

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

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

- January 25, 2021 Town Board Work Meeting

Public Comment Period

Correspondence

- Notice of Public Hearing on a Proposed “Zoning Moratorium” Local Law

New Business

- Resolution to Approve Annual Review of Accounts for Tax Collector, Town Court, and Town Clerk and Petty Cash Audit of the Building/Planning/Zoning Department
- Resolution to Authorize Application for Grant from the Bank of Greene County
- Resolution to Authorize the Town of New Baltimore to Participate in County Highway Purchases
- Resolution to Approve Recommendation of Appointment to the Advisory Council to the Greene County Department for the Aging for 2021
- Resolution to Authorize the Supervisor to Sign an Agreement for Additional Hours for Upgrading the Town Website
- Audit of Claims

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Public Comment Period/Community Events

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 Councilmembers Boehlke, Downes, Irving, and VanEtten; Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti; Town Clerk Finke; and 4 members of the public who signed the attendance book.
Absent: Tax Collector Jordan

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The January 25, 2021 Town Board Work Meeting submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Moved by Councilmember VanEtten and was seconded by Councilmember Downes. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Public Comment Period

Ellie Alfeld: The reason I've asked to speak today, tonight to the Board most of you with one exception, Nick, are impacted by this COVID-19 age bracket. None of you have really come to the mark I guess starting at 75. But, anyway, it's a nightmare as you all know. I want to inform you about something or tell you about something you probably never were known about and I wish Alan were here because he might. I don't know if you know that probably 15 maybe even 20 years ago the Governor at the time instructed all Counties to devise a plan in preparation for N1H1 or whatever the hell it was for any kind of safety for the government. Each County had to devise this plan to be prepared for emergencies if there were ever an attack on this Country. Each year the Counties that has devised this had to submit their plans to the State of New York for approval and get paid for it. If in fact they had lived with this plan when this virus struck, there would be so much better organization than what you have seen as far as doling out all the virus vaccinations. They had it set up with the fire department so that there were places where you would go for these emergencies. They had it with the Police. It's on file still, but for some ungodly reason this thing that cost the taxpayers a little bit of money and was being paid for all these years never was thought of to come and be of use. If they had, you would not have seen the commotion, the loss of all this that's been going on. I was very fortunate because I was calling and computer entering sometimes at 4 1/2 to 5 hours and it was ridiculous because I couldn't get in. I was not worried because I'm gonna stay home. You're not going to get me to move okay, however, it's frustrating for me because of the other guy. Kelly knows, she's got aunts that are in their 80's and 90's whatever. Other people, Barb has in-laws. There's some people that don't have back-up with children or whoever to help them bridge this stinking gap and even if they do, the old people just they can't handle this and yet it's assumed 'oh, well you just go on the computer.' I made the phone call that they said, call 211 and they'll help you. Well, I got news for you. You know what they wanted? They wanted to sign me up for well care policy okay. That's how far and once I said I wasn't interested because I have my retirement insurance, they hung up on me okay. So be aware. Everything you hear is not what it's supposed to be and if somebody calls you and says 'can you be at so-and-so in the next three hours, run don't walk. The only appointment I could get on my own was scheduled for March 11 in Plattsburgh and that means you gotta drive up, get vaccinated, come down and then you have to go back to the same place for the second one. New Baltimore has missed the boat. I don't think there is anyone can say that it was the Town Board or the authorities in this Town that missed the mark because Cocksackie had at least two clinics. Athens had it. Catskill had two or three. Windham, Ashland, Tannersville they all had them. Cairo had them. I don't know what the answer is, but I'd be willing to work with anybody that has a suggestion as to how instead of depending on the powers that be, the County, to see if we can't have it so that if we can get a date beforehand, arrange with the fire department or the Town Hall or something so we even had the place that it can be done without waiting for their hands out, for the County, that doesn't know we're alive. Thank you.

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Correspondence

Town of Coeymans ‘NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans will hold a Public Hearing on February 11, 2021 at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY on a proposed law “Zoning Moratorium.” The purpose of this proposed law is to place a moratorium for a period of six (6) months upon any Town action that would result in any change or alteration to the official Town of Coeymans Zoning Map. The proposed local law is available for public inspection at the Town Clerk’s office at 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and on the Town website. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.1 the public may view and listen to the proceedings live, via the Town of Coeymans Facebook page and Mid-Hudson Cable Channel 901. Due to the increasing COVID-19 numbers in the area, Town Hall will be closed to the public. All interested persons are welcome to call 518-756-6006, Ext. 3 at the above date and time and they will be heard. You can also submit your comments on this matter beforehand by submitting a letter, email or telephone call to the Town Clerk’s Office at townclerk@coeymans.org or 518-756-6006, Ext. 3 until 4:00p.m. the date of the meeting. By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans Cindy L. Rowzee Town Clerk’

New Business

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 55-2021
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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ANNUAL REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS
FOR TAX COLLECTOR, TOWN COURT, AND TOWN CLERK AND PETTY CASH
AUDIT OF THE BUILDING/PLANNING/ZONING DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS Town Law Section 123 requires each town officer or employee who has received or disbursed any monies to produce all supporting books, records, receipts, warrants, vouchers and cancelled checks as authorized by Section 29 of the General Municipal Law.

WHEREAS Supervisor Jeff Ruso and Councilmember Kelly Downes, Chair and Member of the Audit and Budget Committee, completed the Annual Review of the financial records of the Tax Collector on January 9, Town Court on January 23, Town Clerk on January 28, and Petty Cash Audit of the Building/Planning/Zoning Department on January 29.

RESOLVED the Town Board accepts the Annual Review for said departments for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

Supervisor Ruso: You’ve all had a chance to review them. They all came out good, I liked them. Kelly, do you want to say anything about them, those that you did?

Councilmember Downes: No, everybody did well.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: She did most of them, I only did one.

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RESOLUTION 56-2021
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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FROM
THE BANK OF GREENE COUNTY**

RESOLVED Supervisor Jeffrey Ruso and Councilmember Shelly VanEtten are authorized to submit an application to The Bank of Greene County on behalf of the Summer Recreation Program for 2021.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

Supervisor Ruso: Let's hope we have one this year. We had to cancel last year, but things will be what they are.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION 57-2021
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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE TO
PARTICIPATE IN COUNTY HIGHWAY PURCHASES**

WHEREAS Greene County has contracted for certain highway materials, equipment and supplies for 2021 and has adopted Resolution No. 16-21 on January 20, 2021 authorizing municipalities to participate in County highway purchases.

WHEREAS the Highway Superintendent will continue to follow the Procurement Policy adopted on January 1, 2021.

RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to purchase certain highway materials, equipment and supplies during the year 2021, subject to the rules heretofore and hereafter adopted by the County pursuant to Section 408-A of the County Law.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes and VanEtten

Councilmember Boehlke: So, do you have like a summary of what this Section 408-A is?

Supervisor Ruso: No, I don't have one with me. I have read it. That's County Law.

Councilmember Boehlke: So what's the gist of it?

Supervisor Ruso: Basically, the County has requirements for bidding of various materials. They are allowed to bid on behalf of all Towns that accept the County bid and that's a County Law. I keep track of municipal law better, but that's the gist of it, yes.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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Councilmember Downes: So basically we can just tag along with the County.

Supervisor Ruso: So basically we are piggybacking on the County bid process so we don't have to bid it out ourselves. They've already done it.

Councilmember Boehlke: Because you're buying in quantity.

Supervisor Ruso: They get a bulk purchasing type of arrangement, saves a buck or two

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF APPOINTMENT
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE GREENE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING FOR 2021**

WHEREAS a vacancy exists for the New Baltimore Representative to the Advisory Council to the Greene County Department for the Aging for 2021.

RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore recommends the appointment of Jeffry R. Ruso as the Town's representative for 2021 and forwards said recommendation to County Legislator Pat Linger and Terry McGee Ward, Executive Director of the Greene County Department of Human Services (Aging) for appointment.

Motion by Councilmember VanEtten seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

Councilmember Boehlke: So how would Jeff Ruso know anything about aging?

Supervisor Ruso: Well, I've only run a nursing home for 30 years. I have that. Nevertheless I've had training.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN
AN AGREEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR
UPGRADING THE TOWN WEBSITE**

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore adopted Resolution 156-2019 to approve the upgrading of the Town website at \$85/hour for 18 hours.

RESOLVED due to changes in scope and requested features, the Supervisor is authorized to sign an agreement for up to eight hours of additional project time at \$85/hour or \$680 to complete the project.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

Councilmember Downes: What happened?

Supervisor Ruso: It was a bigger job than they knew and plus we added some things to it. Some of it was on us.

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Councilmember Downes: Okay, okay, that's fine.

Supervisor Ruso: Well, part of the problem was that they upon analysis they found some equipment items and of the like that were at the end of their useful life.

Councilmember VanEtten: We really need to have it done too.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION 60-2021

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RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO PAY AUDITED CLAIMS

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

WHEREAS the Town Board has audited claims 2021-02-01 to 2021-02-42, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2021-02-01 to 2021-02-42.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until March 31, 2021.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

General \$667,453.88, which includes the tax collection for both Fire Districts, Highway \$10,285.90, Sewer 1 \$2,128.12, Sewer 2 \$439.96, Water 2 \$3,348.62, Water 3 \$752.53, Lighting 1 \$1,970.82, Lighting 2 \$190.66, Total \$686,570.49

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None

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmembers Downes and VanEtten to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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Supervisor Ruso: Thank you everybody, stay warm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC
Town Clerk