TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE WORK MEETING

October 26, 2015 AGENDA

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

Budget Workshop at 6 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Reports

Supervisor

- Resolution to Establish 2016 Preliminary Budget
- Resolution to Set Public Hearing Date for 2016 Preliminary Budget

County Legislator (Invited)

Town Clerk

• October 12, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes

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)

• Resolution to Authorize the Supervisor to Sign an Agreement with Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation

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

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

Greene County EMS (Representative Dellisanti/Deputy Norris)

Greene County Planning Board

• Meeting on October 21

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)

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)

 Resolution to Submit State and Municipal Facilities Program Preliminary Application for Playground Equipment Grant to the Office of Senator George Amedore

Public Comment Period/Community Events

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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, Councilwoman VanEtten, Town Clerk Finke, Tax Collector Jordan and 6 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

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

Supervisor

The monthly financial reports for September 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 September financial reports, seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS; ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

Update on the Heroin Awareness Program, from 9 AM-12 PM at the New Baltimore Firehouse took place this past Saturday. It was well-attended. Senator Amedore was there and Greene County Sheriff Seeley was there. I can't tell you how many drugs were dropped off, but it was unbelievable. The people brought them in cases, used drugs from years and years ago. They walked away with a truckload of drugs which was great. The Albany County Drug Bus was there, excellent program. I think every Town should do it. We had quite a few young people there which was really good to see.

Greene County EMS

Calls for September were 3, totaling 56 for 2015. There were a total of 67 calls for all of 2014. The projected year-end balance is \$190,000.

Cornell Hook and Ladder Fire Company

At the last Commissioner's meeting it was announced that the Fire Company is still in the running for a federal grant which would cover the Air-Packs that they were mandated to order and take out a bond to pay for them. They hope to have an answer by the November Commissioner's meeting if they get the grant from the Federal Government.

Greene County Sheriff's Office

Report for Statistics from July1-September 30, 2015

CALLS FOR SERVICE	123
UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKETS	30
ARRESTS	4
COXSACKIE RESERVOIR CHECKS	110

Lock New Baltimore Parks	92
Unlock New Baltimore Parks	24

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TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 151-2015 OCTOBER 26, 2015

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH 2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the Town of New Baltimore hereby establishes the 2016 Preliminary Budget with the following changes from the 2016 Tentative Budget:

2016 TENTATIVE		2016 PRELIMINARY
A8010.1 Zoning Clerk	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,600.00
A8010.4 Zoning Contractual	\$ 450.00	\$ 200.00
A8020.1 Planning Clerk	\$ 9,050.00	\$ 9,800.00
A8020.4 Planning Contractual	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 400.00
DA51104 General Repair Contractual Expense	\$194,000.00	\$180,000.00
DA51304 Machinery Contractu Expense	al \$ 77,655.00	\$ 70,000.00
DA51421 Snow Removal Personal Service	\$ 50,500.00	\$ 35,500.00
DA51424 Snow Removal Contractual	\$ 59,800.00	\$ 96,400.00
AM1001 Real Property Tax District 2	\$ 43,100.00	\$ 43,300.00
AM4989 Advanced Life Support District 2	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 7,300.00

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

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TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 152-2015 OCTOBER 26, 2015

RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

WHEREAS the Town Board has established the 2016 Preliminary Budget and the Town Law of the State of New York requires that a Public Hearing be held regarding the Preliminary Budget.

NOW, *THEREFORE*, *BE IT RESOLVED* that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hold a Public Hearing on November 9, 2015 at 6 PM at the Town Hall, 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, NY 12087 to hear those members of the public who wish to be heard regarding the 2016 Preliminary Budget.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

County Legislator

We had a few resolutions we passed, one was with the Highway Department. We passed a resolution to become an authorized user of Office of General Services Procurement Process which is different than what was in the past. Before when you went and bought vehicles they would select the best bidder and that was who you had to buy from. This new process it's called a Mini Bid Process for Purchases Via the Vehicle Marketplace. In other words before they used to select where you could buy your vehicles and that's where everybody had to go to get that price and they were the only supplier. Now you can include local suppliers so now we are going to be able to use maybe some of our own dealers in Greene County. That's something new; we just found that out recently.

Councilman Ruso questioned it won't lock you into a particular product, like a Dodge or a Ford or a Chevy. Will it lock you in?

Jim VanSlyke replied I don't think so. I think if you have specs on a certain kind of a vehicle that you want, say it is a Ford you can go to any Ford dealer or you can shop it around and get the vehicle that you want at the best price. It give some of the local dealers a little bit of a chance to get into the process; before they got locked out and you couldn't use a local dealer. We had our Youth benefit, Greene County Youth Program, where 20% of our proceeds from our In Rem Process was set aside and that's where the money that I got and I was able to donate out to different organizations and that was only for the youth. We have changed that now to include, but also to benefit other Greene County groups and organizations such as Seniors, Veterans, and other eligible not-for-profit groups. In other words now it's not locked into just youth programs. We can use it for the Veterans. They always were asking me for something to help them out with. I think that's a great thing because it was too narrow especially for the Town of New Baltimore.

Councilwoman VanEtten asked so is the money allocated the same amount and it has to be split between whatever you decide?

Jim VanSlyke answered there's a \$1,000 limit as far as I don't think that's changed.

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Councilwoman VanEtten inquired for each? You could give \$1,000 to the Seniors and \$1,000 to the children. Is that what you're saying?

Jim VanSlyke reported that's correct. There's a certain amount, they divide it up amongst the Legislators, pool the money and then there's so much that I'm able to give away. And a lot of time I give money to Cairo out of my pot I give it to those groups because I just don't have enough groups asking me for money and I have to get rid of some of it to keep it from growing too much.

Supervisor Dellisanti confirmed we will get a list to you immediately.

Jim VanSlyke continued as long as it meets the requirements, I'd be glad to look at them. Then there's this other one that could be misunderstand as a raise in taxes. But it's a resolution we have to reauthorize our 1 percent sales tax that we add to New York State's 3 percent that we get. In other words the County gets 3 percent sales tax, but we have a resolution that was passed 1977 and every two years we have to reauthorize it. It sunsets every two years. What we've done is we've done that and it sounds a lot worse that it really is in case anybody misconstrues it as an increase in the rate of taxes. It's not an increase, it's just going to stay the same. It's the 1% we pay, we pay 4 percent in Greene County sales tax and the other 4 percent is State sales tax. That's how it's broke down. We have a Tentative Budget that hasn't been officially given out, but I have good indications that we are not going to go above the cap and it's going to stay below 4 percent for the general County whether or not New Baltimore may be a little bit less or a little bit more. It all depends on how the pie gets figured out because of our rate, everybody's rate get's figured into it and that's how it changes from the general 4 percent for the County. We might only pay 3.5 percent and some places will pay 4.5 percent and some places pay less. It all depends on how your total valuation comes in at the time at the end of the year, they figure that all out and that's when they set your tax rate. We really don't know that until our budget will be passed at our regular meeting in November, the third Wednesday in November and we are going to have a Public Hearing probably in the first week of November or second week at the High School in Catskill. Right now the budget will be delivered to us after the first, next week, we'll get it, the official Tentative Budget. I don't think much is going to change from the numbers that I got last week. We should be in good shape in New Baltimore and in the County. We are going to qualify for the rebate for staying under the cap, \$45. So you can go to McDonald's...

Supervisor Dellisanti asked, quick question on the Water Park situation. I'm hearing rumors that it's going to Catskill. Is that true?

Jim VanSlyke answered I haven't heard that, that could be, but I would think somebody would have told me that. They are doing down there where the jail is going, some surveying, archeological work on that land that we build the jail on and they did that also on the property in New Baltimore. I don't know, it's being very quiet, and I haven't heard from the Director on that at all, the IDA Director.

Supervisor Dellisanti advised neither have we.

Jim Van Slyke noted I'll send out a question to him and see what's going on.

Town Clerk

2 Late Dog Licenses \$10, 10 Building Permits \$2,236.50, 2 CO Searches \$30, 12 Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$71.30, 20 Dog Licenses \$144, 1 Junkyard Permit \$50, 4 Minor Subdivisions \$120, 1 Certified Copy \$10, 23 Photocopies \$5.75, Total State, County & Local Revenues \$3,927.25, \$28 to NYS Ag. & Markets for Spay/Neuter Program, \$1,221.70 to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses, Total to Supervisor \$2,677.55 Announcements/Updates A display ad was placed in the Catskill *Daily Mail* and the *News-Herald* that the Highway Department will pick up leaves in biodegradable bags left at curbside on Mondays, October 26-November 9 and an ad for No Discarding of Snow onto highways or public roads and No Parking on any Town Streets or Shoulders from November 15, 2015-May 15, 2016 for snow removal. A \$45 refund was sent to a town resident

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who cancelled a Park reservation and beer permit. A corrected June 1-June 30, 2015 Town Clerk report is attached to tonight's report to reflect this refund. I would like to thank Diane Jordan for all of her Record Management assistance. We have categorized and removed most of the boxes in our office and will start on the filing cabinets over the next few weeks as time permits.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion to approve the October 12, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes submitted by Town Clerk Finke was made by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

Tax Collector

Property/County taxes can only be collected at the Greene County Treasurer's Office in Catskill. Please phone (518)719-3530 for information for payments. The last billing for Sewer #1 was sent out in July and I am collecting payments only until October 31, just a few more days. As of November 1, these unpaid bills will be sent down to Greene County as a relevy. I cannot collect for these bills after October 31. Fourth and last billing for 2015 Water #2 Water bills have been sent out October 14 and are due by November 15, with no penalties added. After November 15, there will be a 2% penalty added. I am collecting the payments until December 31.

Historian

I have received a shipment of a new printing of "The Heritage of New Baltimore." (This was one of my main goals when I first became town historian five years ago.) First printed for the Bicentennial in 1976, the most recent printing is the fifth. It has been "updated" with five pages of corrections and annotations from Frances Dietz. The books cost \$19 and change per book to reprint, and will sell for \$25 (plus postage if necessary). Please contact me for a copy. Proceeds of the sale will go towards the costs of the next printing. I will distribute a press release to the local media.

Agriculture

No Report

AgFest

Meeting after the first of the year.

Animal Control

No Report

Assessment

No Report

Audit and Control

Has been consumed by getting the budget together.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for September, 2015, is as follows: Building Permits Issued 2, Building Permits Renewed 3, Certificates of Compliance Issued 7, Compliance Orders 1, Court Appearances 2, New Building Permit Applications Received 3, Application Fees for September, 2015 \$2,196.50, Total Fees for Year to Date \$7,970.75, Other

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information normally included in this report is unavailable due to the absence of CEO Pebler due to illness.

Building & Grounds/Recycling

60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastics) 21, 55 Gallon Drums of Cans & Aluminum 6, Bundles of Magazines & Phone Books 26, Bags & Bundles of Newspaper 52, Bags of Shredded Paper 8, Boxes & Bundles of Cardboard 38, Total Income \$0

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 153-2015 OCTOBER 26, 2015

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A GENERAL CORPORATE RELEASE AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION

WHEREAS a Resolution was adopted by the Town of New Baltimore on July 14, 2014 to enter into a contract with Computel to perform an energy audit.

WHEREAS Computel has determined that Account 1411-4180-00 is due a refund of \$1,403.63 and Account 1411-4200-00 should be refunded \$2,273.24 for a total of \$3,676.87.

RESOLVED the Supervisor is authorized to sign a General Corporate Release Agreement with Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation to receive this refund.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

Supervisor Dellisanti explained we put this in back in July and after Barb made copies of hundreds of different energy bills that we had, it looks like Computel is going to get \$1,475.75 and the Town of New Baltimore is going to recoup \$2,206.12 which is great for the Town and thanks for your help, Barb, on that one.

Councilman Ruso pointed out we put this in 2014.

Supervisor Dellisanti agreed July of 2014, it took a little while, but the money is coming back to us.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

Greene County Planning Board

The Greene County Planning Board met on October 21, 2015 to review the following business: Town of Windham site plan for the relocation of fuel storage tanks from a location at 109 CR 65 to a new location off of NYS Route 23. The Board voted to approve the site plan with comments; the approval is contingent with the necessary permits from NYSDEC and NYSDEP and an engineer's review of the access road. Town of Hunter -- site plan for a 1500 sq. ft. addition to a commercial structure at 5607 NYS Route 23A for use by Hunter Mountain

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Outfitters, a ski, snowboard, and mountain bike facility. The Board voted to approve the site plan application. Annual planning Achievement Awards - The Board voted to award Aaron Flach the award for "Community Design and Improvement/Community Revitalization" for the renovation of the "Kennedy House," a turn of the century brick row house at 154-160 Mansion Street, Coxsackie.

Grants, Promotions and Economic Development

I would like to say that I've been in conversation with Alice Boombach, she is the Executive Administrator for the New York Bioenergy Association and the conversation is very early on but they are in the process of developing financial guidance and grants to put in municipal environments in municipal buildings wood burning stoves, furnaces. It really is an early conversation as I gain more, the only place I would consider that this would probably work would be the Highway Garage and as I know more, I'll include Denis in this conversation. But it's early conversation at this moment, not sure it will work for us, but there is a grant out there for it.

Highway

No Report

Insurance

No Report

Memorial

No Report

Personnel

No Changes

Planning Board

The Planning Board met on October 8, 2015, with the following business transacted: The Betty Ann Define Public Hearing on Minor Subdivision Application was continued, completed and two-lot subdivision approved. The Turan, et al. Public Hearing on Minor Subdivision Application was held and two-lot subdivision approved. Minor Subdivision Application was received from Sandra Stephen for two-lot subdivision of her property located on High Mount Road. Required Public Hearing will be held at 7 PM on November 12, 2015. Discussion was continued on doing On Sites, when they are and/or are not needed. I respectfully request the Town Board's input to bring back to the Planning Board. No final determination yet made.

Supervisor Dellisanti inquired is she looking for a decision on site visits?

Councilwoman VanEtten answered apparently. I don't know; we'll have to call.

Councilman Ruso asked is that typical everywhere?

Councilwoman VanEtten pointed out I don't think it is according to Tal, but this Board really needs to decide on it.

Councilman Ruso advised I would like to know more information.

Councilwoman VanEtten continued it's not done often.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not hold an October 7, 2015 meeting since there were no applications to come before the Board.

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Seniors and Veterans

There's a meeting on the 4th for the Seniors and the Veterans will be meeting next month. We have some extra money and we want to do something for Christmas for the veterans. We're not sure what, but I do have some information that I'll be bringing that I received in the mail.

Technology/Website

No Report

Town Court

No Report

Wastewater Treatment

No Report

Youth, Parks and Recreation

Senator Amedore gave us \$50,000 for equipment, playground equipment for handicapped children for District 2 Park at no expense to the taxpayers and we will be able to put in a new playground. We've got several estimates, but right now we need to put the grant application and we have to do it.

Supervisor Dellisanti announced it should be noted that the best estimate that we received from Miracle Equipment is also on the state contract.

Jim VanSlyke asked you've applied for a grant or you've received a grant?

Supervisor Dellisanti responded it has verbally been approved...

Jim VanSlyke said verbally approved, but you have to fill out the paperwork.

Supervisor Dellisanti explained we have the paperwork and we have to submit the...

Jim VanSlyke continued do you have any idea what kind of equipment?

Councilwoman VanEtten advised yes, it's handicapped equipment. We've gotten several estimates. The best estimate as Nick just said was from Miracle Playground Equipment and that's who I think we're going with. They also have the state contract.

Jim VanSlyke questioned under state contract?

Supervisor Dellisanti confirmed they are on the state bidders list which is great.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 154-2015 OCTOBER 26, 2015

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT STATE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PROGRAM PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT GRANT TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR GEORGE AMEDORE

WHEREAS Senator Amedore has secured a \$50,000 grant for handicapped-accessible playground equipment for Cecil B. Hallock, District 2 Park.

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WHEREAS Councilwoman VanEtten and Supervisor Dellisanti as Members of the Town of New Baltimore Youth, Parks and Recreation Committee and the Friends of New Baltimore Recreation Committee have discussed different proposals submitted.

RESOLVED the Youth, Parks and Recreation Committee is authorized to submit a State and Municipal Facilities Program Preliminary Application to the Office of Senator George Amedore.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

Public Comment Period/Community Events

Pat Linger I was at work today so I did not see any of what transpired, but I got a phone call to ask if I had any idea where the Town trucks were all going up Madison Avenue today. When I came home there's, I don't know if Rob looked at it he could probably tell you, how much stone is there, but as a guess, there's probably 150 ton of stone at the end of Madison Avenue West where the turnaround is for the buses.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked that was done today?

Pat Linger confirmed it was definitely done today because it wasn't there yesterday. Madison Avenue is a dead-end road and we're almost at the end of it. I hadn't heard anything at the Town Board meeting; I just didn't know if the Town Board had any idea what that's there for because it's on Open Space's property. It's not on the Town's property.

Councilwoman VanEtten said I have no idea.

Supervisor Dellisanti advised I will talk to Denis tomorrow.

Pat Linger explained the turnaround is there; that's a paved area. This goes back, I don't know if you know where the Paper Mill Trail is? It goes back in that Paper Mill Trail.

Councilman Ruso asked how far back?

Pat Linger answered probably 25-30 feet wide and goes back about 80 feet.

Councilman Ruso reported like a parking lot or something.

Pat Linger continued all brought up the level of the road which is probably a 6 or 7 or maybe 8 foot rise, big rip rap, big fill rock on the bottom and then crusher run on the top.

Ellie Alfeld stated as if it's a driveway.

Pat Linger concurred like a driveway or parking area or something like that.

Supervisor Dellisanti inquired it's past the turnaround.

Pat Linger advised it goes from the woods end of the turnaround into the woods.

Councilwoman VanEtten suggested which is private property.

Pat Linger agreed as best as I can tell from the County maps, its Open Space Institute is the owner on the property.

Supervisor Dellisanti noted Conservancy property.

Pat Linger advised Shiloh is the next one west.

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Councilman Ruso asked this was done all today?

Pat Linger replied it was all done today because we were up there this weekend, we go to the falls a lot.

Supervisor Dellisanti concluded thank you. I will get back to you on that. Any other Public Comments.

Judge Lee Davis began I would like to, I know the Town Board addressed the issue of the Tentative Budget adopted a resolution for the Preliminary Budget, but I would like to offer some comments on that prior to the Public Hearing and the proposed adoption of the Final Budget in November. And first I know drafting a budget in these economic times with constraints is a very difficult, arduous task. Jeff, you and the Supervisor kind enough to meet with Judges Farrell and I a couple of times and we are very grateful for that time and your thoughtful input. However I felt it my obligation to offer a few comments about the salaries and the compensation for our clerks and hoping that the Town Board may reconsider the current budget and increase their salaries or their hourly wages a little bit and with that I'd just offer a few comments. Our Court in terms of business and the number of people that come before the Court is near the top in the County. There are some Towns that exceed ours. but they typically would have a -- I think also going north to Coeymans and Ravena -- but there was some that might be busier but they typically have a local police department. We, of course, don't so when you take a look at the amount of money needed to fund a police department and you reduce that from the overall numbers provided by the Court, we're a very busy Court in the area yet the compensation for our clerks is significantly below other Towns particularly those that are busy. I can't say enough about our Clerks, they're more than capable, they're extraordinary, they do a tremendous amount of work and make the lives of the Judges a lot easier and more importantly they keep our books in check. While I understand that this is certainly their job, we're all aware of instances around the State and other governments where their people don't do their job and the expense to the Town and the municipality can end of being significant. And specifically our Head Clerk started here in 2011 after ten years of experience in the Town and Village Court in Athens. Currently she is, her take-home pay five years later now, is less than it was when she started. And while she has had first an initial raise after probationary period in 2011 of 50 cents an hour and she's had three other raises at 1 percent per hour, when you take into account the mandatory half an hour lunch break that she has to take without pay, she is receiving less money than she was five years ago. As a full-time employee, she's eligible for health insurance and she does not take health insurance, she does not need it, but that's a savings to the Town as well. The Assistant Clerk is the lowest paid part-time clerk in Town Hall, she receives approximately \$2 less an hour than the other clerks. And I have had interactions with a number of the clerks in the Town, and again I understand they're all excellent and certainly deserving of their wages, but I also feel from having worked closely now for three years with our Assistant Clerk, she certainly is entitled to more compensation. In addition, of course, the Town Court over the years typically receives grants from the Office of Court Administration, some of which goes specifically to the Court only, but an example of how the Town has benefitted from these grants is look around the beautiful Hearing Room we have here or Meeting Room which is, and I don't know exactly, but I believe the result all of Court grants. There may be some additional money and I apologize if I've misspoke on that. The other thing too is the Town had had three clerks, we've gone down to two clerks which is, and I understand the third clerk was very part-time, again another savings. I would just hope finally concluding that the Town Board consider these and take serious consideration to compensating our clerks so they can get more in line with the other clerks in the area. Thanks very much.

Public Comment Period/Community Events

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Audit of Claims

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 155-2015 OCTOBER 26, 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-10-01 to 2015b-10-31, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2015b-10-01 to 2015b-10-31.

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

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

General \$6,464.56, Highway \$36,558.15. Sewer \$1,787.22, Sewer 2 \$130.00, \$44,939.99

Having nothing else to come before the Board, Motion by Councilwoman VanEtten seconded by Councilman Ruso to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

Supervisor Dellisanti concluded thank you all for coming.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke Town Clerk