

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

**MAY 27, 2020
AGENDA**

In consideration of COVID-19, the open meeting of the Town Board regularly scheduled for May 27th has been postponed. Our goal, as articulated by the CDC and the NYS DOH, is to mitigate against the spread of the virus and reduce its rate of transmission. This action will allow the Town of New Baltimore to exemplify infection control procedures to prevent the continued and pervasive spreading of disease.

Per communication from NYCOOG (New York Committee on Open Government):

The New York State Committee on Open Government issued guidance regarding the “Open Meetings Law ‘In-Person’ Requirement and the Novel Coronavirus.” The guidance acknowledges that there is no process for waiving the Open Meetings Law’s “in-person” requirement for conducting meetings. Furthermore, the Committee conceded that there is no jurisprudence regarding the ability of local governments to forego or waive the “in-person” meeting requirement. Nonetheless, the Committee opined that judicial review of alleged violations of the Open Meetings Law will likely take into consideration the public body’s desire to protect the public health while continuing to perform necessary government functions. However, the Committee urges that if a public body determines that limiting public in-person access to an open meeting is necessary in response to the COVID-19 virus, that the public body limit discussions and actions taken to those matters for which harm would be caused by delay in order to mitigate potential impact of constituents.

That being said, Town Hall has not allowed entrance of the public to this facility as of Monday, March 16th. Meeting of the Town Board and Town Clerk will occur on the evening of May 27th at 7 PM, however, said meeting will be held in a very limited extent to enable the monthly bills to be reviewed and paid. A special meeting may be scheduled, pending DOH recommendations for continued ‘social distancing’ at a later date. Minutes will be posted within a few days.

Per orders by the Office of Court Administration, all court proceedings are suspended until further notice. Should you have any questions, please contact Court Clerk Kimberly Ruby at (518) 756-2079.

Officials will hold regular hours, and all business will continue to occur via telephone and email. This being a time when tax payments are still being collected, and cash cannot be refused, please contact Tax Collector Diane Jordan at (518) 756-6671 Ext. 2 should you require a cash transaction. Please consider mailing your payment in check form or delivering in a sealed envelope through the mail slot on the red door of the Meeting Room. Receipts will be sent and a confirmation call will be made if requested.

The Highway Department can be reached at (518)756-2078.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance; please stay well.

Jeff Ruso, Town Supervisor, Town of New Baltimore jruso@townofnewbaltimore.org, (518)756-6671, Ext. 7 or (518)337-9238

Pledge of Allegiance

- Audit of Claims

Upcoming Meetings

- June 8, 2020 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

Announcements

- 2020 AgFest is Cancelled
- Youth Summer Recreation Program is Cancelled

Adjournment

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OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Ruso opened the meeting at 7:03 PM. Also attending Councilmembers Boehlke, Irving and VanEtten, Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti, and Town Clerk Finke. Absent: Councilmember Downes

Supervisor Ruso: Good evening everybody. Welcome to the Town Board meeting for the Town of New Baltimore. This is our Work Meeting. It's another night with a restricted access to the ongoing pandemic COVID-19 and we're still under emergency orders. So nevertheless for those who are viewing please join us for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Ruso: Okay, the only thing on our agenda is our Audit of Claims.

Audit of Claims

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 75-2020

MAY 27, 2020

**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 2020b-05-01 to 2020b-05-24, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2020b-05-01 to 2020b-05-24.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until July 31, 2020.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

Motion Carried

General \$17,307.71, Highway \$2,430.50, Sewer 1 \$393.95, Sewer 2 \$162.53, for a total of \$20,294.69

Supervisor Ruso: Thank you, Barbara.

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Councilmember VanEtten: And if I could just say something. With the Grant money that we got from The Bank of Greene County, they allowed us to keep it and so what I'm gonna do is buy craft kits and pass them out once a week and anybody who's interested can come pick them up.

Supervisor Ruso: Okay very good, very good. At least put that money to good use. Thank you. Anything further before the Board?

Councilmember VanEtten: No.

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Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: Good night everybody.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC
Town Clerk