

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

June 8, 2015

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

- May 11, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting

Public Comment Period

New Business

- Resolution to Establish Town Hall Building/Capital Improvement Committee
- Resolution Setting Public Hearing for Local Law #2 of 2015 Reducing the Term of the Town of New Baltimore Highway Superintendent from Four Years to Two Years
- Audit of Claims

Upcoming Meetings

- June 11, 2015 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- June 17, 2015 Senior Committee Picnic at 12 Noon Hallock Park
- June 18, 2015 Senior Committee Picnic Raindate
- June 18, 2015 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation Committee at 7 PM
- June 22, 2015 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
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Public Comment Period/Community Events

Adjournment

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

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OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Dellisanti opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also Attending Deputy Supervisor Ruso, Councilwomen Benway and VanEtten, Councilman Norris, Tal Rappleyea, Esq., Town Clerk Finke, and 6 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

Absent: Tax Collector Jordan and Highway Superintendent Jordan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion to approve the May 11, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes submitted by Town Clerk Finke was made by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten. 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:

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Dellisanti introduced Dot Davis who wants to speak on Mr. Seeley and drugs.

Dot Davis began he had mentioned that he would have available for us what all these different types of drugs look like.

Councilwoman VanEtten noted he specifically said to call him if you want to see it and he would bring it to you.

Dot Davis suggested I think you should also have one posted here in the Town Hall when people go in and out so that they can see it because I don't know what this stuff looks like and I'm sure the majority of people out there don't know what it looks like.

Supervisor Dellisanti announced just so you know we are in the process of putting together a training session with Sheriff Seeley, Sheriff Apple from Albany, Senator Amedore. They have a drug wagon up there that is about 60 feet long that actually goes through the whole process of all the different types of drugs. Town Clerk Finke and I went to a training session up in Guilderland and it's very impressive, extremely sensitive.

Dot Davis asked would they ever consider coming down to this area?

Supervisor Dellisanti explained we've asked them to schedule that for us. Once that gets on the track we'll have it announced and put in the newspaper. We'll have it here at Town Hall and we'll be able to invite the other Supervisors that I deal with at our breakfast meetings to have them come here as well.

Councilwoman VanEtten pointed out but he did say if you would want him to take it to your house he would come. He specifically said that. I don't know if he will bring actual drugs.

Supervisor Dellisanti noted the other thing you wanted to talk about was the employee use of the car.

Dot Davis continued are they going to have a sign-in sheet on that and keep track of the mileage and gas used and periodically looking for damage on the car?

Councilwoman VanEtten answered of course.

Supervisor Dellisanti explained we have a log in the car and whoever uses the vehicle has to sign in, put down the odometer reading.

Steve Pilatich added inspection each time before he takes the vehicle to make sure there isn't any damage.

Many speaking, unable to understand.

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Supervisor Dellisanti advised that it's done by the Code Enforcement Officer on a daily basis. He does it Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

NEW BUSINESS

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

**RESOLUTION 99-2015
JUNE 8, 2015**

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWN HALL
BUILDING/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS repairs and improvements to Town Hall will be needed in the future and the Town Board will establish a Building/Capital Improvement Committee to advise the Board on these repairs and improvements.

WHEREAS an advertisement appeared in the Daily Mail for seven days and on the Town Bulletin Board.

RESOLVED members who are interested in serving on the Committee are Deputy Supervisor Ruso, Councilman Norris, Ed Barber, John Cashin, John Degnen, Ken Finke, Bob Hallock, Joseph Loux, Gordon Pebler, and Rob VanEtten.

Motion by Deputy Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilwoman Benway

Deputy Supervisor Ruso began we are looking to schedule our first meeting on the 25th of June, a Thursday evening. We hope that's available to all here that are on this Committee.

Councilwoman Benway asked June 25, what time?

Deputy Supervisor Ruso answered 7.

Councilwoman Benway continued here?

Deputy Supervisor Ruso responded yes, main topics will be four things that we have to discuss with this entire thing and that's the past, present, future, and finances. The past meaning we have to try to maintain what we can for the historic nature of the buildings, what we need to get through the day right now in terms of immediate repairs, and where we want to go and that's the future. And the overriding point to all this is how much will it cost us and what can we do, what do we have to do?

Councilman Norris noted I won't be able to make it; I will be out of town

Deputy Supervisor Ruso inquired do you have another date you would like to kick it off with?

Councilman Norris responded it would have to be in July. I won't be back in time.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso answered I didn't want to wait until then. You can come to the second one. We are just really going to have an introductory meeting, you probably know as much about what we are going to do anyway. I guess the Committee will set our second or subsequent meetings.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: VanEtten

ABSENT:

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**RESOLUTION 100-2015
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**RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2015
REDUCING THE TERM OF THE TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE HIGHWAY
SUPERINTENDENT FROM FOUR YEARS TO TWO YEARS**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore has received much public comment requesting the reduction of the term of the Town Highway Superintendent, and

WHEREAS, the legal and most efficient and open manner in which to address the issue is to put the question to a vote of the residents of the Town of New Baltimore by the enactment of a local law which is subject to a mandatory referendum.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby schedules a public hearing to accept public comment on proposed Local Law #2 of 2015 Reducing the Term of the Town Highway Superintendent from four years to two years, which law shall be subject to a mandatory referendum. The Public Hearing shall occur on June 22, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten.

Councilman Norris asked what is the purpose of doing this, why are we moving to do this?

Councilwoman VanEtten answered we got a petition with 134 signatures.

Supervisor Dellisanti concurred 134 signatures asked that it be done. I'm not making any decision on that; I felt it was the right thing to do to let the public make their own decision as a yes or no vote.

Councilwoman Benway wondered will this be commencing what term, will it be this January coming up or because I'm not sure how that works if they're running for election this year, they don't know if they are running for a two or four year term because of depending what happens in November. Can that happen January 1, 2016 or does that have to wait 2020?

Tal Rappleyea, Esq. responded under this scenario the way this law is, it would take effect with this election. You are right, potentially whomever is running for Highway Superintendent wouldn't know whether they are running for a two or four year term.

Councilwoman Benway asked and the Board of Election is okay with this?

Tal Rappleyea, Esq. explained yes, there are three ways that this can be done. One is by resolution that is subject to a mandatory referendum. It has to be done at least 150 days prior to the election. We are already passed 150 days so that can't happen. The other way is by Local Law that either makes it effective this year or makes it effective on the next time that the position is on the ballot.

Councilwoman Benway inquired so it would either be this January or four years from now.

Ellie Alfeld asked all I want to know is is this going to be on a ballot in November?

Councilwoman VanEtten responded yes.

Ellie Alfeld continued or is it going to be by virtue of the Town Board acting on a Local Law?

Councilwoman VanEtten answered no.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso responded mandatory referendum.

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Tal Rappleyea, Esq. noted it's both.

Councilwoman VanEtten added but the voters will vote on it.

Tal Rappleyea, Esq. explained in order to get it on the ballot, it must be by Local Law and then it will go on the ballot and the voters will make that decision in their vote.

Councilwoman Benway remarked and if the voters vote no then it stays four, if they vote yes then it...

Councilwoman VanEtten noted then it stays.

Councilwoman Benway continued goes down to two.

Councilman Norris asked was it always four years or was it two years?

Councilwoman VanEtten mentioned it was two years, what year was it?

Supervisor Dellisanti confirmed it was two years first then it went to four years.

Councilwoman Benway advised it was changed about 16 years ago by referendum.

Ellie Alfeld added when Skip Curtis was Supervisor.

Supervisor Dellisanti replied 2001.

Councilwomen Benway said 14 years ago.

Councilwoman VanEtten noted 14 years ago it switched back and now the people have asked to do it so...

Councilman Norris described so it was two and then it went to four and now they are asking it to go back to two.

Supervisor Dellisanti answered correct.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Supervisor Dellisanti confirmed the text, Lisa, is the way it would appear on the ballot.

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**RESOLUTION 100-2015
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RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO PAY AUDITED CLAIMS

WHEREAS the Town Clerk has presented claims to the Town Board for audit and review, and

WHEREAS the Town Board has audited claims 2015-06-01 to 2015-06-82, it is

REVOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2015-06-01 to 2015-06-82.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until July 31, 2015.

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Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti, seconded by Councilman Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

General \$29,678.06, Highway \$201,827.18, Sewer 1 \$2,191.03, Sewer 2 \$138.49, Lighting 1 \$1,509.00, Lighting 2 \$117.84, Total \$235,461.60

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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- June 17, 2015 Senior Committee Picnic at 12 Noon Hallock Park
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- June 18, 2015 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation Committee at 7 PM
- June 22, 2015 **Public Hearing on Local Law 2 of 2015** at 7 PM Followed by Town Board Work Meeting
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Ellie Alfeld noted I would like to make a correction please about the Senior Picnic. On the Calendar it says it starts at noon and goes to 5. We are only going to 3, that will do our day.

Councilwoman Benway asked would you like me to fix that?

Councilman Ruso suggested our Town Board Work Meeting at 7 on June 22. Should we put in that we also will have a Local Law Hearing on the same day?

Supervisor Dellisanti agreed it would be June 22, we can do that.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ellie Alfeld said might I ask a question? Albany had a big meeting about the tanker cars, anybody that happened to see the TV today. Anyway have we got a person or Committee that is responsible if there is such an accident with the trains that go past our place for accidents? I understand the Fire Department, but...

Pat Linger reported the Town has an Emergency Management Officer.

Councilwoman VanEtten noted we do have an Emergency Management Officer, it's Alan.

Ellie Alfeld continued and that's Alan VanWormer correct?

Supervisor Dellisanti answered correct.

Ellie Alfeld inquired does he also have assistants?

Councilman Norris pointed out yes, there's a whole committee and there's protocols in place. We put that together about seven years ago.

Councilman Ruso observed he spoke with some specific training he's had on that, actually it was more than a year ago before this topic became a busy one. But he already talked about having training.

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On a Motion by Councilwoman Benway seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke
Town Clerk