ask Mike.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** explained yes you can, I do it all the time.

**County Legislator VanSlyke** said you can send it directly.

**Kevin Kennah** noted I can go down, but I mean..

**County Legislator VanSlyke** stated you can mail it to them. You have to do your own letter and your own envelope.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** suggested you can mail it to Greene County.

**County Legislator VanSlyke** added they don't send you that return envelope at Catskill.

**Councilman Norris** mentioned Jim, I think they are going to change that now, I think the County does get a piece of the money that goes into it that way.

**County Legislator VanSlyke** pointed out but we don't get as much.

**Councilman Norris** agreed not as much, but we do get a piece. I know Mike Flynn fought that for years and years.

**County Legislator VanSlyke** pointed out Mike has made us alot of money by having other people register their vehicles here in your County. Also he's bringing business in from Downstate. People are coming from Downstate, dealers are bringing cars up here to register them because we are making money on it and he's got such a smooth operation

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down there, bang bang you're in and out. So you just have to put it in an envelope and mail it to Catskill.

**Kevin Kennah** commented I just go down and pay it, but I just wondered if they sent it to you and it has a Catskill address.

**Kathy Rundberg** noted the state wants the money, they are not going to....

**Councilwoman VanEtten** suggested you can get address stickers from Greene County Motor Vehicles for Mike Flynn and put them on right over the address, the Utica address.

**County Legislator VanSlyke** agreed he'll give them to you. You just go down and ask for address stickers and he'll give them to you and you don't have to make it out.

**Councilman Norris** observed I think I mentioned the fact that I just did it recently and you see it, there's a picture of him on there now and they actually name the clerk...

**Councilwoman Benway** added when you do it on line.

**Councilman Norris** continued when you do it on line and they have a little picture of him so they do get a piece of that now. The question is I don't know if they get the whole thing or they get a percentage of it.

**County Legislator VanSlyke** said if you do it on line, I'll ask Mike

**Councilman Norris** agreed you have to ask Mike.

**Kathy Rundberg** inquired if I go down there and get the stickers, can we keep them here on the table inside?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** pointed out you can ask for more, they are very stingy with the stickers I have to say. I need more than that because we do all our trucks and all of our vehicles go on with a sticker and go to Greene County because then they get all of the tax money. I can ask them, actually I have to go tomorrow, I can see if they can give me some extra.

**Kevin Kennah** continued I was wondering if the last time I had suggested to you about the DOT that is Greene County along 9W, if you had brought it up to them the rest of your constituents about possibly making a giant salt dump there so you can buy in the summertime and then all of the towns can either pay for it then, come and get it, pay you and then that would also fulfill, I believe this year we have to do Intermunicipal Agreements to stay under the 2%, for us to get the extra money back from the Governor.

**County Legislator VanSlyke** remarked I will ask him but Gary usually just gets it delivered down there. I think there's four locations that the County has that we put salt. But are you talking about doing it through the state?

**Kevin Kennah** continued if you've got it and ordered it so you ordered it in the summer and it's like \$10/\$20/\$30 a ton less and you order say Nick calls in and says okay we need 100 tons, Athens calls and we need 100, Hunter and Catskill and anybody else that wants to participate and you order 600-700 tons and pay the price of the summer, the problem that we discussed here was you can order it in the summer but nobody has a bin big enough to take what you need for the whole winter.

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**County Legislator VanSlyke** said storage you're talking about; just the storage. I'll talk to Gary about storage, how much space we have, whether he can do that, the County.

**Kevin Kennah** stated well the County initiated something like that for Catskill, New Baltimore Cocksackie, Athens, groups.

**County Legislator VanSlyke** added they have that shed in Athens that they fill in the summertime, they have it full by winter but they use it and that's the problem. We ran out. Everybody ran out this year and then they were buying it, we were having deliveries made, short deliveries, we would want twice as much as they would bring us. Everybody was in that situation a month ago, but it is getting better now.

**Pat Linger** asked Jim, on the Ambulance Task Force, on their reports when they were doing all their investigations, according to their probably in that book that you have, they said that between nine and ten ambulances were required in their findings, but the budget numbers show eight.

**County Legislator VanSlyke** answered that's right. Nine or ten is on a weekend, eight is a general week day, during the week or an event they would probably even go higher, but they said there is an increase on your weekends Friday, Saturdays and you need to have the ten to cover the County.

**Pat Linger** pointed out like you said it is very involved...

**County Legislator VanSlyke** agreed and it's confusing.

**Pat Linger** remarked and some of the things didn't make sense there when we got to the bottom line.

**County Legislator VanSlyke** said it is scary, the bottom line on this is scary. Another thing about the EMS Program, we started out funding it at \$250,000 at the County and we are up over a million-and-a-half because to keep it going we had to increase our amount that we put in. It didn't stay, it never does. Expenses are always going to rise.

**Ann Marie Vadney** questioned is this going to be operated by the County or are you going to have bids come in from the private sector to identify how much it would cost for them to operate?

**County Legislator VanSlyke** answered we didn't talk about privatization. It was going to be run by the County.

**Ann Marie Vadney** continued because I was involved in another area looking at the ambulance service and there are some very profitable and economical organizations in Upstate New York who were willing to come down to that area and show us how to do it because the expenditures to pull it off and they were doing it for like 40-50 years. I will give you the name of the guy. It was quite impressive.

**County Legislator VanSlyke** noted that would be great. We are going to need a lot of involvement in this, I am amazed that the Task Force did as much investigation as they did. It is pretty involved, it is very interesting and it is something we need to really pay attention to all new services. Anything else?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** said thank you very much.

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***Town Clerk***

2 Late Fees \$10, 5 Building Permits \$743, 36 Dog Licenses for \$252, 2 Minor Subdivisions \$60, 11 Certified Copies \$110, 40 Photocopies \$10, 1 Commercial Zoning Fee \$200, Total State, County & Local Revenue \$1,433, \$48 to the New York State Department of Ag and Markets for the Spay/Neuter Program, Total to Supervisor \$1,385.

Annual Report January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. 61 Late Dog Fees \$305, 1 Site Plan Review \$100, 1 Special Use Commercial \$200, 79 Building Permits \$9,153.60, 3 Decks & Porches \$225, 2 Garage Permits \$169.60, 23 Certificate of Occupancy Searches \$345, 55 Environmental Conservation \$230.37, 598 Dog Licenses \$4,350, 9 Replacement Tags \$18, 1 Junkyard License \$100, 13 Marriage Licenses \$227.50, 4 Beer Permits \$80, 5 Demolition Permits \$375, 3 Excavation Fees Culvert Under Driveway \$105, 7 Park Rentals for \$175, 3 Major Subdivision \$610, 8 Minor Subdivisions \$480, 1 Return Check Fee \$20, 106 Certified Copies \$1,060, 594 Photo Copies \$148.50, 12 Recycle Fees \$145.50, 2 Commercial Zoning \$600, 5 Non-Commercial Zoning \$200, Total State, County and Local Revenue \$24,615.70, New York State Ag. and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program \$857, New York State Department of Health for Marriages \$292.50, New York State Environmental Conservation \$4,061.13, Total to Supervisor \$19,405.07. This was audited by Councilman Ruso.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The March 9, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Supervisor Dellisanti moved and was seconded by Councilman Ruso. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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**RESOLUTION 71-2015  
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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN CLERK TO ATTEND  
TRAINING**

*WHEREAS* training is being held on Thursday, June 4 at the Chatham Town Hall.

*RESOLVED* the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approves the attendance of the Town Clerk at no cost to the Town.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman Benway

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

***Tax Collector***

No Report

***Historian***

Took a second roll of pictures of architectural features and styles in and around the Town, and consulted the Heritage Book, National Register application and books on architecture in preparation of slide show. Slide show on Architecture of New Baltimore was held on February 15 Sunday afternoon at 4 P.M. Approximately 25-30 in attendance at the town hall. On Friday afternoon, I spent several hours in "my office" in the town hall basement.

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There is a comfortable chair and an old oak desk which was once in the town hall meeting room. The room, while unfinished, is perfectly suitable for my needs. I will come back in warm weather and sweep and clean up a little. There is much filing to be done. I could use another functioning vertical file cabinet, and a second chair to encourage visitors. There is no urgency. Second or third hand at low or zero cost is preferable. With the permission of the town board, there is also a bookcase which I could use for books which have no large monetary value. Even without a door, the historian's records I feel are secure in this space because the outside door is locked at all times plus all filing cabinets being used at this time are also locked at all times. Two articles of mine on Sylvandale which was originally written for the town newsletter/website were printed in the Daily Mail and Greene County News. I have been asked to participate in the 150th Anniversary Observance of the Lincoln Funeral Train. I will be speaking on "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and the Meaning of the Civil War" at Columbia Greene Community College on Tuesday, April 23 at 10:30 A.M.

***Agriculture***

We met on March 13 at the Kriel Farm. There were eight people in attendance. Dick Bopp who is a local resident who is also a Chemist and works for Cargill came and spoke to us about making plastic out of corn and how they do that. It was very interesting.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** asked what out of corn?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** answered plastic out of corn.

**Councilwoman Benway** pointed out plastic out of corn, it is called PLA polylactic acid and if there's a number 7 on the bottom of whatever plastic you are using it was made from corn. We are meeting again on April 10 at 7PM at the Kriel Farm.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** said thank you very interesting.

***Ag Fest***

We have an AgFest meeting tomorrow evening, I have some AgFest members here if they would prefer to say a few words.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** reported we are just getting things together pretty much deciding who is going to do what, how it is going to be done, and contacting vendors, like we usually do. Kathy or Virginia, anything else?

**Kathy Rundberg** added we have our music lined up for both days, we sent out reminders last month,

**Virginia Palmer** noted we are getting in touch with the donors who help us keep the AgFest going, donations from local business, that helps us quite a bit. We have all those loose ends to put together.

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**RESOLUTION 72-2015  
MARCH 23, 2014**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH AGFEST COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the AgFest Committee for 2015.

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Motion by Councilwoman Benway seconded by Councilman Ruso  
AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris  
NAYS:  
ABSTAIN: VanEtten  
ABSENT:

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

This Memorandum of Agreement entered into this 123rd day of March, 2015 by and between the Town of New Baltimore, a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, and New Baltimore Antique Machinery and Agricultural Festival Association, aka AgFest Committee, a New York not-for-profit corporation ("AgFest Committee").

*WHEREAS*, the New Baltimore Antique Machinery and Agricultural Festival, aka AgFest, is an event sponsored by the Town of New Baltimore, and the Town wishes to contract with the AgFest Committee, to plan, stage and run the event commonly known as AgFest.

*FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION*, the receipt of which is acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. There shall be an AgFest in the Town to be held on June 6-June 7, 2015 at the VanEtten farm, Hannacroix, New York.
2. The Town shall be responsible for providing at its expense the following: a) general liability insurance in favor of the Town and AgFest, their officers, elected officials, etc.; b) picnic tables; c) electricity; d) trash collection; and e) porta-sans.
3. The AgFest Committee will be solely responsible for organizing and running the festival and for any necessary clean-up after the festival ends.
4. The AgFest Committee will coordinate the provision of electric service, trash pick-up, and arrange for porta-sans with vendors.
5. The AgFest Committee will pay all expenses associated with AgFest not otherwise paid by the Town as set forth above.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015      Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015  
TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE      NEW BALTIMORE ANTIQUE  
MACHINERY AND AGRICULTURAL  
FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_      By: \_\_\_\_\_

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RESOLUTION 73-2015  
MARCH 23, 2015

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE  
LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE VAN ETTEN FAMILY FOR AGFEST

*RESOLVED*, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign attached lease agreement with Robert and Shelly VanEtten for 2015 AgFest.

Motion by Councilwoman Benway seconded by Councilman Norris

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: VanEtten

ABSENT:

LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT (the "Lease") is made as of the Memorandum of Agreement entered into this 23rd day of March, 2015, by and between the Town of New Baltimore, a New York municipality, with an address of 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, New York 12087 (hereinafter called the "Tenant"), and Robert and Shelly VanEtten, with an address of 1314 Saw Mill Road, Ravena, New York 12143 (hereinafter called the "Landlord").

**W ITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, Landlord is the owner of the real property, and improvements thereon, located at 1314 Saw Mill Road, Ravena, New York 12143 (the "Property");

WHEREAS, Tenant desires to lease a portion of the Property from Landlord for the annual Antique Machinery and Agricultural Festival ("AgFest"), and

WHEREAS, Landlord is willing to lease a portion of the Property to Tenant on the terms and conditions set forth herein,

NOT, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing mutual covenants herein contained, and for One Dollar and 00/100 (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto mutually covenant and agree as follows:

1. Description of the Leased Premises. The property to be leased to Tenant is real property located at 1314 Saw Mill Road (the "Leased Premises")/
2. Term. The term of the Lease shall commence on June 4, 2015 and end on June 9, 2015 at midnight.

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3. Lawful Possession. The Landlord covenants that it is lawfully seized and in possession of the Leased Premises above described, and that it will put and keep Tenant in the peaceable possession thereof during the term of this Lease.
4. Business Use Termination. The Leased Premises shall be used and occupied by the Tenant and Tenant's invitees solely for the AgFest, and such use is in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances and governmental regulations. Landlord and Tenant hereby expressly acknowledge and agree that the Lease shall be immediately terminated, and the parties shall be released from any and all obligations hereunder, in the event that Tenant ceases to use the property for the aforesaid purpose.
5. Tenant's Return of the Leased Premises. Tenant shall, at Tenant's expense, return the Leased Premises in a clean and sanitary condition, and in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and code.
6. Indemnification. Tenant shall protect, indemnify and save harmless the Landlord and its successors and assigns, and Landlord's agents from and against all claims, damages and suits arising directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from any activity, work or thing done, permitted, suffered or omitted to be done by Tenant, or by any of Tenant's agents, employees, or invitees in or about the Leased Premises.
7. Insurance. Tenant agrees to maintain appropriate liability insurance for the AgFest to name Landlord as an Additional Insured.
8. Assignment and Subletting. Tenant may not sublet or assign this Lease to any person or any corporation, partnership, or other entity, without obtaining the prior written consent of Landlord, which consent may be unreasonably withheld.
9. Waiver. No mention in this Lease of any specific right or remedy shall preclude Landlord from exercising any other right or from having any other remedy or from maintaining any action to which it may be otherwise entitled either at law or in equity. The waiver of any breach, covenant, condition or agreement herein contained must be in writing. The failure of Landlord to insist in any one or more instances upon a strict performance of any covenant of this Lease or to exercise any option or right therein contained shall not be construed as a waiver or

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relinquishment for the future of such covenant, right or option, but the same remain in full force and effect unless the contrary is expressed in writing by Landlord.

10. Termination. This Lease may be terminated by written agreement of the parties.
11. Complete Agreement. This Lease contains the entire understanding among the parties with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby and supersedes all other agreements and understandings among the parties. Except as expressly set forth in this Lease, none of the parties has relied upon any oral representation or oral information given to it by any representative of either party. This Lease can only be modified pursuant to a written agreement signed by both parties.
12. Governing Law. This Lease shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Landlord and Tenant have executed and delivered this Lease, intending to be bound hereby, as of the date and year first above written.

TENANT, TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE

LANDLORD

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Name: Nicholas A. Dellisanti  
Title: Supervisor

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Robert VanEtten

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Shelly VanEtten

### ***Animal Control***

I traveled 197 miles and I had 12 dog complaints. On March 25, 2 days from now, we have the Rabies Clinic at the Firehouse in Medway from 6-8 PM. Please bring your record of your pet's previous inoculations/vaccinations and any other information. There is a list of other locations in the County if you can't make it on Wednesday night.

### ***Assessment***

***Exemption Renewals*** This year property owners were required to meet the deadline of March 2<sup>nd</sup> for all renewals as the 1<sup>st</sup> fell on a Sunday this year. Normally in the March report, I give the totals of each of the exemption categories in comparison to the prior year. This year seemed to be a struggle to have the exemption renewals returned in a timely fashion. I believe it was the combination of the extreme cold and numerous snow storms. To date most of the exemptions have been processed and filed. But there are still some new agricultural applications to be worked through. So next month I will give the comparison report, showing the totals on all the exemptions received. ***RCS Veteran's Exemption*** On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 the RCS Board of Education approved a resolution granting partial exemption from taxation for eligible veterans in the RCS school district.

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The maximum levels are less than the current maximums that the town and county allow. They are as follows.

Basic Exemption	\$12,000 T/C	\$6,000 RCS
Combat Zone	\$8,000 T/C	\$4,000 RCS
Disabled Veteran	\$40,000 T/C	\$20,000 RCS

The RPSV4 database software is being updated to reflect these new veterans exemptions.

***Audit and Control Committee***

As required to do annually, we have to review all departments where finances are brought in Town and disbursements made. As of this date I have two of our accounts audited and I believe they are all attached here. I hope everybody has an attachment.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** answered I do.

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**RESOLUTION 74-2015  
MARCH 23, 2015**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ANNUAL REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS FOR  
TOWN CLERK AND JUSTICE COURT**

**WHEREAS** Town Law Section 123 requires each town officer or employee who has received or disbursed any monies to produce all supporting books, records, receipts, warrants, vouchers and cancelled checks as authorized by Section 29 of the General Municipal Law.

**RESOLVED** that Councilman Jeffrey Ruso has completed the Annual Review of the financial records of the Town Clerk and Justice Court and the Town Board accepts the Annual Review for the period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

**Councilman Ruso** asked does anyone want to speak of the audit that I have presented?

**Councilwoman Benway** noted just to verify you said January 1, 2013, you meant 2014.

**Councilman Ruso** questioned did I say 2013?

**Councilwoman Benway** added pretty much the fiscal year.

**Councilman Ruso** continued it does say 2014 here I must have spoken wrong.

**Councilwoman Benway** said just wanted to make sure.

**Councilwoman Ruso** explained the Town Clerk's was good, they have to deposit all monies. The only finding I had was they have to deposit all monies within 72 hours of having received \$250, and the only time they missed that was because of a snowstorm, so they did it on the fourth day so that was substantial compliance. And a similar issue with the Justice Court, there were two occasions where their Annual Report was not filed within the 10th day of the month and that was because the Judges were away and couldn't sign off and they took care of that as soon as they were back. So financially they did well, the bank reconciliations were done and I was actually very glad to see they did so well.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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***Buildings & Grounds/Recycling***

2 Appliances \$15, 60 Gallon Bags of Plastic 12, 55 Gallon Drums of Cans and Aluminum 2, Bundles of Magazines and Phone Books 15, Bags and Bundles of Newspapers 30, Bags of Shredded Paper 6, Boxes and Bundles of Cardboard 15, Clean Jars and Bottles (Bin exchanged on 2/14/15), Total Amount \$15

***Building Inspector/Code Enforcement***

Supervisor Dellisanti explained last week we had some tremendous wind and we lost a number of shingles right here on this roof so we are going to do this resolution right now.

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**RESOLUTION 75-2015  
MARCH 23, 2015**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF ROOF**

**WHEREAS** during severe windstorms, shingles on the Meeting Room roof were ripped away and Randio Builders performed an immediate emergency repair of the roof the same day so as to correct the situation so that further damage would not occur before a snowstorm that afternoon.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approves said emergency repair from Randio Builders, Town Voucher 2015b-03-17 for \$250.00

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Supervisor Dellisanti** confirmed he did a very good job and he did it immediately which was terrific.

Building Inspections 13, Building Permits Issued 1, Building Permits Renewed 4, Certificates of Occupancy Issued 3, Commercial Site Fire Inspections 3, General Complaints 3, Junk Vehicle Complaints 1, New Building Permit Applications Received 1 Application Fees for February, 2015 \$743.50, Total Fees for Year to Date \$823.50, Total Fees December 2014-February 2015 \$1,633.00.

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**RESOLUTION 75-2015  
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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO  
ATTEND TRAINING**

**WHEREAS** training is being held on Thursday, March 19 at the Greene County Emergency Control Center in Cairo and on April 10, 2015 at the Town of Carlisle.

**RESOLVED** the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approves the attendance of the Code Enforcement Officer who will be compensated for mileage.

Motion by Councilman Norris seconded by Councilwoman Benway

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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**Supervisor Dellisanti** explained apparently Gordon has to get so many hours of training annually and these are coming up rather quickly.

***Greene County Planning Board***

The Greene County Planning Board met this month and we elected our officers -- our Chairman is Eric Allen from the Town of Ashland, Vice-Chair Jim Dymond from the Town of Prattsville, and Secretary is Ed Diamonte from Greene County Planning. We had an application from the Town of Coxsackie for a zoning amendment to require permits for commercial venues. We approved that. Had an application from the Village of Athens to make some code revisions and some zoning changes to clean up some language in their Code and we approved that. We had two applications from the Town of Cairo to extend moratoriums, one moratorium on resort conversions, the other moratorium on junkyards. We disapproved both of those. We had a use variance permit in the Town of New Baltimore to add car repair to a local business of small engine and tractor repair on Route 54 and we returned that for local consideration with comments.

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

**Councilman Ruso** reported we are awaiting results from the Bank of Greene County about our grant application so I don't have anything to report.

***Highway***

Repaired air leak on 2013 International. Removed and replaced fuel injector pump on 1980 Oshkosh, Mixed sand and salt and put in shed, Repaired broken speed limit sign on West Deans Mill Road, Cut small tree fallen on Independence Lane, Checked roads for drifts as needed due to wind, Changed oil in 2011 International, Installed new Town radio in 1993 International plow truck, Removed snow on Liberty Street between 144 and Washington Ave with loader, Picked up dead deer on Scheller Park Road, Monday March 2 called all in at 4am for snow, plowed and sanded all roads, Wednesday March 4 called all in at 3:30 am for snow, plowed and sanded all roads, Washed all plow trucks and greased, Changed oil in 2013 International, Repaired broken push arm on 1980 Oshkosh wing, Changed wing blade on 1993 International, Patched pot holes with winter mix, Picked up dead deer on Kings Road, Replaced steering box on 2002 Ford f-350, Changed oil and filter on 2002 Ford f-350, Changed front tires on 1985 International 10-wheeler, Installed new Town radio in Case/International tractor, Changed oil and filter on 2012 F-350 pickup, Patched dirt roads with crusher run, Painted plows on 2 plow trucks, Wednesday, March 18 called in 6 people to plow and sand, Some roads had 2-3 inches of snow on them, Replaced headlight dimmer switch on 1993 International, Swept floors and cleaned up shop.

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**RESOLUTION 77-2015  
MARCH 23 2015**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDITURE OF  
HIGHWAY MONIES**

**RESOLVED**, that the attached Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Monies submitted by Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan (Highway 284 Agreement) is hereby approved.

**AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE  
OF HIGHWAY MONIES**

**AGREEMENT** between the Town Superintendent of the Town of New Baltimore, Greene County, New York, and the undersigned members of the Town Board. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that monies levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

1. **GENERAL REPAIRS.** The sum of \$185,000 shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon parts of 63 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof.
2. **PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.** The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of Town highways:

(a) On the road commencing at US Route 9W and leading to Lime Kiln Road, a distance of 1.44 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$150,000.  
Type: Black Top Type 6 10% RAP  
Width of Traveled Surface: 21'  
Thickness: 1 3/4" to 2"  
Subbase: Stone and Oil  
\$142,277.52 (CHIPS) Finish Roberts Hill Road, 1100', Go to Scheller Park Road  
use up Monies \$150,000

Executed in duplicate this 23rd day of March 2015

_____ Supervisor	_____ Councilmember
_____ Councilmember	_____ Councilmember
_____ Councilmember	_____ Town Superintendent of Highways
_____ County Superintendent of Highways	

NOTE: This Agreement should be signed in duplicate by a majority of the members of the Town Board and by the Town Superintendent. Both copies must be approved by the County Superintendent. One copy must be filed in the Town Clerk's office and one in the County Superintendent's office. *COPIES DO NOT HAVE TO BE FILED IN ALBANY.*

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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RESOLUTION 78-2015  
MARCH 23, 2014

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO  
RENT ROAD SWEEPER

*WHEREAS* the Procurement Policy adopted on January 1, 2015 requires quotes from at least two vendors for certain purchases over \$1,000.

*WHEREAS* the Highway Superintendent annually rents a road sweeper for two weeks and has procured three quotes from Carver, A. Montano Co., Inc. and Finke Equipment.

*WHEREAS* the lowest bidder is Carver for \$649 weekly, \$1,298 for two weeks.

*RESOLVED* that the Highway Superintendent is authorized to rent a road sweeper for two weeks from Carver for \$1,298.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Norris

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Councilwoman VanEtten** wanted to make a Motion to put up Handicapped Signs on Scheller Park Road.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** explained we had a request from an individual on Scheller Park Road for putting up handicapped signs. They have a relative that has been put in a wheelchair, we checked with Department of Transportation, they gave us the appropriate sign to be put up on that particular road and that's what this is about.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** mentioned when we make this Motion, they will have to wait of course until it thaws out a little bit.

**Councilman Ruso** added a person who goes around on the roads in a wheelchair, does a little exercise, basically to slow down.

**Councilwoman Benway** noted probably watch for...

**Supervisor Dellisanti** I think it also has a word that says 'ahead' on the bottom of the sign, so it will have the handicapped sign plus the word ahead coming in both directions on Scheller Park Road. So there is a motion on the floor, I will second that motion.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

***Insurance***

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RESOLUTION 79-2015  
MARCH 23, 2014

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO MAKE  
AMENDMENTS TO THE 2015 BUDGET

***RESOLVED*** that the Supervisor make the following budget transfers:

Transfer \$1,000 from line 1989.4 Other Government Support to line A.1910.4 Unallocated Insurance. The remainder of the insurance bill to paid from unassigned fund balance.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

***Memorial***

No Report

***Personnel***

No Report

***Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals***

The Planning Board met on March 12, 2015. There were no applications to come before the Board . The Board held its Organizational Meeting with Ann Marie Vadney chosen as Vice Chair and Chuck Irving as Secretary for the year 2015. I have been in contact with the ZBA regarding the Bristol Manor application and this is in regards to taking Lead Agency, which Committee -- Planning Board or ZBA -- will become Lead Agency for that project. As of what I understood we are going to have a joint meeting and both agree to have Lead Agency. Our Attorney has spoken and said that the ZBA should take Lead Agency in this application, but I don't think the ZBA wants to.

**Councilman Ruso** asked what is Bristol Manor?

**Kathy Rundberg** replied a Senior Living Center on 9W, proposed 7 years ago and still not with a complete application.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** questioned did you say seven years ago?

**Kathy Rundberg** answered yes, sir.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** said thank you.

***Zoning Board of Appeals***

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, with the following business transacted: Public Hearing was held on the William Brandt Application for an Area Variance to allow for construction of the assisted living facility at a height approximately four feet over the Town's 35-foot maximum height. This added roof elevation is to allow for snowload. In the Regular Meeting that followed: Discussion was held on the Brandt application and then recessed until the April 1 meeting to allow for submission of additional information requested by the Board. The matter is also

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being referred to the Planning Board for a determination on Lead Agency status for purposes of SEQRA. Variance Application from Frank McCarty was heard. Mr. McCarty has a home occupation, small engine/tractor repair business, he runs from a garage at this home on Route 54. He is requesting the variance to allow him to also do auto repair work during slow times. Required Public Hearing is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., April 1.

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**RESOLUTION 80-2015  
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**RESOLUTION FOR SPECIAL WORK MEETING ON JUNE 29 AT 6 PM  
FOR PRESENTATION BY TAL RAPPLEYEA TO THE TOWN BOARD,  
PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ON THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM**

*WHEREAS* Councilwoman VanEtten and Supervisor Dellisanti have requested training on the use of the Environmental Assessment Long and Short Forms for the Town Board, the Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals members, said training to be included in the annual training requirement for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Members

*WHEREAS* a Special Meeting has been scheduled for June 29 at 6 PM.

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* that Tal Rappleyea, Attorney for the Town, is hereby authorized to provide training to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals at a rate of \$150/hour for up to three hours

Motion by Councilwoman VanEtten seconded by Supervisor Dellisanti

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Councilwoman Benway** pointed out I know in the past we've invited Greenville to come split the cost. Kathy, was that last year or two years ago we did that?

**Kathy Rundberg** said what's that, I'm sorry.

**Councilwoman Benway** continued with Greenville, we invited Greenville to split the cost and join us.

**Kathy Rundberg** confirmed yes, it was two years ago.

**Councilwoman Benway** stated it was two years ago now. Did we try to see if they want to split the cost with us again or no?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** answered no we didn't.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** suggested we can make the phone call

**Councilman Ruso** asked who will make the call?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** inquired do you have a contact over there?

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**Kathy Rundberg** thought even Cocksackie might possibly. I will contact Clark Pell, Planning Board of Cocksackie, to see if they have any members who would like to come if that is okay with the Board.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** said that's fine, thank you.

**Councilwoman Benway** added if they want to split the cost

### ***Seniors and Veterans***

The Veterans Committee just got a donation from the New Baltimore VFW and we will be meeting soon to decide how we are going to go. Is there anything from the Seniors, I still have nothing.

### ***Technology/Website***

Supervisor Dellisanti reports my new computer is working tremendously, just so you all know.

### ***Town Courts***

In January, Court fees were \$17,425.50 of which \$10,740.50 was sent to the State Comptroller and the Town retained \$6,685.00. Justice Farrell \$9,992 Justice Davis \$7,433.50. In February, Court fees were \$18,551 of which \$11,594 was sent to the State Comptroller and the Town retained \$6,957. Justice Farrell \$13,141 Justice Davis \$5,410. I have a person that was sentenced to 50 hours of community service so if there's other little odd jobs around, please let me know. I already have a couple of hours filled up, but he won't start until the weather gets better, mostly outdoor stuff.

### ***Wastewater Treatment***

Muffin Monster is down and in need of repair, needs to have cutter heads replaced. Auger Monster down, the brush unit is worn out and needs replacing. Flach Industries will need to be called in to replace and rebuild these units. Main Plant generator did not come on during last power outage of 3/11. Jim will meet with service people to have this corrected. Clarifier Chain drive motor is on the way out and will need to be replaced. (We will get quote for replacement.) Decant Drain line pump piping rotted off, replaced. Pump control service people will be at Mill Street Pump Station to adjust setting. We continue to get low level alarm calls (equipment is still under warranty.)

**Supervisor Dellisanti** noted Lou, by the way, has had surgery and is recuperating.

**Councilman Norris** read, "I will be having surgery on my ankle March 16, 2015 and I will be out for several weeks. Jim Polverelli will be working in my place, and Steve Grimm will be available as needed. I will always be available for any advice or help over the phone that Jim may need as I recover. Thank you, Lou Betke." Dated March 13.

### ***Youth, Parks and Recreation***

Councilwoman VanEtten stated we did put the ad in the paper and I have received a couple of applications. We will be setting up interviews soon.

Supervisor Dellisanti announced the Parks will be officially open on April 13 and I have discussed with Denis Jordan and also Sheriff Seeley will be opening and closing the gates seven days a week and holidays together. Our Highway guys will open them Monday through Friday and will be closed by the Deputies Monday through Friday and the Deputy Sheriffs will open them on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. We are also going to have the water tested right around the April 13 opening for Hallock Park.

***Public Comment Period***

**Supervisor Dellisanti** introduced Ellie Alfeld on Town Offices and Town Calendar

**Ellie Alfeld** began there's a couple of things I'd like to ask of the Board. Just for clarification, you got a new computer, I don't know what kind it was, we don't know how much it cost and did it have to go out for bids or what was the story on your computer that you needed so much?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** explained the computer that I had was dying when I first got into office.

**Ellie Alfeld** interrupted I know that, I'm looking for....

**Supervisor Dellisanti** inquired we had, how many bids did you get on that computer?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** answered we had called three or four different places, but we only received one bid.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** concluded one written bid from ITS.

**Ellie Alfeld** continued the cost of yours and Marjorie's computers, I believe you got one for Marjorie as well.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** replied they are rented

**Supervisor Dellisanti** corrected they are actually leased.

**Ellie Alfeld** said they are leased okay, how long is the lease?

**Supervisor Dellisanti and Councilwoman VanEtten** answered three years.

**Ellie Alfeld** continued thank you. The other thing that I want to touch on is now that the Town does not have a Newsletter because of finances, I'm finding that a lot of the information that I think should be available to the public is not there. When I go on our computer Calendar, there is a certain amount of information as to upcoming meetings, however, they are not all covered. A lot of the things that might be of interest to people in this Town, they have no knowledge of. They are not here at the Town. They're not in the newspaper per se. We don't actually have a newspaper distributor in this Town, I've said this once before. If you want a newspaper with New Baltimore news on it, you either have to go to Ravena or Coxsackie. That being said I would like to know if it's possible to add to the Calendar on our computers those meetings that we hold like the Veterans Committee, the Senior Committee, this Friends of New Baltimore Committee, the Comprehensive Committee. These are all committee meetings that are here at the Town Hall that I think people here should have access to and not just on the printout on the back of this.

**Councilwoman Benway** pointed out all of these meetings that are on this list are on the website, because I put them there.

**Ellie Alfeld** noted the Veterans Committee is not on here.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** observed we didn't set up another meeting yet.

**Ellie Alfeld** said okay.

**Councilwoman Benway** explained if it's in this list, I go through the list after the meeting.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** added and the Seniors...

**Ellie Alfeld** asked is it possible for you to check what's booked on the Town Clerk's calendar for this Meeting Room so that we know we don't miss anybody? I feel bad that

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we don't have this out there for the general public, I really do. The next thing I'd like to touch on is The Friends of New Baltimore Recreation Committee. I never saw anything asking for people for this Committee so I didn't know that this Committee was actually being formed, let alone that it's all got the members on it already. So I'd just be interested in finding out how other than the newspaper, how are you making it aware to the people out in the general public that you are looking for volunteers for different committees? Thank you.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** introduced Dot Davis, clear the air and road sweeper.

**Dot Davis** began the road sweeper, I brought this up last year. The Town of Athens, they don't sweep the roads, they vacuum the sides of the road and they reuse all that dirt that they pick up off the sides of the roads. They mix it with their sand and they reuse it. Is there any reason why New Baltimore can't do that?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** answered that would be a question for Denis.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** agreed that's a Highway Superintendent question, I don't have an answer for that.

**Dot Davis** continued I did bring this up once before. Then I'd like to bring up this issue of the Highway Superintendent from four years to two years. I have to disagree with the Board members, it was brought up for a discussion. If you go back through your Minutes a couple of months ago I brought the subject up and Mr. Ruso said that he did remember hearing it discussed. Go back through the Minutes, I clearly remember you saying that. We're not liars. When we went out and campaigned, we campaigned to get you elected. There was a lot of people that we know, there's more than three people that live in the Hamlet. We know a lot of people in the Hamlet; we know a lot of people in New Baltimore. A lot of these people did not even want to vote because they were totally disgusted with everything that was going on in the Town. We talked them into voting. We talked them into voting because we believed in what you people were saying. Now we are getting feedback, you are not doing what you said that they were going to do.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** questioned what might that be?

**Dot Davis** said we have a problem with that.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** repeated what might that be?

**Dot Davis** continued discussion of the two years, going back to the two years.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** asked and when did that take place exactly?

**Dot Davis** answered you came to our home, we discussed it then.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** questioned at your house?

**Dot Davis** replied yes we did. We also discussed it at Barbara Finke's home; it was discussed then. I'm not going to lie for anybody.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** confirmed that makes two of us.

**Dot Davis** said not for anybody.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** reiterated that makes two of us.

**Dot Davis** concluded we fought for you all to win and you did win. Now as far as names being mentioned, no names were mentioned when I talked about this and the Board members knew this, but they didn't speak up and say anything and I want to know why.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** responded well first of all as we explained to you that we would be willing to, if enough people are interested in doing this in the Town, it's really

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not up to us, we are here to represent the Town. If a lot of people are interested in this and you can give us proof of that, because it does cost money.

**Dot Davis** replied we will.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** continued we have to get a lawyer and we've explained that to you. But I don't remember ever discussing this when I ran and I'm sorry I don't, but again it's not up to the Board. If the people from the Town want this and if you can prove that's what the majority of the people want, then...

**Dot Davis** said we are going to prove it.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** introduced Jean Horn, trash dumps

**Jean Horn** observed actually just a simple question. Driving down my road, Honey Hollow Road, it's past Ed Barber where the State owns the land and it's a school bus turnaround, there has been quite a bit of trash that's recently been dumped there. There's furniture and tires and some bags of trash. And I was thinking of it tonight, should I call the Highway, or the Code Enforcement Officer or not do anything, I don't know what the protocol is when you see a large amount of trash.

**Councilwoman Benway** asked did you happen to see who dumped it?

**Jean Horn** answered no I didn't see who dumped it.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** suggested we can let the Sheriffs know, they hardly ever catch these people because I've had tires dumped on me and furniture and everything else under the sun, and they try, but usually...

**Jean Horn** noted it's a common place where they dump stuff occasionally so it's not unusual; I haven't seen anything there for quite awhile, but now there is quite a bit there. It looks like somebody moved and just dumped all their stuff there that they didn't want to take with them.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** agreed unfortunately that happens a lot.

**Councilman Ruso** mentioned in the monthly Highway Reports there are occasions where they speak of picking up a couch, picking up a chair, picking up tires that are dumped. I can't say about this, not knowing what is there, but give them a call, they will probably take care of it.

**Ellie Alfeld** asked is it on Town land?

**Councilman Ruso** answered it's on a Town road.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** inquired is it on private land though?

**Jean Horn** responded well it's in between, it's off the road, but the school bus turns around there. The Highway trucks turn around there, that's the end of New Baltimore. They turn around and come back. So I don't know if that would be on the Town of New Baltimore, but it wouldn't be on the road. So call the Highway Department?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** suggested just give Denis a call at the Garage and he'll know if that's our property or not immediately and I'll also let the Deputy Sheriffs know.

**Jean Horn** noted it's Town of New Baltimore, but not Town of New Baltimore road because it's off the road.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** observed I had the same problem on my road, on Paradise Hill Road. I had 14 tires, couple of couches dumped there and the Sheriff's Department wants to know if we saw them do that and I didn't see anybody do that.

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**Councilwoman Benway** pointed out but they can't prosecute if you don't see them, even if they found the information in the garbage.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** added even if they found the name of the people, that's what they told me.

**Councilwoman Benway** continued because it could have fallen out the back of garbage truck, you don't know. It could have been an accident and not intentional.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** agreed we've had that happen too.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** introduced Ann Marie Vadney

**Ann Marie Vadney** began I had a question, the women that made the presentation, they kept referring to regions. And when they were referring to regions were they just making reference to the Town of New Baltimore or in regard to the grants and the funding or were they referring to regions like a combination of towns in order to secure the best funding for sewer improvements?

**Councilman Norris** replied this is state grant funding, there is northern region, (many talking at once) that's the regions.

**Ann Marie Vadney** noted Buffalo already got the money

**Supervisor Dellisanti** remarked whatever the region we are in, I don't know what number that is, but that's the regions in the state.

**Councilman Ruso** added I believe there are eight counties in our region.

**Ann Marie Vadney** continued our region is eight counties, so we would combine our requests with theirs? I'm just trying to figure this out.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** answered they are picking regions that need and then the money is being funded to them and then it is somehow split up within that region.

**Ann Marie Vadney** proceeded the reason I'm asking this question is because if the regions are combined and it makes the Median Income go down, that would benefit the very Sewer Districts. Have we ever thought about reaching out and finding out if that's feasible because our district has a pretty good Median Income? So if there are eight counties in our region, am I making it clear, if we combined with other regions maybe we could get a cheaper rate so that it would be less costly for the people in our Sewer District.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** responded but the income program is just based on New Baltimore.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** concurred it is based on each individual town

**Ann Marie Vadney** continued but like I said if other regions are also doing this because the sewer districts, I know our surrounding areas are probably in worse shape than New Baltimore in some respects, so that's why I was wondering if some kind of combination of regions would be advantageous to not just us but maybe those other areas.

**Councilman Ruso** thought there are some advantages, I think we can always ask Mary Beth.

**Councilman Norris** pointed out these rules are set up by the state and the regions are what the regions are and we compete with other counties, towns.

**Ann Marie Vadney** said I understand that, you are asking what I am saying.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** remarked I understand what you are saying, but I think each town is individually rated on what their Income Median is.

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**Ann Marie Vadney** asked so there is a region with eight different counties so you can't combine?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** replied I don't think so, I could be wrong, we can check.

Many speaking at once.

**Ann Marie Vadney** stated because New Baltimore standing all on its own is a very small area.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** explained we have to stand alone, we are a stand-alone town, that's the way it has to be.

**Councilman Ruso** added even with that, the combination of regions, each region is fighting for a bigger piece of the same pie. So they are fighting each other.

**Ann Marie Vadney** continued and I understand that. That's why I'm saying if you had the Town of Coxsackie, the Town of New Baltimore, another town maybe combining. That's what I am talking about.

**Councilman Norris** asked exactly what we are combining?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** clarified what she is saying, if I may, she is saying if we combine we can get our Median Income down.

**Councilman Norris** questioned but what are we combining?

**Ann Marie Vadney** answered your sewer need.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** observed the average Median Income I don't think you can do that no, it's based on each town.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** noted it's the locale, it's the locale you have to have.

**Ann Marie Vadney** continued thank you, then I had something from the last meeting that I got distracted when we did our tape recorder changes. Mrs. VanEtten, you mentioned on our insurance we only had one bid.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** replied right.

**Ann Marie Vadney** added and then you referenced an accident.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** responded there was an accident, it is still in litigation so I can't say very much. But it was in 2013 in the summer and from what I remember it wasn't reported, but there were tickets issued and other things that were issued.

**Councilwoman Benway** stated it was reported .

**Councilwoman VanEtten** explained it was reported that there was no damage and no tickets, but apparently that wasn't the case.

**Ann Marie Vadney** questioned is this the accident because I remember sitting at a meeting where someone in our garage hit something or someone?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** mentioned we can't discuss that.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** agreed we can't really discuss the details of it.

**Ann Marie Vadney** inquired how did this impact on our insurance rates for our Town this year then?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** remarked it impacted greatly

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**Ann Marie Vadney** continued so that means that it was increased, is there a dollar figure?

**Councilwoman Benway** commented they don't surcharge for it, until it's settled, they wouldn't even consider surcharging.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** observed oh really, that's not what we were told; I sent you that information.

**Councilwoman Benway** continued and based on the information I gathered, what you were given is not entirely accurate.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** added oh really, we will have to check on that tomorrow. I wouldn't imagine they would give us....

**Ann Marie Vadney** noted I think that some individuals mentioned this after the meeting and when would the townspeople be aware of what's involved with this.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** remarked I think it would have to be after the court case is settled.

**Ann Marie Vadney** replied so someone really got hurt.

Many responded it is in litigation.

**Councilman Ruso** confirmed we are getting sued.

**Ann Marie Vadney** responded we are getting sued. Veterans Exemptions, could we have someone come to our Veterans Committee and maybe explain the impact of the Veterans Exemptions at RCS?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** suggested we could probably ask Gordon to explain them at a Board Meeting.

**Ann Marie Vadney** continued that would be great because then I think people would feel much better because I know one meeting people were really upset that vets might get an exemption, it went on so at least this would alleviate and get the facts out there. Last but not least, 63 miles of road was referenced, and I know my question is, is this 63 miles of Town road that is actually paved and used all year long because then I heard a number of at one point 30 miles of road were actually useable for the 12 months out of the year.

**Councilman Ruso** commented I would have to defer to Denis for that. I know there are some roads that are unpaved and not useable throughout the year, but I wouldn't say it's half of the road, I wouldn't say that.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** agreed it wouldn't be that many.

**Ann Marie Vadney** asked could someone call me so I know what it is?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** pointed out I know he uses that figure all the time.

**Councilman Norris** clarified it's only like two roads that are shut down for the winter, Haas Hill and School Hill.

**Councilman Ruso and Supervisor Dellisanti** noted School Hill Road is one.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** mentioned I think we only have two roads that are closed down for the winter -- School Hill. What's the other?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** answered Haas Hill.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** agreed Haas Hill, that's right.

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**Councilman Ruso** added that's only a stretch of both.

**Ann Marie Vadney** asked so everything else is plowed and maintained all year long?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** answered yes.

**Ann Marie Vadney** responded thank you very much.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** added you're welcome.

**Councilman Ruso** noted there are different services on different roads, though so, but most of them are paved.

**Ellie Alfeld** said I would like to know if I could ask one more question I forgot to ask. Since Jeff has done the Audit of the Town's finance accounts...

**Councilman Ruso** pointed out only two of them so far.

**Ellie Alfeld** stated I understood that. My question now is Nicholas have you nominated or picked a Confidential Secretary?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** responded I have not at this time.

**Ellie Alfeld** continued so no funds were disbursed for this quarter?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** replied correct.

**Ellie Alfeld** said thank you.

**Jim Planck** remarked I'm confused on the insurance quotes because Lisa said that it did not impact the rates which I can understand, could mean it didn't affect the quoted prices the Town paid. But in last month's meeting or last meeting whichever it was, there were several companies that Shelly said...

**Councilwoman VanEtten** explained they wouldn't even bid on.

**Jim Planck** asked wouldn't because of that accident, is that true, they would not bid?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** responded that is what our broker gave us in writing so I have to believe it.

**Jim Planck** inquired is that true to you also Lisa?

**Councilwoman Benway** added I really can't comment on that at this time.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** clarified well that is what our Broker provided us in writing so.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** pointed out you should have had that in your packet.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** confirmed that was in your packet.

**Jim Planck** mentioned I did have that in my packet, but what confused me was Lisa's statement that there was no affect on....

**Councilwoman VanEtten** pointed out I don't know what proof she has, she's not mentioned this to any of us.

(Unable to understand.)

**Councilwoman Benway** suggested we will have to discuss that at a later date.

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**Councilwoman VanEtten** indicated okay because this is the first I've heard of it so I don't have a clue.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** explained all I recall is on the backup documents on the insurance proposal, it said that they wouldn't bid because of the loss status, the term they used was loss.

**Councilman Norris** noted in my experience on the Board, we've had lots of lawsuits through the years and we've never had companies say they won't...

**Councilwoman Benway** commented there are times where companies would prefer you to stick with your current carrier when you have an ongoing open claim, but that doesn't mean that they're not going to quote you because of claims. It means that they would suggest for your benefit that you stay with your current carrier based on their being open litigation.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** responded but that's not the information that we got, it said they declined.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** pointed out you saw the information that we received.

**Councilwoman Benway** agreed yes I did.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** concluded okay that's good.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** read Public Notice is hereby given that on April 7, 2015 at 7 P.M. at Coxsackie Town Hall, 16 Reed Street, Coxsackie, the Town Board of Coxsackie will hold a public hearing on proposed Local Law #1 of 2015. Said proposed Local Law which would amend the Zoning Law of the Town of Coxsackie to regulate Commercial Event Venues. Proposed Local Law #1 provides for the following: a) Regulations pertaining to the operation of Commercial Event Venues. Proposed Local Law #1 would apply to all lands and zones in the Town of Coxsackie. All persons wishing to be heard on this matter are invited to attend said public hearing, or to provide the town board correspondence with any comments, or both. By order of the Town Board, Bambi Hotaling, Town Clerk.

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15 March 2015

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Town of New Baltimore  
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Hannacroix, NY 12087

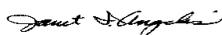
Dear Nick and colleagues,

I just want to weigh in on the discussion about the length of the Highway Superintendent's term of office that I witnessed at the last Town Board meeting. I was quite surprised to hear Ms. Davis claim that this was an issue in the last campaign, as it never came up as I was campaigning throughout the Town – not once was the topic raised by anyone -- in the Hamlet or elsewhere. Thus it seems to be a non-issue.

I came away from the meeting with the impression that a few individuals are attempting to make it an issue as part of some personal vendetta rather than as a thoughtful policy recommendation. I certainly hope that you see it the same way and will refrain from proposing any changes to the terms of elective offices without adequate public hearings and a robust discussion of the pros and cons of various term lengths. Discussions of who is holding any particular office at present would be irrelevant to such considerations.

In closing, I would like to add that I do not see the current terms of office for any of our elected offices to be in need of amending. Ms. Davis does not speak for this resident of the Hamlet.

Sincerely,



Janet Angellis

### ***Upcoming Meetings***

- Rabies Clinic at the Medway-Grapeville Firehouse from 6-8 PM
- March 25, 2015 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM
- April 1, 2015 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM
- April 9, 2015 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- April 13, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- April 16, 2015 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 7 PM
- April 22, 2015 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 81-2015  
MARCH 23, 2015

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 2015b-03-01 to 2015b-03-29, it is

**RESOLVED** that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2015b-03-01 to 2015b-03-29.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until April 30, 2015.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

General \$43,591.94, Highway \$1,851.58, Sewer 2 \$201.76, Lighting 1 \$3,782.00, Lighting 2 \$198.09, Total \$49,906.87

**Town Clerk Finke** wanted to add one thing under the Town Clerk report, I did receive two FOILs in the month of February, one has been satisfied and we are still completing the other.

**Kevin Kennah** if you would like two minutes, I could answer Ann Marie's question on the Veteran's credits. First of all, it was a very smart ploy on the Governor's behalf of putting this out there because they did it before the election so he garnered more votes from the veterans. 2) It did nothing but put dissent between veterans and townspeople because not all veterans are eligible. You have to be served during wartime to be eligible for this. 3) He did nothing but pad his own pockets to save the state money. Now the way it works is the school has approximately eight columns to pick from from \$10,000 up to \$80,000 as far as an exemption. Now when they take that, nobody ever told anybody when they take this exemption, it comes off your assessed value for the school. So now the veteran gets the exemption, the other townspeople have to pay for that, but they are also going to pay a second time because it comes off and the school is not going to get the STAR money that they would have received on that exemption. So now the rest of the townspeople are going to pay double and that's why all the other schools -- if you've noticed Greeneville, Catskill -- have decided no they are not going to do it because you are actually screwing everyone else to give a couple a break. There was one other thing, I just lost it too. Oh, once you opt into this program, there is no way to get out of it so if you decide to go in it and you see that it is costing you too much money, there is no actual way to get out of that program.

**Kathy Rundberg** asked the Town has to accept it?

**Kevin Kennah** answered this is school.

**Councilman Ruso** noted school is not our choice, but we are working for the people here.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** observed I think that you understood how it works, but you wanted to know how specifically it effects our Town.

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**Ellie Alfeld** added in order to do that you have to know how many combat vets you have, disabled vets you have, wartime vets you have.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** suggested Gordon should be able to give us that information.

**Ellie Alfeld** continued Gordon has a line item for that.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** agreed we will have to get him in here to speak to the Town.

**Ellie Alfeld** stated it's very easy to find, it's right on it.

**Councilman Norris** noted that's for each district, we have at least three districts in the Town.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** added for the Ravena school.

**Ellie Alfeld** mentioned it has to be for RCS only because the others are not.

**Ann Marie Vadney** observed I have to say that I am noticing, it perplexes me to see you Lisa and Shelly not knowing what each other is talking about and I would appreciate it as a taxpayer that if there is additional information that all the Board should be talking to each other.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** pointed out well I think we sent her all the information we got immediately.

**Councilwoman Benway** explained unfortunately some of the information I may have received is because of what my full-time job is and due to confidentially reasons, I may not be able to share all that.

**Ann Marie Vadney** concluded I don't think it should be brought to the public's attention then because I think it makes all of us sit here going what's going on with our guys on our Town Board and that's not a good feeling because we voted for all of you and we want it to go smoothly and we want the facts and we don't want to be misled about anything that's going on especially when it is going to impact possibly on our tax dollars here. Thank you.

**Pat Linger** stated I just wanted to mention that this Sunday is the Cornell Hook and Ladder Palm Sunday Breakfast 7 AM-1 PM on Gill Road.

On a Motion by Councilwoman Benway seconded by Councilman Norris, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ruso

**Supervisor Dellisanti** concluded thank you all for coming.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke  
Town Clerk