

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

SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

AGENDA

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Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation by Aiden O'Connor from Greene County Emergency Medical Services

Reports

Supervisor

County Legislator (Invited)

Town Clerk

- September 14, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes
- Resolution to Revise Town Fee Schedule

Tax Collector

Historian

Agriculture (Chair Norris/Member Benway)

Ag Fest Liaison (Member Ruso)

Animal Control (Chair Ruso/Member Norris)

Assessment (Chair Dellisanti/Member Norris)

Audit and Control Committee (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)

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

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

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

- Resolution Authorizing Supervisor to Execute Agreement with Ravena Rescue Squad for Ambulance Service Provided to New Baltimore District No. 1
- Motion to Approve Request from Cornell Hook & Ladder Fire Company to Use Parking Area of District 1 Park on Monday, October 5 and October 12 for Training.

Greene County EMS (Representative Dellisanti/Deputy Norris)

Greene County Planning Board

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

Highway (Chair Dellisanti/Member Ruso)

Insurance (Member VanEtten)

Memorial (Chair Benway/Member Norris)

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)

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

- Resolution to Fill Vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals
- Resolution to Appoint Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals

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

- October 7, 2015 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM (If Needed)
- October 8, 2015 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- October 12, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- October 22, 2015 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 7 PM
- October 24, 2015 Heroin Education Program, Details to Follow
- October 26, 2015 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- October 28, 2015 Comprehensive Plan Committee at 7 PM

Audit of Claims

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, Town Clerk Finke, and 11 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

Absent: Councilman Norris, Tax Collector Jordan, and Highway Superintendent Jordan

Supervisor Dellisanti began tonight's first order of business is a presentation from Aiden O'Connor, I don't know if Ron Rouse is going to speak also, but our Greene County Emergency Medical Services President. Please step up to the podium.

Aiden O'Connor said while everyone is getting a handout, good evening, thank you very much for having us. Again my name is Aiden O'Connor; I am Co-Chairman of the Greene County Countywide Ambulance Task Force. I'm also fortunate enough to be President of Greene County Paramedics which will play a role in this presentation tonight. One of the things I'll do too is while Ron is handing those out, we have two packets. The purpose of me coming out here tonight and Ron coming out is we're members, 1 of 14 members of the Task Force, who have worked two years on studying what EMS is today and where we could be tomorrow in a better EMS organization. These are two binders; I'll give one up to the Board. What we did was we consolidated all these 489 pages into two pages and we'll hopefully then give you the presentation tonight. If it's okay with you, I'll give about 20 minutes of information then open up for questions and answers; sometimes it's a little less. So again the County Legislature two years ago said how is EMS working today, took a proactive approach. We saw that EMS was changing. We were losing volunteers so those agencies that were relying on volunteers started to struggle. We could test EMS right now as we speak. What we did was we actually, through the Rural Health Network and that's how Ron was here tonight, is through a grant, so there was no taxpayers' cost to us, we hired a third party consultant. And what that third party consultant did was they went through every single Town and gathered their numbers and figured out how the system is working percentagewise. So if you all look at your front page packet, if you look at the first square that is what the Town of New Baltimore is and because the Town of New Baltimore is unique, you contract with both Ravena Ambulance and Coxsackie Ambulance for your coverage. We actually used Coxsackie's numbers as a primary. So if you look in that first box there where you see 1,172 total requests, that's the amount of requests that Coxsackie Ambulance has, somebody picking up the phone and calling 911 for Coxsackie Ambulance. Of those, 201 were from New Baltimore residents or travelers. Through that Coxsackie responds to about 1,054 which is about 92% average which is normal for everyone in the County. They responded to 115 Mutual Aid requests and if you look at the 3 minutes, that's a chute time, that's the amount of time when somebody calls 911 to the EMS pager going off to them getting in the ambulance and getting enroute to you. Coxsackie is 3 minutes that's because they have a paid crew in quarters all the time. Some of the places in the County are up to 22 minutes, that's 22 minutes before they get in the ambulance and go to where you live or to where the injury may have occurred. September is the busiest month for New Baltimore and Coxsackie; Tuesday is the busiest day of the week; late workday is the busiest time of day, and there's about one hour and thirty minutes it takes for the time EMS gets requested to the time they're back in service, the ambulance is cleaned, restocked, and ready to go. So we took all that information for every single Town and said what do we have today in all of Greene County. And we came out to say that we are about 6.7 full-time ambulances on per day, night and day. What we did as a Task Force is we bumped it up to 8.1. We said that might be enough to suffice. So for you as the Town of New Baltimore residents, the new County-Wide System calls for an ambulance being in Coxsackie that covers both Coxsackie and New Baltimore. The benefit right now is if Coxsackie comes into New Baltimore and takes a call, they're gone for an hour and a-half. The new systems calls for what we do with the Paramedics system, we are constantly moving closer status. Another ambulance will be moving closer to Coxsackie and New Baltimore to always insure that your residents both geographically and population-based are covered. So that's with the new County, that's the second box down. What we would do as a not-for-profit model, similar to the Paramedic System with the organization, Greene County EMS, Inc. we would then go on and put 10 full-time ambulances on during the holiday weekends, that's when the two ski seasons, unfortunately a lot of injuries and illness occur while they're open. We have 9 crews on every single day, 9 ambulances, we would have 7 ambulances on at night. The differences between the ambulances that are on now versus the ones that would be on in the future, is every ambulance is staffed with a Paramedic. Right now we have Paramedic fly cars, there's 4 of

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them, those are the Paramedics that respond to incidences. The Doctor who is a medical director for the County said we want a Paramedic in every ambulance. If you call 911 in Greene County, you should deserve a Paramedic-level response. So the new system calls for a Paramedic on every single one of those ambulances, 9 on during the day, 7 on at night. The chute time, they would all be in-house, they would all be in uniform, they would be in the station 24 hours a day, so the chute time would be less than 3 minutes per call. There would be 8 stations, we have budgeted for \$30,000 per year per station so if there's a firehouse, a municipality building that could house an ambulance, we're looking to cohabitate, give that money back to either the Town or give it back to some sort of other emergency services center. There would be 14 ambulances, those are the physical ambulances as vehicles. One of the things that we have now is we have 21 vehicles in the County which we believe is too much. A lot of agencies that have to have two, even though they never use a second one, just in case that one breaks down, now we'd have shared services throughout the whole County so we would be able to limit the vehicles at all times, another cost-saving measure. We'd have 100+ employees, we would be hiring everything from an EMT higher. So if you were an EMT or an AEMT, Advanced EMT, or Paramedic, you would be hired. Out of that, the nice thing about that is 50% would be full-time. That would increase 9 full-time jobs in the County for EMS. There's 7,116 times that somebody calls for EMS in the County. We don't anticipate that going up, we're not going to promote anyone calling 911, but we want to make sure that we remain that number to make sure that we're ready to respond to those people in the future too. So that's the kind of the Agency you have now towards the Agency that could be if Greene County EMS came to fruition. The nice thing again is everyone would have a chute time of 3 minutes, somebody is always in the station coming to you. When that ambulance is already out on a call and there's a second call in New Baltimore, there's already an ambulance moving closer to you at all times just like the Paramedics do. And for instance the Paramedic that covers New Baltimore, Medic 5, they're in Coxsackie. If they go on a call, the Catskill Medic is always moving out to Schoharie Turnpike and 9W to ensure they're closest to you at all given times. So those are the operational oversights of this plan. One of the nice things I also heard is some of the EMS agents that we've been to said what about pay and this is a side bonus that I've been hearing about. A lot of agencies fluctuate anywhere from being paid \$25/shift which is below minimum wage all the way to \$15/hour so the system took the highest profitable service so \$16/hour for EMTs and \$23 for Paramedics, trying to make it less than a job per hour to more of a career. We want to invest in people that are taking care of people of Greene County and visitors so we want to pay them a 'livable wage.' So that is the operational aspect and if it's okay Ron will get into the dizzying numbers effects that he does and then we'll bring it all together, if you are good with that, we'll summarize it and open it to questions and answers.

Ron Rouse introduced himself and said I do have the numbers, I'll walk through it slowly and you can ask me for questions and clarifications as well. You'll see on the second page this is the cost of a County-Wide Ambulance System for 2016. On the left-hand pie, it says multiple agencies \$6.5 million. This is what we estimate it would cost if we just continue with business-as-is, we don't have a County-Wide System, every Town does its thing just as it has in the past, would do it next year, that's about \$6.5 million. Let's look at each of the slices there. Where does that \$6.5 million come from? Third-Party revenue would be about \$2.8 million, that's money that's collected from Medicare, Medicaid, the Blues, United Health, etc. We got that estimate from a billing contractor that actually does billing for Coxsackie, Greenville, and Windham. I think they are one of the best going around. We got a lot of data from the Towns. We fed him the data and he came up with these estimates. The gray slice there, Town share \$2.6 million. The Towns generate a lot of tax revenue to subsidize their ambulance systems and I know you folks have to raise taxes to pay Coxsackie, I'm assuming. And then you'll see the County share, the green slice, \$1.1 million. The Greene County Legislature appropriates \$1.1 million for the County-Wide Paramedic Program that we have now. To add up those three slices it comes to \$6.5 million. I'll shift you over to the right-hand side County-Wide System for \$6 million. This is if we go to a consolidated system. This is the 8.1 full-time crews on-site that Aiden talked about. We'd go from 6.7 on the left-hand pie, 8.1 on the right-hand pie, have a Paramedic on every call, it would cost \$6 million, which is more coverage for about 1/2 million less. And, of course, people ask well how can that be more coverage less money? This is probably what consolidation and economies of scale are all about. If you were administrators you have fewer vehicles, you have fewer vehicle repairs, you have bulk purchasing, you can buy mass quantities of medications, supplies, etc. So we came up with an estimate of about

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\$6 million if we go to a County-Wide System. Let's look at those three slices again. The blue slice, 3rd-Party Revenue stays at \$2.8 million whether we go to County-Wide or stay as we are now. The Town share drops to \$.96 million, same as \$960,000. So if we continue business as is, the Towns' shares will be about \$2.5-\$2.6 million. If we go to County-Wide, it drops down to \$960,000. And why? Look at the green slices. You'll see the County share goes up to \$2.24 million, whereas on left-hand side the County share is just \$1.1 million. The County is willing to more than double their commitment to this program plus with the County-Wide you have economics of scale. So that's why it's cheaper and that's also why the Towns' share drops so drastically. Are you with me so far?

Supervisor Dellisanti advised I'll get to you later.

Ron Rouse pointed out the middle box, this is how these figures in the pie charts which are very general and sort of big picture boiled down to affect the Town of New Baltimore. See that first row, the Town of New Baltimore Payment for Ambulance Service, if you continue with a multiple agency it would be \$50,000 and change. You may ask where did you get that figure? We got figures from you for 2012 a couple of years ago and we just traded it forward at 2%. I don't really know if that figure is too low or what. I don't know if one of you have the figure off the top of your head. Basically that's what your tax dollars come up with to pay Cocksackie, whoever else you pay too. Then you will notice the next line, Town of New Baltimore Payment to the Paramedic Corporation. If we have a County-Wide Paramedic Corporation, we estimate that if we just continue with multiple agency approach, you will be billed approximately \$20,500 for next year. Those bills will be going out in January. The last row in that top box, Town of New Baltimore payment for a County-Wide Program, that's part of that \$960,00, would be \$67,200. Let me just review those three rows there. If we stay with the current multiple agency system and every Town does whatever it does, you add up to \$50,600 and the \$20,500, that's about \$71,000. And again you may have a more current figure. If you go to a County-Wide System you will get a bill for \$67,200. That's a savings of about \$4,000, do the math. So let's go down to the next box then, Taxpayer Share of County Payment to Paramedic Corporation, that's part of that \$1.1 million, your share is \$55,330 because although the County pays that money to the Paramedic Corporation, people have asked us well ultimately taxpayers pay for that, so people said what would taxpayers pay of that \$1.1 million. New Baltimore it's \$55,000 and change. If we abandon the multiple program approach and go to a County-Wide, then your share, your taxpayers' share, not your Town government share, but your taxpayers' share would go to \$112,672. So the top box is really about what your Town government pays; the bottom box is what your taxpayers pay for the County program. So then let's add all those up with the multiple agency, it would be \$126,000 and change. If we go to a County-Wide it would be \$179,000 and change. So for the Town government, your bill goes down a little bit. For your taxpayers it goes up. I got these from the County Treasurer's Office; I encourage you to look at those figures because they had told me that the net increase in New Baltimore is about \$53,000, you subtract \$126,000 from \$179,000, this is what the County Treasurer gave me. That would be about \$25 more per \$100,000 assessed value. I got that from the County Treasurer's Office. I would encourage you to double-check it, I'm not a property tax expert, I got the tables from them. In summing, the County-Wide is less money because economies of scale and also because we have the purchasing power as I said and if you were administrators etc, but for your Town, your Town would save \$4-5,000, unless I'm wrong on that top figure or maybe I low-balled it. Your taxpayers would pay a little more for it. Let me go to just one more part and then I'll close out on all the numbers. You see the capital cost of \$1 million, we need a one-time start-up cost for this entity that will run the ambulance service and we're looking at purchasing 14 used ambulances and defibrillators, etc. And most likely we would purchase those items from the Town. I don't know if your Town has; I'm assuming you probably don't have any ambulances or defibs etc. Some Towns do have those items, obviously Cocksackie does, Greenville does, etc. Most likely we would purchase those items from those Towns. But how do we raise that money; we are estimating we will need about \$1 million to get started. You'll see the three options there and if you have another idea, let's hear it. One is we've applied for a Department of State grant and we hope to hear from them in another month or so. We've asked them for about \$1 million. They have a program called Local Government Efficiency where they give money for efforts that will consolidate government. This is what this does; we're hoping we'll hear something from them positive. If that falls through, you see the second option, a bank loan. You go to a bank and talk to them about 6-7-8-10 year loan, 5-6-7% interest. That would add about another

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\$125,000 a year to that \$6 million, because obviously you have to pay off principal and interest. Then the third option that was recommended by the Task Force if the first two fall through is what we call a per capita assessment and we need \$1 million, roughly about 50,000 people in Greene County, if you ask \$20/person. You have 4,000 people?

Supervisor Dellisanti corrected 3,300.

Ron Rouse continued so multiply \$20 times that \$66,000 something like that. We would ask for \$66,000 one time only to put toward that \$1 million capital purchase. That's all for the numbers right now. Aiden, I don't know if you want to close up with some thoughts before you do Q&A.

Aiden O'Connor observed after we both speak, it's like this tremendous amount of information data and sometimes it's like teaching a foreign language because there's definitions, there's a lot of numbers. But one of the things I want to say is New Baltimore is actually our last scheduled Town. We've been to every other town except for Prattsville and Cairo. We're looking to meet with them early October. So we've met with every other Town. The Task Force came through and we wanted to always make sure everyone knew at the end of our forums here is that we're not trying to say that the quality of the EMS that you have currently now is bad. The EMTs that are working are working diligently, they're working, they're certified, they're amazing. We're not in a crisis level in Greene County. If you call an ambulance it gets to you. What we want to do is we want to enhance that with a level of care, we want to enhance that with the time that somebody gets called until the time the ambulance gets to you and the system also relies on First Responders. I see some of the First Responders here tonight. One of the things that we encourage too is with this system versus systems that already have an ambulance, and I'll use Greenville as a perfect example, and one of our Task Force members, Peter Macko, is here as the Town Supervisor of Greenville. They are going to become a First Response Agency, if they opted this. Lexington is going to become a First Response Agency. So there's providers that are in the community that still want to render here, they still want to help. They're still going to find a way to be able to go out and help. The thing is the volunteer, and I've volunteered for a few years, is instead of waking up at 1 o'clock in the morning and being away for four hours and then trying to go to work or school, now they'll be able to go to someone's house and deliver good care, good directions, and be back in bed hopefully within the hour. So we still try to influence the volunteer aspect and honestly again we're just trying to enhance the service currently. We could raise the service from \$6.7 to \$8.1 for operations while decreasing it by \$500,000, I think that's a success for the Task Force. So what we are going to look for tonight is to do questions and answers and then for the Town Board is what we're used to be doing as a Task Force is sending out letters to every single Town and it's going to say based off the information provided to you, based off the presentation, would you subscribe to this service in 2016, potentially 2017, yes or no? And what we are going to do is literally take back 13 letters, excluding Halcott, they're geographically in a place that we can't get to them, reconvene as a Task Force and figure out if all 13 say yes, then we go forward, we continue to find out how much, we go right down precise about cents, where we are going to purchase the equipment, we're going to hear back from the grant. If we get 6 yeses and 7 nos, then we are going to go to Plan B. We'll find some way to make the service better than what we have today. We will not let all this work, all this data go to waste. So if there is still a Town that opts out of it, they opt out, we'll find a way to still render care. Then in the future if they want to opt in, they can opt in. Any questions and answers, we've been taking them from the audience and everyone, but that's totally up to the Town Board.

Supervisor Dellisanti and Councilwoman VanEtten suggested I think we should start with the Board.

Supervisor Dellisanti advised let's start with us and then we'll move forward. Do you have any questions you want to ask?

Councilwoman Benway asked how does Greenville feel about it?

Paul Macko explained Greenville is one of the few Town ambulances that's solely volunteer. We have a chute time in Greenville of 22 minutes. Many times that's the difference between life and death; it's a tremendous amount of time. As everybody knows it's really tough to get people

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to volunteer in this day and age; it's really, really tough with husbands and wives meeting in the driveway, exchanging kids, one going to work in the day shift, one working evenings. It's really, really tough to get people to devote to volunteerism. I think Greenville is 99.9 percent in support of the County-Wide system. It's probably going to cost us more than a lot of the other Towns because we've never paid. With a volunteer system, we do not fund Greenville Rescue Squad. They've served us really well for 43 years and I think it's time for a change. And I think one of the most important things that people have to understand is with this system, every ambulance that's dispatched will be an ALS ambulance, Advanced Life Support ambulance, with an EMT and a Paramedic. That's something that most communities don't have. I think it's a great idea. I think it really fits in well for the Governor's plan for consolidation of services when you work with other Towns to consolidate. When we met with the Department of State, they were very enthused with the plan. We have our fingers and our toes crossed though to get that grant money for the capital part of it. There's no guarantees so we should know in another month-and-a-half, two months probably whether we are going to get that. That would be a tremendous savings. That would save New Baltimore \$66,000; it will probably save Greenville around \$75,000 in start-up costs.

Aiden O'Connor agreed they were very enthusiastic.

Supervisor Dellisanti noted that would help with one of my questions anyway. Do you have another question?

Councilwoman Benway answered no, I'm good.

Supervisor Dellisanti observed the second line on page 2, I know I haven't left the room at our EMS meetings at all, but I notice that number has gone up from what we had talked about for the 2016 budget of like \$19,600 in that area there.

Ron Rouse explained when we put this together we didn't want to low-ball things so we just estimated a 4.5% increase. For you folks it probably is 1-2%.

Supervisor Dellisanti quipped I know you left the room a couple of times so you might have changed it, I wasn't sure.

Aiden O'Connor confirmed that does happen frequently.

Ron Rouse joked I only change it when you leave the room.

Aiden O'Connor advised we were able to maintain 0% for the last two years with the Paramedic corporation. It might be off by a few hundred.

Ron Rouse added and remember there's debits and credits too so that always changes.

Supervisor Dellisanti pointed out the other question I have is the purchase of the Coxsackie equipment. We get a hit from them for about \$36,000 a year and they're going to seem to benefit from the sale of their equipment to the Greene County program. We have been paying this amount of money for as long as I can remember, even prior to my Administration. Is there any chance of us getting any kind of relief from those payments?

Ron Rouse replied from the assessment.

Supervisor Dellisanti responded yes.

Aiden O'Connor proposed we could certainly talk to Rick Hanse about that because you're not the only one, it's also Jewett contracts with Windham and Athens contracts with Catskill.

Supervisor Dellisanti suggested I'm sure there's other Towns that do the same thing.

Aiden O'Connor replied so maybe one of the things could be a percentage off every ambulance because like you said if you dedicated that it would probably be an inter-Town.

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Supervisor Dellisanti explained it's a big hit for us every year. I will give you an example. We pay Cocksackie approximately \$36,000 a year and Ravena we pay \$23,300 a year, \$23,700 this year so it's a major difference. We have 70 calls in Cocksackie and 170 calls in Ravena so the numbers are very high. They're getting nailed because of the Jail in Cocksackie, they don't seem to get the reimbursement for all the.... I mean they get calls every day at the Correctional Center and they're not getting reimbursed for that. So everyone else that's in their program is getting hit with the extra money. So I would be looking for some kind of relief from the sale of the vehicles in Cocksackie for our Town to lower some of our costs here.

Ron Rouse asked I just want to make sure you said you give Cocksackie this year \$36,000 and Ravena?

Supervisor Dellisanti responded actually it's 2014, we're about a year behind. Rick's very slow with his numbers. 2014 it would be \$36,000.

Ron Rouse observed 2016 could be, that's \$59,000, it would be over \$60, I put down \$50,000 so I low-balled it by \$10,000. So when I say your Town would save \$3,000, it's really more like \$13,000. Would that take care of the assessment?

Supervisor Dellisanti replied absolutely not.

Aiden O'Connor noted we find that in every Town almost. That's what we've always aimed to do is low-ball it, we didn't want to cushion the numbers to make it in favor. We're not selling a vacuum cleaner. So that's the only reason we keep it low. I think we've done that in almost every Town.

Supervisor Dellisanti clarified just so you know that between your agency, Cocksackie, and Ravena we are about at \$80,000 for our 2016 budget.

Ron Rouse repeated \$80,000 for Cocksackie, Ravena, and us.

Aiden O'Connor pointed out which is exactly your numbers.

Ron Rouse reported with your clarification, I had \$79,000.

Supervisor Dellisanti agreed you're right there.

Ron Rouse questioned so your point is what can we do for those Towns that don't have equipment or ambulances?

Supervisor Dellisanti advised I'm sure it's not just us.

Aiden O'Connor confirmed it's Jewett and Athens too.

Ron Rouse advised it's three, could we shift, just focus on the population of those...

Supervisor Dellisanti suggested if you look at the formulas that those Towns use that have the equipment like Cocksackie and they do the same type of multiplication that you do cost per visit and that type of thing, they are extremely high because of the equipment, extremely high based on their numbers. If you look at Ravena's average bus trip to the hospital versus Cocksackie, it's almost doubled, in that area. And I don't think they bought anything new lately.

Aiden O'Connor answered just the normal cycling of ambulances every 5 years.

Ron Rouse proposed it says like your suggestion is, one possibility let's put that per capita assessment only on those Towns that have equipment and supplies because you would be buying back from them.

Supervisor Dellisanti noted you should take a look at the Towns that are paying for the equipment and see what their trips are to the hospital, what they're charging the other Towns per

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visit because if you look at Ravena vs. Coxsackie, it's better than double for the same type of service. Don't get me wrong, service is terrific from both of them, but we actually get reimbursement from Ravena as well. Every quarter we get a check from Ravena which helps us out quite a bit.

Councilman Ruso maintained every bill from Coxsackie is net their reimbursement and I think what Nick is saying since we pay 20-25% of Coxsackie's total cost, we have 20% percent of the calls. So I think the suggestion is 20% of their capital costs that they've already put in were paid for by the people of the Town of New Baltimore. Is that where you're going Nick?

Supervisor Dellisanti clarified I'm just trying to focus on the Towns that don't have any equipment, don't have an ambulance bureau that are actually paying more for whichever Town is supplying that to them and if you're going to purchase it back from them, then I think those Towns should get some type of benefit for it.

Aiden O'Connor observed once the conceptual plan is enacted, the next step would be to go out and take every ambulance, like say for Coxsackie, and put a number on it, if they agree, but that might be another negotiation aspect to say well if you do this, how much percentage can go back to New Baltimore to help offset those costs that they've invested in previously.

Supervisor Dellisanti advised that's all I'm looking at.

Aiden O'Connor suggested that would be a nice pancake breakfast over tea and coffee.

Supervisor Dellisanti pointed out every nickel counts as they say, that could work.

Councilwoman VanEtten questioned I'm curious, you had spoken about making full-time employees and professional, have you in this expense, the benefits have been figured in for those full-time employees?

Aiden O'Connor answered so Greene County EMS, the Paramedics System for being not-for-profit we have a 403B contribution to the Retirement System and then we have a high deductible CDPHP plan. So that's how we mirror-image this. We just took the number of employees we had out and pretty much tripled it, quadrupled it and then added that in.

Ron Rouse indicated our benefits I want to be honest, I don't think they're as rich as what municipalities offer. I don't know what you offer, but I know one time, Nick, you told us I thought the increase for your health insurance was more than your 2% cap.

Supervisor Dellisanti replied last year it was like \$60,000.

Aiden O'Connor reiterated and that's what we hear from everywhere is that they can't keep up with the health insurance and retirement.

Ron Rouse noted this would be a not-for-profit; it's not a government, county agency or municipality so you have a little more leeway on retirement and health insurance.

Aiden O'Connor explained about the only place that offer full time right now is Coxsackie, Catskill, Cairo, and I think one employee in Hunter and the rest are all no option for health insurance or retirement so it would be increasing that ability to do that.

Councilman Ruso added I just want to make sure I was clear on this. The numbers that you presented to us includes the entirety of the Town of New Baltimore and not just Coxsackie, that includes what's currently served by Ravena.

Aiden O'Connor stated the third party entity didn't subtract your contractual agreement, they did it for the Town itself.

Councilman Ruso pointed out since we have a contract with Coxsackie, I'm afraid that some of our decision-making is going to be piggybacking on what theirs is. If they decide to go with

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yourselves, we have nowhere else to go. Am I mistaken on that unless we call Ravena and have them do the whole Town, but they aren't likely to do that.

Aiden O'Connor agreed we've actually heard that from other Towns. To go back to your decision with capital costs too, it would really be an agreed-upon for both Towns because literally if Windham says yes but Jewett says no, they have no other option. We are giving a second option now, but the only option could be just that so we want to make sure there's two Towns involved in each one. So if Cocksackie says yes, unfortunately I'm not sure what that leaves you guys, like you said Ravena or...

Councilman Ruso observed and the last thing, I'm going to take in some personal points to this. I happen to live right across the road from the Thruway, the Hot Shop, Rest Area whatever you call it and I've heard figures to the nature of 20-some-odd percent of our calls. I don't know if that's valid, Pat, are for the Cocksackie Rest Area. It sounds similar to the issue with the Prison. We don't have any tax revenue from that, the sales tax goes to the County and that is a not-for-profit, it's owned by the State and not that we don't want to take care of people that pass through our Town, but these people passing through our Town are not planning on stopping. They've had an event of some sort. Yet I know those figures are in here. Has there been any thought to the cost of the Thruway to the Town of New Baltimore that I will suggest is probably higher than those Towns because they don't have a Rest Area. A lot of people pull over not feeling well at that Rest Area. I can see the ambulances every day, well not every day, but frequently. I know Pat knows better than I do on that.

Pat Linger advised we are only one of two dual directional Rest Areas on the Thruway.

Councilman Ruso added it's a very busy place and it's costly to us, it's costly to our Fire Department let alone to... I know the figures are built in here in a lot of ways. It costs else wise in the Town of New Baltimore. So any thoughts on that?

Aiden O'Connor responded the numbers are built into there and speaking from a parent who worked there, it always seems like the sickest calls, they have some sick calls associated with that. So the numbers are in that. We always break it down and it's not a concrete figure, but it's what we talk in the Task Force a lot, we have a readiness amount like 70% of the calls is readiness, having the equipment, having the availability, having the staff waiting for a call, 30% is the response in the billable revenue. As much as it is an inconvenience per se to have the Town ambulance potentially going there frequently and being out of the area as much, but it's also billable revenue for the Town to offset that readiness cost. That would be a unique analysis to see how many people are getting insurance. For instance the Mountaintop, you don't have a lot of people skiing with Medicaid, Medicare. They're usually good insurance or high amount, I'm not sure how to tax the health insurance ratio is per person at the Rest Area. But it actually a good thing in a way too if you had more billable calls thus decreasing your readiness amount that you have to pay off taxpayers and more of a response amount that's coming back.

Councilman Ruso questioned did I hear you wrong, you said you were only going to bill Medicare and Medicaid, or you're going to bill the 3rd Party insurances?

Aiden O'Connor replied I'm saying that it's a bad thing because it inconveniences the ambulance going out of district so often, but it's a lot of billable calls for the Town to bill for them. We bill for everything, whether or not they have insurance, don't have insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, every health insurance under the sun will be billed for it. So it's a good and bad thing, but I don't think it impacts, like it doesn't offset the Town tremendously. It's not costing you I don't think more money for you to be there, it's more billable calls, not that I want to make health care sound like it's there for billable calls, there's more billable calls. Does that make sense to also the health care providers in the room?

Councilwoman VanEtten reported what you're saying is it's more billable, but that isn't directly affecting the Town, it's going to you and being spread throughout the whole County.

Ron Rouse advised your portion would still be the \$67,200 on that box in here. So then this corporation would do the billing so if you have a lot of people in the New Baltimore Rest Stop,

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because that's what we are talking about. They have insurance, they have Affordable Care Act, 95% of New Yorkers anyway have health insurance. We would bill them and chase them if we had to. If they're from Canada, they have single payer, they have universal coverage there so we would get some money. But that's wouldn't affect you folks.

Councilman Ruso noted we still have to pay our portion of that is basically what he is talking about.

Ron Rouse described you would pay \$67,200, that's fixed. That comes from the Task Force and when we figured out \$6 million, you see that gray slice that says \$.96 million, we divided that by population and you folks have 7% of the County population, what did you say, 6.6 % of the population, so we took roughly 6.6% of \$960,000 that's how you got the \$67,200.

Councilman Ruso indicated I thought you billed it based upon the number of calls and the percent of calls. It's by population.

Aiden O'Connor confirmed by population.

Ron Rouse explained one reason why we're able to do that is again the County is talking about doubling its share that really helps out the Towns; your commitment is less than half.

Supervisor Dellisanti suggested so we're looking at going from \$79,000 to \$67,000.

Ron Rouse answered correct, maybe it's \$81 or \$82,000.

Supervisor Dellisanti joked if you don't leave the room it will be the same number I understand that. My last question is about the employees, I don't know how many employees we have in the Greene County EMS. Are those going to be first choice to go with the County-Wide system or are you just going to advertise on the outside, the employees that you already have working for you?

Aiden O'Connor answered the Paramedic system would, say this came to fruition in the next year or so, and we already have about 24 of those employees are Paramedics, we would need about 75 to 100 employees roughly for per diems though. So we'd be asking for as many people as possible. We did an analysis already, we made a schedule as is if it was eight crews during the day or there's going to be nine crews, seven on at night so we would need an enormous amount of people, we would keep the staff because they would just be employees and then putting them on ambulances instead. So then it's up to every Town then to determine, sit down with the not-for-profits and say 'we'll sign it but you have to take every employee' or 'we'll sign it and you have to interview every employee.' Unfortunately there are some places that hire drivers, not too many of the full-time staff, but we'd encourage them to take their EMTs so they can get a job, with regards to the EMT and higher.

Councilman Ruso stated next question is about organization. You are going to be a not-for-profit, 501(3)c, you made that clear. What kind of a Board are you going to have, where are your Board members coming from?

Aiden O'Connor replied we would maintain the same governance that we have now. So Greene County Paramedics, actually Nick Dellisanti, is a Board member. So every Town would have representation. It's usually the Town Supervisor or somebody appointed by the Board to represent there. The other members on there is representation from the County Legislature and there's three positions from the EMS Council which is another not-for-profit and that is with the governors. We meet on a monthly basis and the last two years, I can speak only of being President for the last two years, we've had 0% increase for two years, we've increased productivity, we have new meds, new equipment, there's been pay raises, and new incentives including education so I think that the Board has worked diligently. We usually always have anywhere between 10 and 20 people and it's elections that way. So every time if Nick Dellisanti responds to our Board, he's going over the bills every month, he's going over the budget process, he's going over all attributes including oversight of employees to make sure that New Baltimore is represented by the Paramedic System at all times.

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Councilman Ruso indicated I've heard Nick describe it. It works well, I just didn't know if that governance was going to continue.

Aiden O'Connor added hopefully pretty much stay the exact same over time.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked any questions from the community?

Ellie Alfeld began you can say you don't talk like a vacuum cleaner salesman, but you're going a little fast for somebody like me. And my first question is the \$67,200 that you gentlemen are asking for the Town of New Baltimore and Nick has told you how much we have paid now for our ambulance coverage. That money that he's talking about, part of it is going to Ravena. So there's a big difference between the total that he's naming and your \$67,000. I mean am I correct in that?

Supervisor Dellisanti answered their \$67,000 is going to cover all of New Baltimore.

Councilwoman VanEtten added the whole Town, Ravena won't be covering us anymore.

Supervisor Dellisanti agreed that's right.

Councilwoman VanEtten pointed out they will be.

Ellie Alfeld continued so in other words where we live, I will have to depend on Coxsackie instead of Ravena.

Councilwoman VanEtten responded yes, they would cover. It's a County-Wide.

Ellie Alfeld added Ravena has been very generous to us insofar as turning back the monies as far as the insurances and stuff, Coxsackie has never given us a dime and I for one say what's fair is fair. Now I think it's almost necessary for what Nick has said about what we have contributed over the years to Coxsackie for all the equipment. As I've said, they've never kicked back to us for anything that they've been able to get from the insurance companies so I think that's a very important part of what we're entitled to, not just we're asking for I believe it's an entitlement here. And you can say it's only going to be \$25 a \$100,000, but we've got a lot of people that \$25 means a lot of money to them especially in this day and age when we've got the cap for our taxes, we've got the fire company that we've got to take care of, and everything else. That's a lot of money. \$16 an hour is what you're starting out with.

Aiden O'Connor noted for EMTs.

Ellie Alfeld replied and that's beginning EMT. What's the range of salary for this gentleman or woman?

Aiden O'Connor answered because it's a new organization, it would be \$16 for everybody and longevity thereafter.

Ellie Alfeld stated you gentlemen mentioned 4%, I heard that amount of figuring in of prices and I'm staying to myself well Social Security says we didn't get anything.

Ron Rouse suggested I didn't want to lowball figures. Maybe when I'm trying to figure out what it's costing, I assumed 4 1/2% increase cost per year. I can say 1 or 2%, but then somebody might say I'm trying to lowball it to convince you to go with us. So I said 4 1/2. That doesn't necessarily mean pay increases of 4 1/2%, but sometimes fuel does, medications do.

Ellie Alfeld said I realize that, I'm knowledgeable about what the cost-of-living or prices going up and how lucky we are at this point in time with our gas, however, this is a major expense to the people in this Town and as Jeff and I say and I believe Shelly too, we're in the Ravena Ambulance District and we've had nothing but great things to say about them. Once we go with you, if we're not satisfied, where does that leave us?

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Councilwoman VanEtten answered I don't know, but if Cocksackie goes with them, we're left in a bad position on that side of Town.

Ellie Alfeld said I realize that.

Councilwoman VanEtten suggested it's a tough call. I mean I see what you're saying.

Ellie Alfeld noted again Shelly as you're saying, Cocksackie's making the decisions for us.

Councilwoman VanEtten pointed out and again I understand what you're saying, at \$100,000, \$25 increase, for a \$200,000 that's \$50. It could be tough for a lot of people. So I guess there's a lot to weigh.

Ellie Alfeld added a chunk of money.

Aiden O'Connor commented the only thing I can say in addition to all this is that we aren't the only ones what I call the region, we have an EMS region out of 6 counties, we're not the only County in the region that's suffering. So like Albany County came and presented to us and said what they're trying to do and they actually have a County-Wide Ambulance, but they're waiting for each agency to come on slowly but surely. So I'm not sure where Ravena is, again I've only worked with them on a clinical level and I have good things to say about all of them too, but I'm not sure if they also one day opt in to their system that they're attempting to do over there, County-Wide System. And Columbia County did the same thing, they opted into a County-Wide System and a different type of system. So everyone's trying to find that so at one point in time somebody, we're eventually going to be in it and they're going to be in it.

Ellie Alfeld continued your organization is going to be able to collect on the insurance from the people on the Thruway that call our ambulance when we seem to be having a very difficult time getting any money from anybody.

Pat Linger explained our Fire Company can't bill, we're just a First Responder agency, but Ravena does bill same rate.

Aiden O'Connor indicated and you do your best. Billing is very difficult. I go up to the State Capitol very year, not to deviate from the subject, but to give you an idea there's some billing companies that won't send it directly to the ambulance, they send it to the person and there's people actually making profit like right around Christmastime taking five trips to the hospital. So it's very difficult billing and it's only going down, we're seeing trending going down, so we're trying to figure out if billing's going down. Every Town having their own ambulance is only going to increase for the taxpayers to pay more so we're trying to find that middle ground and the only way to cost-save is by consolidation.

Ellie Alfeld suggested I think our Town Board's going to have a hell of a problem to be very honest with you if we're going to something like this where the taxpayer is going to be looking at \$25 per \$100,000 and still be able to maintain the services that we so desperately need at this stage.

Councilwoman VanEtten advised it's a lot to weigh

Councilman Ruso pointed out we are talking about life and safety and dollars and they're both important.

Aiden O'Connor noted and we don't have a hospital in the County and that's one of the reasons I'd say that EMS is even more so important in our County than other counties like Albany or Columbia County.

Ellie Alfeld mentioned Columbia Memorial has gone with Albany Med.

Aiden O'Connor agreed they are, yes, last night, put the paperwork in officially. I'm not trying to deviate from this subject but also health care, that's why every hospital is no longer a hospital.

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They're a health care system because we're just like Columbia Memorial; Columbia Memorial said we're losing money. So is most Towns losing money, so we are all trying to figure out a way to consolidate using economies of scale and be responsible with the system that we have, but it's not easy. I'll admit that it's complex.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked any other questions from the audience?

Pat Linger questioned is Catskill still figured into these costs?

Aiden O'Connor answered yes, correct. So these are based off of if every Town in Greene County, excluding Halcott because they have never been in our system geographically, is to opt into it. So that's a great point that every Town has pretty much brought up is if Catskill opts out, what happens? And honestly what ends up happening is every Town said yes but Catskill, the Task Force knows that we can still succeed at the plan at hand. We just have to come back with other numbers.

Pat Linger noted you said the call volume is 7,116 week events, did you figure out an increase in that. Is that an increase from 5, 10, or 15 years ago?

Aiden O'Connor responded these numbers are from 2013 and what we found was originally we paid the third party consultant who was doing a three-year trending data, and we did the three years, he realized it didn't change, it was like literally 3-4 calls different per town. We're seeing a little increase now, we're not sure where it's coming from, but a little bit of a spike, but nothing that is enormous. There's nothing that has shown drastic numbers over 100. So for Greene County EMS, we've trended 15 years and I would say you'd have an increase percentagewise.

Ron Rouse observed over 15 years maybe 5% or so, but I can tell you from transports, the total count is 5,600 out of 7,100. That's actually I think either gone down or been stable for the past several years. I'm not sure why because of an elderly population, etc., but the transports you think they'd be going like this but they haven't.

Pat Linger explained ours here haven't really, I mean they fluctuate, but they really...

Aiden O'Connor advised when Irene happened they went up, it was surprising because more Urgent Cares were popping up in Greene County and we were like okay maybe that will help alleviate some of the EMS system, but actually it's causing more EMS calls coming from doctors offices after being assessed. It's interesting to watch that culture. One of the things that we're looking into too in the System going forward, we didn't just look at County-Wide System, we also looked at other indicators how we can improve health in Greene County and one of them is Community Paramedicine. So take EMTs and Paramedics on their downtime when they are at the station and be able to go out to people's home and go over medication lists, check blood pressures, talk with the Doctor. It's one of those things that we're trying to get in New York State. It's not implemented yet, but it's something that Greene County should look at considering our aging population and the fact that we don't have a hospital and the County doesn't have a Visiting Nurse Program. We are trying to figure out any way we can utilize EMS to its greatest value to go out in the community, but we need more Paramedics for that too.

Pat Linger questioned you mentioned transports, what's the percentage ALS with Advanced Life Support to Basic Life Support on transports?

Ron Rouse answered it's about 1/3-2/3. I think for transports in ALS we're looking about 2,000 out of the 5,600. That's about 35% something like that.

Aiden O'Connor maintained it used to be closer to 50/50, now there's more policies for EMS like policies that came out from doctors saying that there's certain attributes of clinical care that we need to ride in so that's increasing slowly, there's more and more sick calls.

Pat Linger mentioned you have a Paramedic on every ambulance.

Aiden O'Connor and Ron Rouse answered correct.

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Pat Linger noted it seems like a waste of a resource on every ambulance.

Aiden O'Connor replied honestly some people have said that, but what's unique is clinically, just from my personal experience just as a Paramedic in Greene County, I would love a Paramedic being on every ambulance.

Pat Linger noted don't get me wrong, I'm with you there.

Aiden O'Connor advised what we've said to most places is that's the system that's everywhere else like Columbia County, there's a Paramedic on every ambulance; Albany County, their system calls for a paramedic on every ambulance. It's the way that it's done, it seems like a lot for us because we've never had it, because it's such a big change, but I think that if we looked at other systems that's how everyone is. Like when I go work over in Columbia County, it's a Paramedic on every ambulance, especially in counties so far away from a hospital. When you're in Lexington going an hour-and-a-half with a heart attack or something, there's a lot of procedures where you need two paramedics so that would take away half the Paramedics in the County in one procedure. People don't like to see the Paramedic driving often because you're like the highest level, but with all the new requirements we have and all the new medications and things like that, I think they are going to be back often.

Ron Rouse suggested we considered different configurations because we thought about that. There's been a lot of unproductivity, 60% of your calls don't need a Paramedic, but it really worked out best to put a Paramedic on every call, particularly in rural areas, first population big geographic areas.

Aiden O'Connor added and looking forward one day having Community Paramedicine/EMTs to be able to go out to someone's house on the off-time, you'd need more Paramedics. Albany County right now if you call Albany County, you get a Paramedic on every call. Their Paramedic fly car, they have more opportunity to go do that we don't have. If we did that for our Paramedic system, we would burn out way too quickly.

Pat Linger noted but their County ambulance doesn't have one.

Aiden O'Connor continued they have one EMT and then the Paramedic rides with it or if there's two EMTs that day, but they even do wires down, they do an enormous amount of calls which is fantastic, but we'd be burnt out. We are too geographically pulled to do that. That was a great question.

Ken Fava began Pat was saying, with the Paramedic and EMT, for example, if you have a cardiac arrest right now, you have three EMTs on the ambulance plus a Paramedic plus another Paramedic backing him up, so you've got 2 EMTs and a Paramedic working that call. In order to work a cardiac arrest now you're going to have to take two transport agencies out of service to cover the one call.

Aiden O'Connor advised so the goal is we would have a fly car so we have two deputy directors and one executive director. They would have fly cars to help as Paramedics do to use second procedures, go into the woods for hiking during the winter, but one of the things that we're looking to do and it's not budgeted, but we hope to see Greene County Paramedics having seat guard devices. The goal is we should not be doing CPR in the back without seatbelts. So the goal and what's trending like if I'm in Columbia County we do a cardiac arrest is we have a patient, if we are going to transport that patient, if they keep having return spontaneous circulation, we put a CPR device on them. We're able after having been intubated, put them on one of the ventilators all the Paramedics carry seat belted and are able to give medications from a seated position while there's a device that's proven to be better than any human being to utilize so that way if we could have another ambulance of course come out and help, transport, talk to the family, but to secure them to a device, secure them to the stretcher, secure yourself to a seat, and then one ambulance transport would be the ideal situation. That's a great question though.

Ken Fava replied you are bringing up Albany County though. I know they have a couple County-Wide Ambulances and they actually have a couple EMTs in fly cars and the only time

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they usually respond is if Ravena or one of the other districts can't get a crew, the County-Wide Ambulance will come, and we may have an EMT and a fly car that will get there before the ambulance. Have you thought about doing that? I was wondering what the reason for taking over because it seems kind of risky. I mean hopefully it works, but you're going to buy all the ambulances from every Town in Greene County and then say in a year it falls on its face, now the County has all these ambulances and you'd have to sell them back to each individual County. I know the program has never been done anyplace before, you are blazing new trails so you have no pros, no cons, does it work, does it not work. Did you look at doing possibly getting two County-Wide Ambulances first and try to backfill calls instead of taking a whole County over?

Aiden O'Connor responded I'm so glad you asked this question, it's my favorite question. We would be the first blueprint for a full County-Wide System in New York State. Down south, the County does everything, it's the sheriff, it's police, it's fire, it's everything. In New York State specifically two years ago when I became President of Greene County EMS, there were places that were coming to us saying we need help. So we put out letters to every single Town, both Albany County, Columbia County here based off state laws to say that we were going to put on transporting ambulances. Well the politics involved in that are just enormous. We tried, we did it the right way, we did it diplomatically, and we're a not-for-profit. I get paid a \$3,000 stipend to be President of Greene County EMS, and that goes away the first month while I deliver cookies to the station so everyone likes me and I get paid no money with the Task Force and with that is we try to do that slowly and then when the Task Force reconvene we actually talked about that. Greene County EMS put on two ambulances, a fly car, intermediate fly car between Cairo and Durham when they were volunteer. What it all came down to is we said 'well let's go for the best possible solution first and then if that doesn't work, let's go to the second draft, let's go to the third.' Greene County EMS started that way. They started off talking about ambulances, going to paramedic fly cars. They started in Windham, in Cairo, and then Catskill came on Board. The last one came on board in 2005 being Coxsackie and New Baltimore. So that might be truly the way it plays out after we meet next month, but we wanted to aim for the highest possible solution all at once which does have its pros and cons like you said in a year if it's not working, but these numbers are two years in the making. I think everyone on the Task Force we've read them literally hundreds of thousands of hours.

Ron Rouse pointed out one model we do have, I know it's not ambulance transport, is a County-Wide Paramedic Program. It's been around 15 years and has a stellar record, everybody's saying nothing except it's fantastic.

Ken Fava added I'm just looking like Albany County does a Paramedic fly car plus they still have each individual ambulance plus they have County-Wide Ambulances. It seems to be working fairly well from what I can see.

Aiden O'Connor agreed it would have been nice to have two ambulances and that might still honestly be what it comes down to, I'm not trying to be a pessimist. We are aiming for everything to happen to be the greatest good to everybody both financially and operationally, but if it does come out that way it could start with Greenville in area, it could start with this side of the County, it could start with the Mountaintop, but then the cost savings that's one of the things if we do that, I tried doing that, if we do that there's just no cost saving at that point. It is what it was going to cost per agency.

Ken Fava continued my question is you bring up cost savings, but right now what we're paying Greene County EMS, Ravena, and Coxsackie is \$126,000. If we get rid of them and go to County-Wide it is increasing \$53,000 to \$179,000. So what we're paying for Ravena and Coxsackie right now is what our increase for the whole project is going to be for us.

Pat Linger added plus capital cost.

Aiden O'Connor maintained I'm not a 'what if' guy because I hate when people 'what if' me, but one of the things that we talked about is just like you said Ravena, if Ravena was to opt in, I truly don't know anything about them financially or fiscally, but if they were to opt in to the Paramedic Program, then you only have Coxsackie again, you're back to that one and how much they're going to charge you versus what they're charging. So no matter what is going to happen,

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it's just depending on being proactive or reactive. EMS is costly and you are one of the Towns that go up, but to have your own system or one agency do it could be even more expensive than this. I don't know. I hate those 'what ifs' so I apologize, I hate when people do that to me.

Ken Fava noted the Town is so spread out. Just one other question, for EMTs do you know how many paid part-time or full-time we have for the County now? So if you were looking at 100+ employees, how many of EMTs that have jobs in the County now are going to lose their jobs?

Aiden O'Connor suggested if you look at the binder in one of the last tabs, there's analysis of what we have today. So there's 8 full-time employees for Cossackie, there's 12-13 in Catskill, there's 4 in Cairo. So you add them up plus our Paramedics, we are going to need a few more to add all those together. Depending on whether or not the EMT or Paramedic, I'm not sure who of those would retire vested in New York State for more than ten years.

Ken Fava advised I know Cossackie has eight full-time, but they have probably about 15-20 part-time between Catskill and Durham, they get pager fees or...

Aiden O'Connor clarified now their minimum wage, they just switched over. You're right and that brings up a point that there seems to be a ton of EMS riders in the County when it's really that they are all working three jobs. There's people literally working Greene County EMS, Cairo, Catskill. and Windham. So they're working upwards of almost 100 hours a week to make this living cost so when you eliminate those, it gets a little terrifying. It almost looks like we have a shortage then.

Ron Rouse indicated I think that as long as people are qualified, very few people are going to lose their job. As one Town Board reminded us the first reason we're designing this is for patients, it's not for employees. Employees are important don't misunderstand me, it's not to design a system for employees first.

Aiden O'Connor observed and this isn't a perfect system we've been saying that. Is it better that we have now or equal to for a proactive measure, but it is definitely not a perfect system. The EMS Council actually had a subcommittee that gave us the research that's in that book. If it was no money cost to the community, we had 15 ambulances and Paramedics and they were going to do everything from Operating Room-type things to ICU-type things, but we had to obviously take cost and clinical measures, the best system we possible could have.

Pat Linger asked what is Catskill doing right now?

Aiden O'Connor responded Catskill, we presented to them just like we are to everyone, it's equal opportunity even if they claim and have taken action to opt out of the Paramedic system in 2016. So that is huge, and I emphasize huge. From working in the County for five years and then being President of the Company, it's an amazing opportunity. It's a huge impact because if they opt out and put on their own Paramedics and Greene County still has to go in there frequently which we have no idea how many times we'll have to go in, it's a shoot, a gamble. If the County wasn't going to invest and maintain the same budget as we did last year, this year to keep on our four trucks to see what that year transition is going to look like, it's terrifying because the costs have to go back on New Baltimore and if the Paramedics didn't put that on, it would double. It would literally double your amount. So again it goes right back to it; if it's not a sharing service, it's going to cost more money. So if we keep on the four Paramedics next year and Catskill opts out whether or not we do a County-Wide System or not, EMS is changing and it's forcing money and it's forcing clinical care in both directions.

Pat Linger questioned what's their call volume, 3,000?

Aiden O'Connor replied their call volume is 40% of the call volume.

Ron Rouse added I think in terms of transports it's about half of that 5,600 I mentioned.

Aiden O'Connor noted and you have four nursing homes in one district, it's huge.

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Paul Macko responded Catskill had in 2013 3,195 calls, they responded to approximately 96% and they did 197 mutual aid.

Jim VanSlyke began we are going to guarantee that the Towns are not going to have an increase. The County Legislature is going to pick up the cost if Catskill is going to opt out of our Paramedic System. We are going to maintain the level for this next year to see what happens. And then we're going to make adjustments and I can almost assure that we're not going to have a big impact on the Town budgets. We are not going to increase it even if Catskill stays out.

Pat Linger said the property taxpayers are still going to pay.

Jim Van Slyke stated no they're not.

Pat Linger mentioned to the County instead of paying it to the Town.

Jim VanSlyke said no, you're right but then there was a statement made by Councilman Ruso about taxes, sales tax sharing. When we started this Paramedic System 10 years ago in 2005 the County came up with \$250,000 to start the system. We were going to use our sales tax revenues for that. And that was back when we wanted to share our sales tax with the Towns. Everybody wanted us to share. And we thought at that time the best way to start that was to use the sales tax. So our sales tax has really been paying for it, our Paramedic System. Now this is a big increase for us, we are going to have to eat this, but it's not going to stay that high. If Catskill stays out of it, the price is going to go down because they are going to have to get rid of a car and some employees, they won't need them. I don't know what's going to happen, nobody knows. I don't think Catskill is going to stay out myself, personally I think they're going to see that it's not just going to work. But we can only hope for that because it works well right now, it's a great system. Everybody likes it, all the Towns like it. This ambulance service that we want, the County-Wide Service it's a great idea, but boy is there a lot of holes in it and there's a lot of questions. It's going to cost a lot of people and the County's going to like you said where's that money going to come from, that's a big chunk of money, a big increase and we got a 2% cap just like you guys up there. We can't stay under a 2% cap and then double the...

Supervisor Dellisanti confirmed it's 0.73%.

Councilman Ruso advised my point about the Thruway, the pipe dream was, how about the State pay for that stuff or the Thruway Authority. That's a pipe dream I know.

Jim VanSlyke observed just an estimate, that New York State Thruway, that stop, probably pays almost more in sales tax than we pay in Town Tax to the County.

Councilman Ruso replied I'm suspecting you're right.

Jim VanSlyke observed between the gas tax and the sales tax that they get inside, there's a lot of money generated on the Thruway. So we see a big change in our sales tax when the price of gas goes down.

Councilman Ruso reported there's a Town in Western New York that has almost no property taxes. They have a Rest Area.

Councilwoman VanEtten pointed out but that's in a County where the Town gets the sales tax.

Jim VanSlyke agreed if we got the sales tax...

Councilman Ruso added that would be great.

Jim VanSlyke continued we probably would be \$0 taxes. I just want to make that clear that the County is going to support the Paramedic Service without an increase in any Towns for the next year and then we're going to see what happens, probably this time next year we'll know more.

Aiden O'Connor remarked that's tremendous; it truly is tremendous.

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Jim VanSlyke noted I think it's a great effort that you guys have put into this. I know you've worked hard. It's hard to get involved together to get this thing working in the right direction

Aiden O'Connor indicated we're going to go back to the drawing board. So if people say no, we're going to reconvene and we'll meet again and we'll literally say what good can come of it, it can come as anything, put an EMT in a fly car, whatever the case might be to improve care while still not like you said trying to cost these residents which everyone is being taxed out anyway. We don't want that to happen, we want to have a nice soft impact on both. Any other questions?

Pat Linger proposed the other point I want to make and I hear a lot of people were cynical about it, they don't understand a lot of it. We live in New Baltimore, we're very lucky here, both of our Fire Companies have First Response Agencies with a very good ambulance service, but that doesn't mean that we don't drive through the Town of Greenville or drive to Ashland where you may still need an ambulance and sit on that 20 minute chute time waiting. So you're still traveling in the County and I just want to make that point.

Ron Rouse maintained you might have a relative or family member.

Paul Macko noted I think that's one of the factors that comes into play in Greenville more than anything. In 2013 Greenville answered 54% of the calls and the other remaining 46% of the calls got turned over to Coxsackie and Cairo. The way with volunteers although they served us tremendously for 43 years, everybody's appreciative, it's just not in the cards anymore. People with the qualifications are going where the money is. That's a struggle that Durham is going to have paying minimum wage. How many people are going to stay there at minimum wage when they can go to Coxsackie, or Catskill, or Cairo. It may probably close to double that.

Ken Fava pointed out your life and you're passionate about EMS which is great. Coxsackie has an Explorer Program for youth which I think is very important, that's the future EMS. They're the ones that want to be EMTs. Paramedics, Doctors, Flight Medics and they're kind of worried right now there will be no more, our Explorer post is done. So do you think if this takes off, maybe it's something that you can propose on a County level in all the Towns where you have a Junior Explorer Program. I know with Coxsackie a lot of them start at 14-15 years old with anticipation once they become 18 and EMTs, they pretty much already have a job lined up, like they don't have to worry. They pursue their career in EMS.

Aiden O'Connor suggested I would absolutely say that this system should call for both volunteers. If somebody who doesn't want to get paid and they're doing it on the weekends for the good of the community, they should still be able to volunteer especially with festivals and things like that you can get a crew. That's what we do. In Greenport the volunteers go to things and get free food and fun things. But the Explorer Post I think is essential. Like Greene County EMS has a higher program and we just brought on somebody from New Baltimore to bring into the service and I think that absolutely that's how I started and I would think that's how this program should absolutely call for that. It takes your own community members at a young age and introduce them into a job that is both great service to the community while having some sort of guaranteed payment later on for their income. So, yes, absolutely I would say that the Town should also make sure that happens later on because I may not be here, whoever is talking to you absolutely should implement a program like that. It's key. I wouldn't be where I am today without those services.

Supervisor Dellisanti concluded I want to thank Aiden and Ron for their time and effort tonight. I've worked with them closely for the last year and nine months and all kidding aside they have done an outstanding job for this County and I can tell by the time and effort they put in, they're savings nickels and dimes to make dollars also. We thank you all very much.

Aiden O'Connor replied I appreciate that tremendously. I appreciate all your service with Greene County EMS too. If anyone wants, you can Google it, it's Greene County County-Wide Task Force, but there is a website. That's all this data on there.

Councilwoman VanEtten asked do we get to keep this?

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Aiden O'Connor responded unfortunately they only gave us 14 binders, we have to keep them, but there is a website so if you want to look at all data. Thank you all very much.

Supervisor

The monthly financial reports for August were forwarded to all Board members. Has everyone had a chance to take a look at them? I would like to make a Motion to accept the August financial reports, seconded by Councilman Ruso.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

We have been in contact with Senator George Amedore who confirmed Saturday, October 24 for the Heroin Awareness Program, from 9 AM-12 PM, Prescription Drug Drop-Off with Sheriff Seeley, 10 AM Narcan Training, and Tours of the Albany County Drug Bus which shows the path to addiction. More details will be forthcoming. This is a compelling event. I went to the one in Guilderland with Town Clerk Finke and it's a very emotional event to take a look at and I think everyone should take a look at this because the epidemic in our area is huge. If you talk to Sheriff Seeley it gets worse and worse every day. On September 18 we were notified that the BAN renewal date for the Sewer Fund will be due on October 6, 2015. Bond Counsel has negotiated a principal payment of \$7,959 and an interest payment of \$1,542.12, totaling \$9,501.12 to be due at the closing from the Sewer Fund. I want to thank Christine Chale, our Bond Counsel, for making this happen in the appropriate time.

GREENE COUNTY EMS

Calls for July were 4 and 9 for August, totaling 53 for 2015. There were a total of 67 calls for all of 2014. The projected year-end balance is \$190,000.

Cornell Hook & Ladder Fire Company

I have received a request from Chief John Wallace for permission for the Fire Company to use the parking lot at District 1 Park for training on Monday, October 5 and 12. This training is on the use of biodegradable foam which poses no danger to the environment or wildlife. I would like to make a Motion to Allow Cornell Hook & Ladder Fire company to use the parking lot of District 1 Park for training on Monday, October 5 and 12, Seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

Medway-Grapeville Fire District

A draft of an Intermunicipal Agreement for Snowplowing was mailed to the Board of Fire Commissioners for their decision. I have not yet heard back from them.

Greene County Legislature

On September 16, 2015, the Greene County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 236-15 which authorized Greene County to assume 100% responsibility for payment of reimbursements to Community Colleges effective January 1, 2016.

County Legislator

I don't know if you're aware of the grant that we got from the New York State for the Emergency Services \$3.5 million. I'm sure that New Baltimore is going to benefit by a new tower built on our premises and there's been discussions I think with some of the Town members already about

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a location so I'm not going to mention that because it's way too early. Next year we will be discussing location of a new tower, upgrades in the communications 911 Center in Cairo and improvements on the Hunter tower. So we'll have a much better microwave system when this is done. It will probably take the end of next year to get a new tower finished, but the communications will improve greatly in the Town of New Baltimore for our Fire Department and First Responders. We have a new bucket truck in the Highway Department. This may help alleviate the problem with them cutting tree limbs. But I think I've embarrassed them so bad down there one day. They kept telling me the bucket truck was broken that was 30 years old, they couldn't even get parts for it anymore. So they got a new bucket truck and maybe we'll get more tree limbs. Did they do anymore?

Councilwoman Benway answered they didn't.

Jim VanSlyke continued the road should have been striped and more trees should be trimmed and that was supposed to happen last week and none of that happened.

Councilwoman Benway noted they did get it up until about here.

Jim VanSlyke stated they got almost to the Town Hall, not quite.

Supervisor Dellisanti suggested the road needs to be striped though, that's really a danger at night.

Jim VanSlyke replied it's going to happen.

Supervisor Dellisanti observed it really is a danger at night.

Jim VanSlyke agreed it's a danger at night and it's getting dark a lot more than it used to. The other thing I have to get them to fix is going on Deans Mill Road, there's a three inch drop off of the new pavement and our plowing in not going to work too well when they hit that. We're going to be taking the blades off, tearing the road up. So I don't know, I've never seen anything like it. When you do an apron it's supposed to be tapered and this is not tapered.

Supervisor Dellisanti added we have the same problem here.

Jim VanSlyke stated my wife almost ran into the mailbox.

Ellie Alfeld indicted you said this last month, Jim.

Jim VanSlyke continued we have the equalization rates I'm sure you got them of 76, that's great. We have accepted the bids on the in rem properties that went up for sale on our auction. We had four of them in New Baltimore that went. All of them sold in New Baltimore and I think almost all of them sold in the whole auction so we did pretty good. The County Treasurer said that we made all of our taxes that were due back plus. We did well. We are going to do a Review Act of the Solar Array System out in Cairo so we have to do an Environmental Quality Review Act. There's going to be almost 7,500 modules for 2.5 megawatt or kilowatt system and its going to be going the other side, anybody knows where the burn building is, it's on the other side of the street, across the bridge, up in that nice knoll that's on the side there. That should be going together in the spring. From the respective Towns, we have a amount of chargebacks from New Baltimore \$29,000 that will be added to your tax roll automatically. That's partly college chargebacks and it's also other chargebacks. It's everything that was due I think for the whole year. I'm not sure, have you gotten anything else?

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Supervisor Dellisanti responded \$29,147.

Jim VanSlyke advised that's the total for the year and that will be added to our taxes. When we were doing the budget on the Town Board, we never even included that in the budget. It just got added to the tax roll after you submit the budget to the folks down in Catskill. They just add whatever they want. But they won't be adding college chargebacks after this. Although I'm going to say you probably will see the fall of 2015 on next year's tax roll. You won't see the spring of 2016 on the college chargebacks, but you'll see the fall up to the first of the year. Do there will be a small amount that we'll have to probably pay in our local taxes. It won't be completely 100% gone until 2017.

Town Clerk

8 Late Dog Licenses \$40, 15 Building Permits \$1,350.30, 1 Deck & Porch \$75, 3 CO Searches \$45, 10 Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$41.56, 34 Dog Licenses \$240, 1 Replacement Tag \$2, 3 Marriage Licenses \$52.50, 2 Beer Permits \$40, 4 Park Permits \$100, 5 Certified Copies \$50, 8 Photocopies \$2, Total State, County & Local Revenues \$2,916.30, \$46 to NYS Ag. & Markets for Spay/Neuter Program, \$67.50 to NYS Department of Health for Marriages, \$764.44 to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses, Total to Supervisor \$2,038.36

The 2016 Budget was presented to me on Saturday, September 26 before the September 30 deadline. It has been given to each Board Member tonight for review instead of calling a Special Meeting.

The Townwide Yard Sale was held on Saturday, September 19. There were 27 listed on the map and many others throughout the Town. Maps were available at Town Hall, District 2 Park, New Baltimore Reformed Church, Medway Congregational Church, and the Coxsackie Antique Center. A flyer was included in 4,200 State Telephone bills announcing the Yard Sale as well as the Veterans Monument Dedication this past Sunday. Press Releases were sent to *The Daily Mail*, *Greene County News*, *Ravena News-Herald*, and the *Greenville Pioneer*. A listing was also on line at the *Times-Union* and Channel 11 of Mid-Hudson Cablevision.

3 FOILS were received for a total of 11 for 2015. All are satisfied and one is awaiting pickup. One of the FOILS requested a Site Plan (24 x 36) and only one copy was on file. While I was able to make this copy at no charge to the Town, there is no listing on the Town's Fee Schedule on an amount to charge if a similar request was made in the future. Resolution 138-2015 is on the Agenda tonight to include a charge of \$5 per copy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion to approve the September 14, 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, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Benway

ABSENT: Norris

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**RESOLUTION 138-2015
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

RESOLUTION TO REVISE TOWN FEE SCHEDULE

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby revise the Fee Schedule as last revised on October 8, 2012 and hereby adopts the following fee schedule:

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BUILDING FEES

One and Two Family Homes (new homes and additions)	\$25 per 100 sq. ft. floor area
Non-residential or Combined Use	\$35 per 100 sq. ft. floor area
Utilities (permitted towers, substations, etc.)	\$1,500 up to 3,000 sq. ft \$35 per 100 sq. ft. over 3,000 sq. ft.
Renovations (where building permit is required)	\$150
Garages	\$20 per 100 sq. ft. floor area
Decks and Porches	\$75
Chimneys, Wood Stoves and Gas Heaters	\$40
Mobile Homes – Single	\$150
Mobile Homes – Double Wide	\$225
Demolition Permits	\$75
Swimming Pools - Above Ground	\$60
Swimming Pools – In Ground	\$100
Sheds 144 sq. ft. and up to 300 sq. ft.	\$25
Sheds over 300 sq. ft.	\$20 per 100 sq. ft. floor

SEWAGE DISPOSAL FEES

Septic Systems – New (Professional Engineering Perc Test and Design Required by New York State Department of Health)	No Fee
Septic System Replacement or Repair	\$40
Sewer Hookup to Town Sewer District:	
Hookup and Inspection	\$75
Sewer Repair Inspection	\$40
Fitting (if needed)	\$30

EXCAVATION FEES

Culverts Under Driveways (Highway Dept. Inspection)	\$35
Culverts Across Roads (Highway Dept. Inspection)	\$100

ZONING AND PLANNING FEES

Special Use Permit or Variance – Non Commercial	\$40
Special Use Permit or Variance – Commercial Use	\$200
Renewable Special Use Permit or Variance – Commercial Use *	\$100
Site Plan Review	\$100
Subdivision Application – Minor Subdivision	\$30 per lot
Subdivision Application – Major Subdivisions	\$100 plus \$30 per lot for initial application; \$50 plus \$10 per lot for Final Plat approval

MISCELLANEOUS FEES

Building Permit Renewal	½ original permit cost
Temporary Certificate of Occupancy	\$10
Certificate of Occupancy Search/Prior to Zoning	\$15
Certified Copies/Genealogy Searches	\$10
Park Usage (day usage)	\$25 plus a refundable \$25 deposit that is returned to applicant if park is left in good condition following inspection)

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Festivals or Public Gatherings	\$5
Beer Permit	\$20
Dog Licenses	
Spayed or neutered	\$7
Unspayed or unneutered	\$15
Late fee if not renewed within 30 days of expiration	\$5
Tag Replacement fee	\$2
Signs subject to Sign Ordinance	\$25
Fee will be waived if sign permit is part of a site plan approval	
Billboards	\$50
Photocopies, letter or legal	\$.25
Copies of electronic media CD	\$3.00
Copies of Engineering Prints	\$5.00

* Any other annual town fees associated with the commercial use of the property will be waived upon payment of the fee for a Renewable Use Permit or Variance.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman Benway

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

Tax Collector

Anyone having to pay their Town/County taxes must call Greene County at (518)719-3530 to get amount owed for that billing and be paid at Greene County Treasurer's Office. Sewer 1 and Water 2 bills are still being collected at Town Hall with a 4% penalty until October 15. Anyone with questions please call me at (518)756-6671 x1 and I will be happy to help you any time.

Historian

Attended Town Hall expansion meeting. I transcribed corrections and marginalia from Mrs. Frances Dietz's copy of the Heritage book. This took about ten hours in total. Mrs. Diets was a former town historian, along with her husband Walter. Her knowledge of town history was encyclopedic. Her comments will be added as the last several pages to the next printing of the Heritage Book, now under way at Higginson Press in Salem, Massachusetts. The book will be for sale again very shortly. The price will be \$20.

Agriculture

No Report

Ag Fest Liaison

No Report

Animal Control

No Report

Assessment

ENHANCED STAR A mailing of approximately 55 renewal applications will be sent out this week. These are for the seniors who do not participate in the IVP (income verification program with NYS) renewal process for the enhanced star exemption. As all with all exemptions, these need to be returned by March 1st of next year. **PROPERTY TRANSFERS** We have noticed over the last few monthly transfer reports that we are seeing more arms length sales, true monetary purchases of property changing hands. Movement in the housing market is nice to see.

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Audit and Control

Our efforts from the last number of weeks have been on the 2016 Budget; just about prepared to submit our Tentative Budget and that's been taking up both of our times.

Buildings & Grounds/Recycling

60 Gallon Bags of Plastic 28, 55 Gallon Drums of Cans and Aluminum 9, 41 Bundles of Magazines and Phone Books, 55 Bags and Bundles of Newspaper, 16 Bags of Shredded Paper, and 55 Boxes and Bundles of Cardboard. Total Income \$0.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement

Building Inspections 28, Building Permits Issued 11, Building Permits Renewed 8, Certificates of Compliance Issued 5, Certificates of Occupancy Issued 2, Compliance Orders 4, Court Appearances 3, General Complaints 5, New Building Permit Applications Received 11, Application Fees for August, 2015 \$1,325.30, Total Fees for Year to Date \$5,774.25.

Councilwoman VanEtten mentioned we wish Gordon well and our prayers and thoughts are with him.

Ellie Alfeld asked do we have a backup for Gordon?

Supervisor Dellisanti replied yes we do, we have an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Coxsackie.

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RESOLUTION 139-2015**

SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE
AGREEMENT WITH RAVENA RESCUE SQUAD FOR AMBULANCE
SERVICES PROVIDED TO NEW BALTIMORE DISTRICT NO. 1**

RESOLVED the Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to Execute an agreement with Ravena Rescue Squad for the period January 1, 2016-December 31, 2016 for basic ambulance service provided to New Baltimore Ambulance District No. 1 at a total cost of \$23,766.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso

Supervisor Dellisanti observed just so everyone knows Ravena who has been very, very good to us here in New Baltimore only went up in their contract from \$23,300 to \$23,766 and like you may have heard me say before they do give us back some of the insurance refunds that they do get.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

Greene County Planning Board

September 16 Meeting Notice: They had Roll Call, Approval of Minutes, Planning and Zoning Referrals Including 15-33 Town of Coxsackie Re: Site Plan, 15-34 Town of Coxsackie Re: Site Plan, 15-35 Town of Cairo Re: Zoning Amendment, 15-36 Town of Cairo Re: Moratorium on Resort Conversions, 15-37 Town of Cairo Re: Moratorium on Junk Yards, Member Networking/Information Exchange, Correspondence, Other Business, Adjournment

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Grants/Promotions/Economic Development

No Report

Highway

No Report

Insurance

No Report

Memorial

No Report

Personnel

Quotes continue to come in on behalf of the health insurance for the employees and the retirees. I just received one today for the dental insurance. This is the time of year they're all going to come in so they will have to be plugged into our budget. By the way incidentally dental insurance has no increase.

Planning Board

Due to the scheduled Primary on September 10, the Board's usual meeting night, the Planning Board met on September 3, 2015, with the following business transacted: Public Hearing was commenced and recessed until 7 p.m. October 8 on the Bette Ann Define Minor Subdivision Application to allow for certified letter notification clarifications. Minor Subdivision Application was received for a four-lot subdivision of property owned by the Turan, Birnbohm, et al. Family on Beaver Lane. Provided additional information to deem application complete is received by September 23, Public Hearing will be scheduled for 7:15 p.m. on October 8. Discussion was held regarding the need for On Site visits. Opinion will be sought from the Attorney for the Town with discussion continued at a later date.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet on September 2 since there were no applications to come before the Board.

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**RESOLUTION 140 -2015
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

RESOLUTION TO FILL VACANCY ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

RESOLVED Michael Meredith is hereby appointed to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals until December 31, 2015.

Motion by Councilwoman VanEtten seconded by Councilman Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

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**RESOLUTION 141-2015
SEPTEMBER 26, 2015**

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CHAIR OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

RESOLVED Patrick Linger is hereby appointed Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals until December 31, 2015.

Motion by Councilwoman VanEtten seconded by Councilman Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Seniors and Veterans

We had a great Veterans Monument Dedication this weekend. I think most people were actually there that are here tonight, but it went very well. We had a great crowd, it was beautiful weather. Everybody really enjoyed it and I think it meant a lot to the veterans.

Supervisor Dellisanti observed it was a somber event, but it was a very positive event. A lot of people came up to me after the event and just thanked everyone for having it. They were so happy that it took place.

Councilwoman VanEtten agreed we had a great turnout. The Seniors we have a meeting and I don't have it, is it November 4 at 1 PM to plan for the Christmas Party.

Ellie Alfeld added we're getting ready for the Christmas Party.

Technology/Website

No Report

Town Courts Liaison

In August, Court fees were \$19,376 of which \$10,912 was sent to the Comptroller and the Town retained \$8,464. Justice Farrell \$10,164, Justice Davis \$9,212

Wastewater Treatment

No Report

Youth, Parks and Recreation

Just wanted everyone to know that the Outlaws Little League team has started the renovation at District 2 Park. The entire infield is gone. They are waiting for the new clay and professional dirt to come in. The other good news that we received on Friday was that they also got a grant for new sod for the infield at no cost and that they have a carpenter that is going to build dugouts for the kids as well. So it's moving along, the numbers aren't changing. The Town has no expense here. They are very, very supportive of what we are trying to do. The next step for the Outlaws is to move to District 3 Park where the 90' baseball field would be renovated hopefully next year. So we are looking forward to that as well. Again at no cost to the Town. I'm very happy about Sean O'Connor and his team, they're doing a nice job for us.

Councilman Ruso asked did you get a quote for that pump?

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Supervisor Dellisanti replied we have to get something better than free. We will have to work on that for next season.

Public Comment Period/Community Events

- October 7, 2015 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM (If Needed)
- October 8, 2015 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- October 12, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- October 22, 2015 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 7 PM
- October 24, 2015 Heroin Education Program, Details to Follow on Location
- October 26, 2015 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- October 28, 2015 Comprehensive Plan Committee at 7 PM

Audit of Claims

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

**RESOLUTION 142-2015
SEPTEMBER 28, 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-09-01 to 2015b-09-22 it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2015b-09-01 to 2015b-09-22.

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

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

General \$18,528.16, Highway \$7,375.07. Sewer 1 \$18,137.98, Total \$44,041.21.

Having nothing else to come before the Board, Motion by Councilwoman Benway seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

Supervisor Dellisanti concluded thank you all for coming.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke
Town Clerk