

6:45 PM Public Hearing on Local Law 1 of 2019 Establishing a New Schedule of Real Property Tax Exemptions for Persons Sixty-Five (65) Years of Age or Over and Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes

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

**JANUARY 28, 2019
AGENDA**

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reports

Supervisor

- Motion to Allow Town of New Baltimore Highway Department Facebook Page and Procedures for Posting

County Legislator

Town Clerk

- Board of Elections Certification
- January 14, 2019 Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Tax Collector

Historian

Agriculture (Chair R. VanEtten/Member Irving)

Ag Fest Liaison (Member Irving)

Animal Control (Chair Irving/Member Ruso)

Assessment (Chair VanEtten/Member Ruso)

- Resolution to Adopt Local Law 1 of 2019 Establishing a New Schedule of Real Property Tax Exemptions for Persons Sixty-Five (65) Years of Age or Over and Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes

Audit and Control Committee (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

- State of New York Unified Court System

Buildings & Grounds/Recycling (Chair Irving/Member Briody)

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

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

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

Greene County EMS (Representative Dellisanti/Deputy Ruso)

Greene County Planning Board

Highway (Chair Ruso/Member Briody)

Insurance (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member VanEtten)

Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals (Chair Irving/Member Ruso)

Seniors (Chair VanEtten/Member Ruso)

Technology/Website (Chair Briody/Member Downes)

Town Courts Liaison (Chair VanEtten/Member Briody)

Veterans and Memorials (Chair VanEtten/Member Irving)

Wastewater Treatment (Chair Irving/Member Briody)

- Resolution to Authorize the Supervisor to Sign Contracts for the Upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant

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

Public Comment Period/Community Events

- February 6, 2019 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- February 11, 2019 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- February 14, 2019 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- February 17, 2019 Veterans Committee Luncheon at Cornell Hook & Ladder Fire Company at 12 Noon
- February 18, 2019 Town Hall Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day
- February 25, 2019 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

- March 27, 2019 Greene County Public Health Rabies Clinic at Medway-Grapeville Firehouse 6-8 PM

Audit of Claims

Adjournment

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

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC CONDUCT DURING TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

1. The Supervisor shall preside at the meetings of the Town Board. In the absence of the Supervisor, the Deputy Supervisor shall be the acting Supervisor. In the event both the Supervisor and the Deputy Supervisor are absent, the other members shall designate one of their members to act as temporary chairman. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a lesser number may adjourn.
2. Town residents who wish to speak shall fill out a card at the entrances of the meeting room listing their name, contact information, and the subject matter in which they would like to speak. These cards will be collected prior to the beginning of the Town Board meeting and given to the Town Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor in the absence of the Supervisor.
3. Speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer and then proceed to the lectern and state their name and address. They must limit their remarks on official town business to up to three minutes on a given topic and may not yield any remaining time to another speaker. They must address their remarks to the Board as a body and not to any member thereof and not to other members of the audience in the form of a debate.
4. Speakers should present their remarks in a courteous manner and may not make disparaging remarks or personal comments about public officials, town residents, or others. All speakers will observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity, and good taste with no cursing, swearing, clapping, booing, finger pointing, bullying, whispering, or talking that disrupts the proceedings of the business of the Town Board.
5. Any speaker who disregards the directives of the presiding officer in enforcing the rules, disturbs the peace at a meeting, makes impertinent or slanderous remarks, or generally conducts themselves in an inappropriate manner shall be barred from further participation and will forfeit any balance of time remaining for their comments.
6. After a final warning, if a speaker willfully refuses to step down, the Town Supervisor shall contact the appropriate authorities to remove the speaker from the meeting room and to restore order.
7. The Town Supervisor, or in their absence the Deputy Supervisor, shall ensure compliance with these rules.

This policy will be amended by Majority vote of the Town Board.

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OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Ruso opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti, Councilmembers Briody, Downes, Irving, and VanEtten, Deputy County Legislator Linger, Highway Superintendent VanWormer, Deputy Town Clerk Loux, and 6 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

Absent: Town Clerk Finke and Tax Collector Jordan

Supervisor

The monthly financial reports for December were forwarded to all Board members. Has everyone had a chance to review them? Motion by Councilmember Downes to accept the December financial reports, seconded by Supervisor Ruso

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: The Town of New Baltimore currently has a Facebook Page for Emergency Information, Town Events and the Youth Program. I would like to make a Motion to allow Highway Superintendent Alan VanWormer to set up a Facebook Page for the Town of New Baltimore Highway Department. Also, the Administrators have the authority to post only official announcements including Town events, road closures, paving information, dates and programs. Any other prospective posts must be submitted in writing and approved by the Town Supervisor before posting to the Facebook page. Do I have a second?

Councilmember VanEtten: I'll second.

Supervisor Ruso: Discussion? I would say this is in accordance with our Social Media Policy and Procedure that we have as part of our Handbook.

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

County Legislator Pat Linger

We began 2019 with our Organizational Meeting where we had 5 new Legislators, and 9 returning Legislators sworn into office for their 3-year term. As the first order of business, this new board was tasked with electing a new Chairman for the term. I was elected to serve as Chairman of the Legislature by a unanimous vote. The additional responsibility will be challenging as we still have much unfinished business to complete, and new initiatives to explore, to move Greene County forward. With USDA approval, we held a Special Legislative meeting on January 7th to advertise the bids for the new jail. We have released 8 separate bid scope packages for the various components and have scheduled the Bid Opening for February 20 at 2pm. Low bids will be scrutinized for compliance to specs and awarded in March or early April. This schedule will allow us to break ground for the 2019 construction season this spring. We also hope to take advantage of a slowing bond market to secure funding for the project, releasing us from the onerous requirements of the federal USDA loan. As part of the jail project, we will be demolishing the antiquated facility in Catskill. The Civil Office, the Detective Division, and the Administrative Office of the Sheriff will be relocated. We have finished space in the County Office Building for the Civil Office and they moved in there today. The Civil Office will remain in Catskill even after the new jail is complete. The Detective Division, currently housed in the basement of the County Office Building, will be moving into space in the old elementary school in Durham during construction. The cost for this will be utilities only, there is no monthly rent. We are nearing completion of remodeling the old Greene County Savings Bank building in Cossackie to use for Sheriff Administration space as well as a processing center for those remanded to jail. We will still be transporting to/from other jails until our construction is complete and the facility is open. Currently we are renting this space, but are looking into possibly purchasing this building if we can show a savings versus renting over the

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estimated 30-36 months. We hope to demo the existing jail site as soon as possible. Anyone who has been near the Catskill Thruway exit recently has noticed a huge project there. The former Quality Inn campus has been demolished and debris is being removed at this time. As I have previously mentioned, this is an IDA project in conjunction with the County, to market the property to mid-upper scale hotel and retail development. Demo of the buildings is the first step toward progress. A resolution was passed approving Home Rule request for the mortgage tax extension that failed to pass the NYS Legislature in 2018. That failure to extend is expected to cost Greene County \$250,000 in lost revenue for the first quarter of 2019, and has been budgeted accordingly. Our State representatives are on board and we hope to see this pass early in the new Session. A resolution was also passed to allow municipalities to participate in County Highway purchases. Following an unfortunate incident at our first regular meeting of the Legislature, I need to remind residents to speak to their Legislator prior to any meeting if they wish to be heard on any issue. This rule has been in effect for many years with sporadic enforcement. That will no longer be the case under the new leadership.

Town Clerk Barb Finke

1 Site Plan Review \$300, 1 Special Use Commercial \$200, 1 Building Permit \$863.75, 2 CO Searches \$30, 2 EZPass Tags \$50, 2 Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$2.28, 18 Dog Licenses \$144, 5 Late Dog Licenses \$25, 4 Minor Subdivisions \$120, 4 Certified Copies \$40, Engineering Prints \$115.19, 27 Photocopies \$6.75, State, County & Local Revenues \$2,004.69, to New York State Agriculture and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program \$30, to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation \$77.72, Total to Supervisor \$1,896.97 Four FOILs were received in December, no information is available on one; the information has been compiled on two, the requestor was contacted, and we are awaiting his inspection; and the information is being compiled on the remaining one. I attended the annual Christmas Party and meeting of the Columbia-Greene Town Clerks Association at Kozel's on December 6.

Annual Report January 1, 2018-December 31, 2018 2 Site Plan Reviews \$600, 2 Special Use Commercial \$400, 71 Building Permit \$12,326.62, 1 Septic Tank Replacement \$40, 27 CO Searches \$405, 3 EZPass Tags \$75, 69 Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$190.18, 2 Exempt Dog Licenses, 406 Dog Licenses \$2,802, 2 Replacement Tags \$4, 64 Late Dog Licenses \$320, 1 Junkyard Permit \$100, 13 Marriage Licenses \$227.50, 8 Beer Permits \$160, 1 Excavation Across Road \$100, 2 Excavation Under Driveway \$70, 2 Demolition \$150, 21 Park Rentals \$525, 1 Lot Line Adjustment \$50, 15 Minor Subdivisions \$540, 1 Above Ground Swimming Pool \$60, 1 Mobile Home Single \$150, 2 Solar Residential \$100, 139 Certified Copies \$1,390, Engineering Prints \$115.19, 408 Photocopies \$102, Recycle Fees \$527, 1 Sign Permit \$25, 1 Non-Commercial Zoning Fee \$40, State, County & Local Revenues \$25,514.81, to New York State Agriculture and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program \$528, to New York State Department of Health for Marriages \$292.50, to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation \$3,099.82, Total to Supervisor \$21,594.49 A total of 25 FOILs were received in 2018.

Greene County Board of Elections Certification 'RE: General Elections 2019' The elected official in the Town of New Baltimore whose term will expire on December 31, 2019 are: Town Supervisor, Currently Jeffrey R. Ruso Town Council, Currently R. Scott Briody Town Council, Currently Charles A. Irving Jr. Highway Superintendent Currently Alan W. VanWormer Town Justice, Currently Joseph A. Farrell Jr. Please contact me at (518)756-6671, ext. 5 if you need any further information. Sincerely, Barbara M. Finke Town Clerk'

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The January 14, 2019 Town Board Regular Meeting submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Moved by Supervisor Ruso and was seconded by Councilmember VanEtten. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and vote was as follows:

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Tax Collector

No Report

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Town Historian

No Report

Agriculture

No Report

AgFest

No Report

Animal Control Joe Tanner

No Report

Assessment

SENIOR CITIZEN & DISABILITY WITH LIMITED INCOMES: The County passed a new sliding scale raising the exemptions 1,000. All the school districts within the Town of New Baltimore, also has passed the a resolution with the same exemption level, (with one decreasing their level) **EXEMPTION UPDATE:** All the exemptions have been sent out to our property owners prior to December 31st, 2018. The Agricultures were sent out in October; Non-Profits and STAR renewals – Nov; and the Senior Citizens exemption, and the new separate STAR mandatory filing in December. The seniors have done very well with the NYS mandatory filing and are slowly coming in and filing. The seniors are just beginning to get their 2018 1099's statements for the income requirement. Reminder calls and letters will be sent out to them in the middle of February for the March 1st filing dead-line. The newspaper articles have increased the activity of inquiries for the office. It's been very positive since the property owners are checking to be sure they have the exemptions. The new agricultural assessment values for the 2019 assessment roll has been received and will be downloaded and processed for the 2019 assessment roll. **TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL:** The files have been pulled for the filed CO's and CC's and will be valued for the 2019 assessment roll, along with filed lot line/sub-divisions, etc. All the filed exemptions received to date, with all required documents have been processed

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**RESOLUTION 51-2019
JANUARY 28, 2019**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2019 ESTABLISHING
A NEW SCHEDULE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS
FOR PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE OR OVER
AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOMES**

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore held a Public Hearing on January 28, 2019 regarding proposed Local Law 1 of 2019, a local law to establish a new schedule of real property tax exemptions for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over and persons with disabilities and limited incomes, at which time the public was given an opportunity to speak regarding this proposed local law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore does hereby adopt Local Law 1 of 2019 Establishing a New Schedule of Real Property Tax Exemptions for Persons Sixty-Five (65) Years of Age or Over and Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes.

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LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2019

A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH A NEW SCHEDULE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE OR OVER AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOMES

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore, as follows:

SECTION 1. This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the authority of Real Property Tax §459© and §467. All definitions, terms and conditions of such statute shall apply to this Local Law and are incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. Local Law #1 of 2018 is HEREBY REPEALED.

SECTION 3. The Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore does hereby establish the following sliding scale of property tax exemptions for real property owned by persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over and for real property owned by a person with a disability whose income is limited by such disability, and used as the legal residence of such person, based on the income limits set forth below:

<u>Maximum Income Limit</u>	<u>Property Tax Exemption</u>
\$28,500.00	50%
\$28,500.01-\$29,499.99	45%
\$29,500.00-\$30,499.99	40%
\$30,500.00-\$31,499.99	35%
\$31,500.00-\$32,399.99	30%
\$32,400.00-\$33,299.99	25%
\$33,300.00-\$34,199.99	20%
\$34,200.00-\$35,099.99	15%
\$35,100.00-\$35,999.99	10%
\$36,000.00-\$36,899.99	5%

SECTION 4. Any person who qualifies for a property tax exemption as a person with a disability shall not be eligible for a property tax exemption as a person who is sixty-five (65) years of age or over.

SECTION 5. The maximum income limit set forth in Section 3 above shall be offset by medical and prescription drug expenses actually paid which are not reimbursed or paid for by insurance.

SECTION 6. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

Councilmember Briody	AYE
Councilmember Downes	AYE
Councilmember Irving	AYE
Councilmember VanEtten	AYE
Supervisor Ruso	AYE

Motion Carried

Audit and Control

Supervisor Ruso: We have three audits scheduled. These are Department audits for any income-producing Departments. Those would be, there'e four of them – the Tax Collector certainly, the Courts, the Town Clerk's office, and my own office. Three of the four have been scheduled. This coming Saturday, we have two – the Town Clerk and the Tax Collector. On the 9th of February we have the Court and I'm going to ask perhaps Mr. Dellisanti and Ms. Downes to do the audit of my books. So perhaps we can do that Saturday.

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti and Councilmember Downes: Yes.

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Supervisor Ruso: So now we have all four scheduled. Aside from that we do have in the process the Annual Town's AUD which has to be filed and it's due on the 28th of February. So that's already in the process.

State of New York Unified Court System 'Dear Supervisor Ruso: Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that town and village justices annually provide their court records and dockets to their respective town and village auditing boards, and that such records then be examined, and that fact be entered into the minutes of the board's proceedings. The Unified Court System's *Action Plan for the Justice Courts* includes initiatives to improve accountability and controls over Justice Court finances and records. Among the initiatives is increased monitoring of town and village board compliance with Section 2019-a. Accordingly, I am requesting that you provide a copy of the audit of your local court's records for fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 and a copy of your board resolution acknowledging that the required examination was conducted. Please email the report and the resolution to jcasazza@nycourts.gov or mail to Joan Casazza, Internal Control Liaison, NYS Office of Court Administration, 2500 Pond View, Suite LL01, Castleton-on-Hudson, NY 12033. Please respond by March 1, 2019.'

Supervisor Ruso: This is reflective of what my last comments were about the audits. Kelly and I are the Auditing Board, except when it comes to my own reports and I have two others to do that. Annually we submit those to the Town Board for approval upon completion. That process will continue again this year. The Courts have been notified, given them a copy of this document.

Buildings and Grounds/Recycling Center Operator Kirk Trombley

December 27, 2018-January 28, 2019 60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastics) 13, 22 Bundles of Magazines and Phone Books, 78 Bags and Bundles of Newspaper, 43 Boxes and Bundles of Cardboard, 1 Dryer (1/5), and 1 Washer (1/5)

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Allan Jourdin

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for December, 2018, is as follows:
Building Inspections: 14, Building Permit Renewal Letters Sent: 5, Certificates of Compliance Issued: 1, Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 1, Certificate of Occupancy Search Requests: 2, Complaint Forms Received: 2, Demolition Permit Applications Received: 1, E-Mails Sent by Clerk: 95, E-Mails Received: 89, New Building Permit Applications Awaiting Permit Issuance: 4, New Septic System Applications: 1, Stop Work Orders Issued: 1, Application Fees for December, 2018: \$864.75, Total Fees for 2018 Year: \$12,771.62

Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement

No Report

Grants/Promotions/Economic Development

Supervisor Ruso: Shelly and I put together two grant applications, both to The Bank of Greene County. One on behalf of the Veterans Committee and one on behalf of the Town Youth Program. So we have not yet heard a response from them and the deadline was the 15th of January so those have been dutifully submitted.

Councilmember VanEtten: We did get something saying that they did receive them. So I did get an email saying that, confirming they were received.

Greene County EMS Representative Nick Dellisanti

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019. There were 8 EMS calls in December for a total of 102 for this year 2018, and we had 103 calls for all of 2017. As of January 15, 2019, there is a projected year-end balance of \$525,000.

Supervisor Ruso: The EMS is in very good shape. That number that I gave you for 102 calls means that our 2020 budget will be flat when we put it together from 2018.

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Greene County Planning Board Representative Jean Horn

Town of New Baltimore-Site Plan/Special Use Permit regarding the installation of a 750 KW solar array on property on the east side of Rt 9W north of Rt 144. Approved

Town of Cairo-Minor revision to previously approved (18-38) Site plan/special use permit regarding a 2,000 KW solar photovoltaic array system of a portion of property at 743-775 Main Street. Approved

Highway Superintendent Alan VanWormer

Highway Report December 24, 2018 to January 24, 2019 Monday December 24, light snow, sanded all roads; Cut fallen tree on Old Kings Road; Had photos taken of old Hyster Roller to put on auction site; Sprayed salt pile with 275 gallons of Magic Minus Zero; Picked up mini bike dumped at Cornell Park; Patched dirt holes on Sunset Hill Road with item 4; Friday December 28 called all in at 3:30am for light ice, sanded all roads; Sunday December 30 called all in at 7:30am plowed and sanded all roads; Checked and cleared drains in Hamlet ahead of heavy rain; Patched holes with winter mix; Checked all roads for debris from heavy wind, Built new mail cubby for highway office; Thursday January 3 called all in at 4:30 am for light snow, sanded all roads; Cut fallen trees on Roberts hill Road and Mathews Point; Put Nodine Mountain Road sign back up; Tuesday January 8 called all in at 3:30am for icy roads, sanded and salted all roads; Picked up safe salt from Persico for Town Hall steps and ramp; Took 2012 International to Ben Funk for computer issues. Thank You to Greene County Highway for transporting it for us, saving hundreds of dollars in towing fees. Repaired broken desk drawer for tax collector Removed boxes of paper from Town Hall; Replaced thermostat on 1985 Oshkosh Unit #3; Highway Superintendent met with Bill Stine from Greene County Highway Engineering Department regarding signage change at East Honey Hollow, and Honey Hollow Road intersection; Installed new LED headlight bulbs in 1997 International Plow truck; Called Nolan Propane and had heater hooked up in recycle shed; Cleared ice from drain on New Baltimore Road by Thruway tunnel; Put salt on ice on Independence Lane; Removed large stick from culvert on Jennings Road, and patched some large pot holes; Friday January 18 called all in at 4am for light snow, sanded all roads; Saturday January 19 called all in at 9:30pm for snow, everyone worked until 6pm on Sunday evening; Tuesday January 22 called all in at 4am to clear blowing and drifting snow before school opened; Changed oil and filter on 2006 F350; Greased John Deere loader and cleaned inside of cab; Thursday January 24, light icing in spots overnight salted where needed; NOTES: We are already starting to receive calls about how much sand is on the roads, please keep in mind several storms we were not able to plow, so we just had to put sand down to melt the little bit of snow. We also had a couple of light icing events which used a larger amount of sand than snow. Our Highway Department is now set up with a direct text program with all three School Districts that serve our Town. We now receive a phone call, and group text advising us of School closings and or delays usually around 5am. I would like to invite anyone who would be interested to join our Highway Department Facebook page. Just search Town of New Baltimore Highway Department and hit the like button. I post on it very often, letting our residents know when our crews are out, and what the road conditions are. We have a very large group of followers, most of whom have stated that they really like having this information available. Our highway department is also working with the County Highway Department to assist with keeping our County Highways safe for travel during snowstorms. In the past our plows that were driving to their destination to begin plowing had to drive through whatever snow was on Route 51 or 54 because they were not allowed to plow them. I have assured our County Legislator that this will change, and it has. If our Town plow is out ahead of the County plow we will plow the snow off of them on our way out. This makes it safer for not only our plows, but the traveling public.

Councilmember Downes: I would like to thank Alan and his crew for the issue at Jennings and 54. They were right there. I called them Saturday night. There was I don't know probably like an inch of ice there or so. If anybody goes out 54 and hits Jennings Road, there's a real bad just before Marilyn's house and if somebody coming from Medway down, they would have went right off if they didn't know that was there. So I gave Alan a call and they were right out there so it was greatly appreciated. I would like to thank you.

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Highway Superintendent VanWormer: It wasn't really hard, I literally just dragged the plow back and forth over it a few times to break it up, break it off and have it salted and it was okay. But up around the corner now is an even bigger mess. I don't know if the County is going to do anything with that.

Councilmember Downes: No, it's still a mess.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: It's bad there.

Councilmember Downes: Because there's another problem on 26 too that's in the Town of Coxsackie, but they've got the same thing by Boehm's Farm. It's probably this much ice there. It's not good out there that's for sure. You hit some of those spots. I wanted to thank you and that way at least you guys get credit.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: We can be there in half the time. By the time the County calls somebody in (unable to understand), we can be there way faster.

Insurance

Supervisor Ruso: Our Insurance policy doesn't renew until March, so that's not necessary for now. We're just in conversation now.

Personnel

Supervisor Ruso: The only thing going on with Personnel aside from we have interviewed people for some positions open in the Highway Department, but the Town's Employee Handbook has been updated, putting the final touches on it, it's in draft form, and it will be ready for the next meeting to approve. The only changes are with our Comp Time Policy that we discussed in previous meetings.

Planning Board Chair Rob VanEtten

The Planning Board met on January 10, 2018, with the following business transacted: Public Hearings were held on the Costanza Family Minor Subdivision Application and the Clifton Park Materials Minor Subdivision Applications. In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed: ... Approved the Costanza Family Minor Subdivision ... Approved the Clifton Park Materials Minor Subdivision Application Received Site Plan Application from 12498 U.S. Route 9W, LLC (New Baltimore Family Dentistry) to allow for the addition of 19 more parking spaces. Public Hearing scheduled for 7 p.m., February 14. Received Minor Subdivision Application for a two-lot subdivision of property owned by Patrick Pacheco, Keith Batten and James McLaughlin on Mirror Lake Road. Public Hearing scheduled for 7:15 p.m., February 14. Received Minor Subdivision Application from Alice Karazim for a four-lot subdivision of property owned on Staco Road. Public Hearing scheduled for 7:30 p.m., February 14. Received Minor Subdivision Application from Bette Ann DeFine to correct non-conforming status of three parcels owned on Sunset Hill Road. Public Hearing scheduled for 7:45 p.m., February 14.

Planning Board activity for 2018 is as follows: Regular Monthly Meetings Held: 9, Months No Meeting Held: 3 (No business to come before the Board), Public Hearings Held: 9, Minor Subdivision Applications Received: 9, Minor Subdivisions Approved: 7, Lot Line Adjustment Applications: 1, Lot Line Adjustments Approved: 2, Site Plan Applications Received: 2, Site Plan Applications Approved: 1, Special Use Permit Applications Received: 2, Special Use Permits Approved: 1, Fees Taken in January thru December, 2018 \$1,590.00

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: One of the first two on that list, is one of those (unable to understand).

Councilmember Irving: Public Hearing is coming up, yes,

Deputy Town Clerk Loux: On the Village of Ravena one?

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Many Replied: Yes.

Deputy Town Clerk Loux: That Public Hearing has been held and that's approved.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Pat Linger

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet on December 5 since there were no applications to come before the Board. Four of the five Board Members attended the required Workplace Violence/Sexual Harassment training held following adjournment of the December 13 Planning Board Meeting. The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet on January 2, 2019, since there were no applications to come before the Board.

2018 Year-End Report The Zoning Board of Appeals received only one Variance Application in 2018, resulting in the Board holding two regular monthly meetings and one Public Hearing. Fees taken in 2018..... \$40.00

Seniors

No Report

Technology/Website

Councilmember Briody: Some update of hardware, we are working on quotations right now, but other than that.

Town Courts Liaison

No Report

Veterans and Memorials

Councilmember VanEtten: We have the Veterans luncheon coming up on the 17th and we're getting the menu together so I'll be asking people what they want to make.

Wastewater Treatment

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 52-2019

JANUARY 28, 2019

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACTS
FOR THE UPGRADES TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

WHEREAS Sealed Bids were received and opened on December 10, 2018 at the Town Hall of the Town of New Baltimore, 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, NY 12087.

WHEREAS the Town Board adopted Resolution 189-2018 on December 26, 2018 to award Wastewater Treatment Project Upgrades to Eastman Associates, Inc. and Stilsing Electric Inc. upon recommendation by Delaware Engineering.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that following review by the Attorney for the Town, the Supervisor is authorized to sign contracts with Eastman Associates, Inc. and Stilsing Electric Inc. for said project.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Irving

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Youth, Parks and Recreation

Councilmember VanEtten: Other than the fact that we just put in the grant application, there's really not much going on this time of year.

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TOWN BOARD WORK MEETING
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Adopted 2/11/19

Public Comment Period

Ellie Alfeld: The Church in New Baltimore will be having their luncheon on Wednesday and it's a fish luncheon.

Supervisor Ruso: At noontime, of course.

Ellie Alfeld: Of course.

Community Events

- February 6, 2019 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- February 11, 2019 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- February 14, 2019 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- February 17, 2019 Veterans Committee Luncheon at Cornell Hook & Ladder Fire Company at 12 Noon
- February 18, 2019 Town Hall Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day
- February 25, 2019 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- March 27, 2019 Greene County Public Health Rabies Clinic at Medway-Grapeville Firehouse 6-8 PM

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 53-2019
JANUARY 28, 2019

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 2019b-01-01 to 2019b-01-18, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2019b-01-01 to 2019b-01-18.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until February 28, 2019.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilmember Briody seconded by Councilmember VanEtten to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: Thank you everybody for being here.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC
Town Clerk