

**7:00 PM Swearing-In Ceremony for Town Justice Anthony Konsul**

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

**APRIL 25, 2022**

*Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

**Reports**

Supervisor

County Legislator

Town Clerk

- Resolution to Authorize the Town Clerk to Attend the New York State Association of Tax Receivers & Collectors Training Seminar in Ithaca, New York
- April 11, 2022 Town Board Regular Meeting

Historian

Agriculture/AgFest (Chair Boehlke/Member Irving)

Animal Control (Chair Irving, Member Ruso)

Assessment (Chair VanEtten/Member Ruso)

Audit and Budget (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

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

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer (Chair Downes/Member Ruso)

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

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

Greene County Planning Board (Boehlke)

Highway (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

- Bid Opening for Paving Projects
- Resolution to Approve Emergency Purchase for Repair of Shoulder on Shady Lane

Insurance (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member VanEtten)

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

Seniors (Chair VanEtten/Member Downes)

Technology/Website (Chair Downes/Member Boehlke)

Town Courts (Chair VanEtten/Member Ruso)

Veterans and Memorials (Chair VanEtten/Member Irving)

Wastewater Treatment (Chair Irving/Member Boehlke)

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

- Resolution to Authorize Payment for Playground Equipment

**Upcoming Meetings**

- May 4, 2022 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting is Cancelled
- May 9, 2022 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- May 12, 2022 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- May 23, 2022 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- May 30, 2022 Town Offices Closed for Memorial Day

**Public Comment Period/Community Events**

**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.

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**SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF TOWN JUSTICE ANTHONY KONSUL**  
**BY TOWN JUSTICE JAMES HUFF**

**OPENING OF WORK MEETING**

Supervisor Ruso opened the Work Meeting at 7:04 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending Councilmembers Boehlke, Downes, Irving and VanEtten; Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti; Town Clerk Finke; Highway Superintendent VanWormer; and 6 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I have my report and mostly it's about our March financials. I hope you folks have had the opportunity to read them. Any changes? I'll make a Motion to accept the March financials.

**Councilmember Downes:** I'll second.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

**Supervisor Ruso:** I got an email from Alan VanWormer and it's about the required Sexual Harassment and Workplace Violence training. Alan has found an online program, it takes 45 minutes per session, employees can take it at their leisure from any computer and print a completion certificate when finished. He's also looking to find a way to do it in a group session which I guess we could. So we can do that. So we can set it up here at a meeting or one night after the meeting or something to that affect.

**Alan VanWormer:** As long as we have email addresses and names for everybody so they can log in, enter the thing, you just click on your name and print your certificate.

**Supervisor Ruso:** So I think what's left for the Board to do is because there's a lot of people who are behind. COVID put everybody behind and all this stuff is geared up to go again and so we need to set a deadline for the training to be completed for all Town employees including ourselves, other Boards etc., etc., etc., Judges that just left. Do we have any ideas in terms of a deadline that we want to assert for all employees?

**Councilmember Boehlke:** Probably before school vacations start.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Well, I'm thinking the end of June because May's just around the corner. That's too quick. So I'm thinking give them nine weeks basically.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** And you can do this at home also, Alan? You can do it you're our own computers.

**Alan VanWormer:** Yup. Yup. What I'll do is I'll put in your name and your email address. It will send you an invitation, you click on it, it walks you right through it from there.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I have to pass a message out to the Zoning Board, Planning Board. You can certainly tell the Highway people and the list goes on. I'm just throwing it out there the end of June, does anyone have a different date in mind?

**Councilmember VanEtten:** Forty-five minutes, I think we can do that by the end of June.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Alright, so then I guess I'll make a Motion to set a deadline for the Workplace Violence and Sexual Harassment training session to be completed by all Town employees by June 30.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** I'll second.

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AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

**Councilmember VanEtten:** And you can do it any day of the week?

**Alan VanWormer:** Yes, through Trident, our insurance carrier.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Thank you for finding that out for us.

***County Legislator Linger***

As you may have noticed, I have been uncharacteristically absent from Town Board meetings since January's Organizational Meeting. On January 4, I was taken from work to the hospital by ambulance, and was diagnosed with a dissecting aorta. Surgeons gave me a 20 – 30 percent chance of surviving the surgery, as the dissection was about 80% complete when diagnosed. Blood flow considerations following surgery required a carotid bypass and a subclavian bypass. An allergic reaction to a blood thinner resulted in a stroke, and we threw in a positive Covid diagnosis for good measure. Through the miracles of modern medicine and a lot of people in my corner, I'm here giving my report tonight. I have returned to work and have one visit left at both Physical and Occupational Therapy to complete that. We have begun a new composting pilot program at the Catskill Transfer Station. We purchased a 1,000 pound per day machine to test and gauge interest. If successful, we will purchase a larger machine in the future and move this one to the mountaintop. Indications are that a successful composting venture could divert up to 30% of our solid waste from the landfill. Sticking with solid waste, we have put aside over \$4.2 million to use for redoing both the Catskill and Coxsackie transfer stations. Construction has begun in Coxsackie and all C&D waste must be taken to Catskill temporarily. We approved the household hazardous waste collection for 2 dates this year. I don't have the dates yet, but one will be this summer in Athens and a second will be in the fall on the mountain. We approved public comments opposing the Draft Scoping Plan of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act to be sent to the NYS Climate Action Council. The plan unfairly puts the majority of compliance burdens on Upstate NY residents. Public comments are being accepted until June 10, 2022. Medication assisted treatments such as suboxone and others are now mandated in county jails. Greene County will receive \$101,250 from OASAS to fund this. We approved fuel bids from Bottini Fuel for next year at 12 cents over tank car price for County buildings, and 13.5 cents over for all other municipalities. We approved LTRW out of Albany to perform the architectural design of the new Justice Center and courthouse addition. We hope to put this project out to bid by the end of the year. We approved leasing space in the Cairo office building for a new Veteran Reintegration Center. The \$92,500 cost of operating center will be funded through a Joseph P. Dwyer peer-to-peer program grant. We approved engineering costs of \$335,000 for the CR 61 bridge over the Coxsackie Creek. That replacement is expected to take place in 2023. We will hold a public hearing on a proposed Solar PILOT Law on Wednesday, May 4 at 6pm. This local law will set the rate for all commercial/industrial PILOTs at \$8,750 per megawatt. NYSEDA has stopped providing PILOT guidelines, prompting this change. We appointed Edward Brandt Coroner to replace Paul Seney, who resigned. The GCSO put into service therapy dog Mac, who is based in the Cairo with his handler Deputy Espel. I will present a Wayne C. Speenburgh grant to the Agfest committee to help offset costs after a 2-year hiatus.

**Town Clerk Finke:** Welcome back, Pat. We missed you, we really did.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I have three questions for you. The Bottini fuel, is that no. 2 fuel oil, is it diesel? What is that?

**County Legislator Linger:** It's heating oil.

**Supervisor Ruso:** We've been getting it from them. The second question is has your PILOT law that you're proposing, has it been published yet? Is it available for a review?

**County Legislator Linger:** I have to look and see if it hit the website yet.

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**Supervisor Ruso:** Because I would really like to see it before I make my comment.

**County Legislator Linger:** No, we just approved it Wednesday night so I'm pretty sure it hit the website already, but I'd have to look.

**Supervisor Ruso:** And the last question is kind of out of the blue...

**County Legislator Linger:** And that is it's gonna be effective for the County PILOT so if the Town and the School District want to do their own, they'll have to do their own local law.

**Supervisor Ruso:** That's not 100 percent consistent with my conversation with Ray Ward. He was talking about \$8,500 and it comes out to be \$8,750, but he was just talking rough and that would be the total for all municipal organizations to share was \$8,500.

**County Legislator Linger:** Correct.

**Supervisor Ruso:** And we would get a piece of it.

**County Legislator Linger:** Does the Town not have to pass the same resolution, though, to do that?

**Supervisor Ruso:** We have some input into this, yes. So in fact some of these conversations are gonna be part of our Solar Committee because the PILOT as I was informed we have all the risk, the Town of New Baltimore and the other Towns do, and we get 12 percent of every PILOT. So we would get 12 percent of \$8,750.

**Council Legislator Linger:** Well, that's per megawatt.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Per megawatt, yes. Some of the lots that they're on, we currently get more taxes from them than we would get from the PILOT. So we would have a problem approving that obviously.

**County Legislator Linger:** NYSERDA used to say three percent was the average that they would do for PILOTS. They've now have taken all of their recommendations away so there are no recommendations now and typically what they're doing is under-valuing the solar projects.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Teichos and the others are really looking to lowball it.

**County Legislator Linger:** Yeah, so this puts it at I believe it's a 3 1/2 percent PILOT roughly and it's a given, here's what it is, it's \$8,750 per megawatt.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I like the idea of it, sometimes the devil is in the details. The last question, I don't recall and Alan didn't recall, do they take tires in Cocksackie Transfer Station?

**County Legislator Linger:** I believe so.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** They do online.

**County Legislator Linger:** They have been.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** It's online that they take them.

**Councilmember Downes:** He looked it up and it said...

**County Legislator Linger:** I can find out if that's changed because of construction that's going on, but I don't believe so.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Well, W&W has been taking our tires forever and they are no longer going to accept tires.

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**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** I called Catskill to see if we could set up an account with them and they don't do accounts (unable to understand) credit card or cash so when I called Scott, and he said to bring them to the Catskill Transfer Station.

**County Legislator Linger:** To Catskill? I wonder if that's just because of the construction that's going on in Cossackie.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** It could be, yes.

**County Legislator Linger:** The only thing I was aware of was construction and demolition that couldn't go to Cossackie, but it could be tires as well.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Some of the points obviously if we're bringing them to W&W, not even a mile away or going to Catskill, there's a higher cost to the Town of doing that and we end up pretty much collecting \$3 and we're paying \$3. Now we're collecting \$3 and it's costing us more and that doesn't even count the tires that you find on the road. Not the most costly thing, but we were looking at that. If you could find out if we could take them to Cossackie, that would be a lot easier.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** I'll call Scott.

**Ellie Alfeld:** Patrick, you said C&D is not gonna be at Cossackie correct?

**County Legislator Linger:** Not while they're doing construction.

**Ellie Alfeld:** But I can bring my household stuff?

**County Legislator Linger:** Yes.

***Town Clerk Barb Finke***

6 Building Permits \$1,978.50, 10 CO Searches \$500, 6 EZ Pass Tags \$150, 2 Fishing Licenses \$2.76, 41 Dog Licenses \$282, 1 Late Dog Licenses \$5, 1 Marriage License \$17.50, 1 Demolition Permit \$75, 2 Excavation Fees Culvert Under Driveway \$70, 14 Certified Copies \$140, 14 Photo Copies \$3.50, 3 Sign Permits \$225, State, County & Local Revenues \$3,572, to New York State Agriculture and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program \$53, to New York State Department of Health for Marriages \$22.50, to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$47.24, Total to Supervisor \$3,449.26. I attended the Columbia Greene Town Clerk's Association Meeting on St. Patrick's Day at Kozel's Restaurant. We discussed our upcoming Annual Conference and new incoming Town Clerks were introduced.

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

**RESOLUTION 89-2022**  
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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN CLERK TO ATTEND THE  
NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF TAX RECEIVERS & COLLECTORS  
ANNUAL TRAINING SEMINAR IN ITHACA, NEW YORK**

**WHEREAS** the New York State Association of Tax Receivers & Collectors has scheduled their Annual Training Seminar from June 12-15, 2022 in Ithaca, New York

**RESOLVED** that Town Clerk Barbara Finke is authorized to attend said training at a cost of \$100 for registration and \$345 for overnight accommodations and meals.

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Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

The April 11, 2022 Town Board Regular Meeting submitted by Town Clerk Finke Moved by Supervisor Ruso and was seconded by Councilmember Downes. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

**Historian Ted Hilscher** I have been invited by our friends at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Community Library to supply the images for the community display area of the library lobby for the months of May and June. I have chosen 12 historic black and white photographs from New Baltimore history, 6 of the hamlet and 6 outside the hamlet, and written a short brochure to provide text for each image. The hamlet photos cover the ice and ship building industries, and prominent buildings no longer standing such as stores and hotels. For “outside the hamlet” I chose six images of farm life on the Lisk/Hallock Farm on Roberts Hill Road. I taught a class on historic architectural styles to the Building Construction Class at Columbia Greene Community College. The former Albertus Hotaling house on Reservoir Road was featured as a classic example of rural nineteenth century Greek Revival architecture. I corresponded with a descendent of the Waddingtons who lived on a farm removed in the Niagara Mohawk power line construction in the early 1960s. I was able to provide a photograph of the old home.

**Recycling Coordinator Kirk Trombley**

March 30-April 25, 2022, 60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastics) 10, 13 Bundles of Magazines and Phone Books, 41 Bags and Bundles of Newspaper, 55 Boxes and Bundles of Cardboard, 1 Microwave Oven on April 23.

**Code Enforcement Officer Allan Jourdin**

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for March 2022, is as follows: Building Inspections: 21 Building Permits Issued: 4 Building Permits Renewed: 4 Building Permit Renewal Letters Sent: 13 First Notice Certificates of Compliance Issued: 2 Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 1 Certificate of Occupancy Search Requests: 10 Demolition Permit Applications Received: 1 Demolition Permits Issued: 1 Manufactured (Mobile) Home Permits Issued: 1 New Building Permit Applications Received: 9 New Building Permit Applications Awaiting Permit Issuance: 11 Open Building Permits: 176 New Septic Permit applications: 2 New Septic System Permits Issued: 2 Sign Permits Issued: 1 Application Fees for March, 2022: \$2,278.50 Total Fees for Year to Date: \$10,054.45

**Greene County EMS Representative Nick Dellisanti**

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. There were 7 EMS calls in March for a total of 26 for this year 2022. We had 110 calls for all of 2021.

**Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti:** So we are basically right on the mark as of last year. Our calls did go down in the month of March thank God.

**Supervisor Ruso:** What do we get charged, the Town, for each one?

**Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti:** \$287.

**Supervisor Ruso:** \$287 every time they're called. That's what the Town charges are.

**Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti:** Right.

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***Bid Opening for Paving Projects***

**Town Clerk Finke:** Both of the bids came in today at 3:45 PM.

<b>Callanan Industries</b>	Estimated Total: 5,385 Tons	Unit Price: \$72.45/Ton
<b>Peckham Road Corp.</b>		Total Bid Price: \$485,798.90

**Supervisor Ruso:** I can see a couple things on this. Peckham has a total price identified for the roads.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** You have to multiply this by this.

**Councilmember Downes:** It's \$390,143.25.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** That's the total for Callanan?

**Councilmember Downes:** That's what I'm coming up with, anybody come up with anything different?

**Supervisor Ruso:** Let me just check one more piece of math here because the number of tons identified I would like to verify this with Alan. Let's see now 3,924 tons that's for Deans Mills, 1,950 for Flatbush, plus 54 for Taylor that little thing, plus 127, that's 6,055 tons. My question to you, Mr. VanWormer, is why does Peckham say they're gonna charge us 6,055 tons whereas Callanan suggested it will be 5,385 tons?

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** That I don't know. They both came and looked at them, I'm not really sure why there a difference in tonnage.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Well, the cost per ton for Callanan's is \$72.45, the price per ton, and he has three different figures here believe it or not and I don't know why.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Yeah, I'm confused on that.

**Supervisor Ruso:** The lowest price he has for the tonnage on Deans Mill is \$78.35, the next lowest is \$79.50 for Flatbush, and then he wants \$110 for Taylor Road, and \$125 for Hadley Road.

**Councilmember Downes:** It drops every time your tonnage goes up.

**Supervisor Ruso:** So really the price per ton for Callanan is approximately \$6 less, actually \$5.90 less than Peckham's, and furthermore the total cost at their estimates is \$390,143 versus the cost at Peckham's of \$485,798. So it's a difference of \$95,000. So obviously I'm gonna suggest that unless there's some other information to bear upon this decision. I think that the Callanan bid is the winning bid. Now we'll vote on that, but I wanted your input before we voted, sir.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** That's fine with Callahan, too.

**Supervisor Ruso:** So I guess I'll make a Motion to accept the bid for Callanan for paving for this year's road repairs. So I'll make that Motion.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** I'll second.

**Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti:** The budget for the CHIPS money was like \$381,000?

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Yeah, we're gonna have to cut back. I might not be able to do Hadley. I might have to take that back off.

**Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti:** You're gonna have to redo the 284 Agreement.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Yeah, we'll have to revise it.

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**Supervisor Ruso:** That's 75 tons at \$72 so we're talking, it's about \$6,000.

**Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti:** I think that the 284 Agreement has to change.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Yeah, that will have to be revised.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** Callanan's is an estimated total...

**Supervisor Ruso:** That's what they all are.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** They come and measure. They have a formula that they use to figure it out. I got information today, I told you last month about the Pave Our Potholes money, we got another \$32,000 and change from that, too.

**Supervisor Ruso:** At least the potholes on these roads will be taken care of.

**Councilmember Downes:** Alan, is there any topping on this so say if we end up going to 4,000 tons, is there any point that they say 'yeah, we don't do the \$72.45 after this amount?'

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Oh, no. Whatever we use, that's what they're gonna do.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** There's a lot less responsibility on our part, too, with Callanan's. They have a whole list of notations with Peckham including what's this fuel price adjustment, asphalt and fuel price adjustment? So they've got some built in.

**Supervisor Ruso:** So they have some add-ons.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** They just call it index.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** What is that do you know?

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** I guess it's the fluctuation day to day on what oil prices do,

**Councilmember Boehlke:** So they can adjust this within the agreement.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Yeah.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** I agree about Callanan's.

**Supervisor Ruso:** All of those in favor of Callanan being the awardee of our 2022 asphalt program, I'll make the Motion.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** I'll second.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

**Supervisor Ruso:** Okay, Callanan it is. I expect you're gonna be making the phone calls and of the like.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** I'll send a revised copy of the 284 Agreement over.

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***Highway Superintendent Alan VanWormer***

March 28 to April 25, 2022 Continued to remove old engine from 1985 International truck #9; Cut leaning trees on Staco Road, Saw Mill Road, West Deans Mill Road, and High Bridge Roads; Wednesday 3/30/22 8pm cut fallen tree from roadway on West Deans Mill Road; Picked up sweeper for Town of Coxsackie with our trailer; Filled out and sent NYS DOT work permit for paving on Flatbush Road, and Taylor Road; Picked up cylinder heads from universal auto for engine rebuild; Picked up head bolts from Allegiance truck for 1985 International truck #9; Updated truck, equipment, and tool inventory and sent to Highway Committee; Took sander off 2011 F350; Checked over ford tractor and put York rake on for roadside cleanup; Picked up garbage from Town Hall; Cleaned up debris from lawns left by plows; Measured culverts to be replaced on Deans Mill Road prior to paving (7 total); Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> I attended a 7 hour pavement preservation workshop in Acra; Put rebuilt engine back in 1985 International truck #9; Picked up dead deer on Medway Earlton Road; Put water tank on 2006 f350 get ready for sweeping; Picked up sweeper from Finke Equipment, and started sweeping Roads; Repaired washouts from heavy rain on Mill Street, Circle Drive, and School Hill Road; Had tires installed on rear of 1996 International dump truck, truck#8; Put water tank back in at District 1 park, power still has to be hooked back up to the well; Tuesday April 19 snow at night plowed all roads next morning; Repaired air leak on 2013 International truck #7; Took 8 used truck tires to Catskill Transfer Station from our truck number 8; Cut two leaning trees with Town of Athens Bucket truck; Replaced bristles on sweeper and continued sweeping roads; Mowed the lawn at Town Hall.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Townwide Roadside Cleanup, we usually do that in May I think. If we want to do it, the dates I looked at was the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup>. Then we can pick up the bags on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> and then the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, we can pick up the bags on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, a Monday following if that works.

**Supervisor Ruso:** What roads do you plan on doing the cleanup on?

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** It's Townwide, they get bags and they go around and pick up the garbage, then we pick up the bags when they're done.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I saw people doing it today right near my house. I think that was the Conservancy.

**Eilleen Vosburgh:** That was the Conservancy.

**Supervisor Ruso:** You can do it like Earth Day or around then. In fact, did I see you out there on one of the roads yesterday?

**Eilleen Vosburgh:** Yeah, yesterday.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** One thing else I have, I did receive an application today.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** Where's he live?

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Sweezey Road.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Very good. So you're gonna interview him?

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Yes.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Let us know

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** It's for one of our open Motor Equipment Operator positions. Thing is I talked to Civil Service today and because he doesn't have his CDL, he has a permit, he doesn't have the full license yet, she says that we can't appoint him as a Heavy Motor Equipment Operator and we can't appoint him as a Motor Equipment Operator, but he can be hired as a truck driver/laborer which to me it sounds backwards. You don't need a CDL license to operate equipment, but you do need one to drive truck.

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**Councilmember Boehlke:** Our trucks, yeah.

**Supervisor Ruso:** We're gonna have to talk about this. We won't resolve it right here because there's too many little things to look up.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** I just want you to be aware we do have an application coming forth.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I think the first step is to interview the fellow.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** Find out when he's gonna complete his CDL.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Actually, he's working on it right now. He's got his permit. I think tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday he's going to take that new federal-mandated training.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** That's the only glitch right?

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Yeah, that's the only thing.

**Ellie Alfeld:** How old is Taylor Road?

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Way older than me. You know where it is, it goes from 9W up to Flatbush.

**Ellie Alfeld:** I know where it goes, but it didn't seem to be such an old road that it was in dire need of...

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Oh, it's bad, bad.

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

**RESOLUTION 90-2022**  
**APRIL 25, 2022**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EMERGENCY PURCHASE FOR  
REPAIR OF SHOULDER ON SHADY LANE**

**WHEREAS** the Town Board adopted a Procurement Policy on January 1, 2022 concerning the procurement of goods and services.

**WHEREAS** approximately 50' of shoulder on Shady Lane washed down the embankment due to heavy rain on April 7-9, 2022.

**WHEREAS** due to the emergency condition of this purchase and according to Procurement Policy 6 b, Section 103(4) of the General Municipal Law, this repair had to be performed immediately and an alternative proposal might threaten the life, health, safety or welfare of the residents.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approves said emergency repair and purchase of 20 6'x2'x2' and 10 3'x2'x2' concrete construction blocks from Clemente Concrete, Purchase Order No. H-2022-90.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

**Supervisor Ruso:** The cost of that isn't extremely high. It's \$1,500 according to this.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer and Councilmember Boehlke:** For the block.

**Supervisor Ruso:** For the block, yeah. I don't know about delivery and so forth.

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**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Usually the County picks them up for us on a tractor trailer.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

***Planning Board Chair Rob VanEtten***

The Planning Board met on April 14, 2022, with the following business transacted: ...With regard to the Messina minor subdivision approved at the January, 2022, meeting, conditioned on receipt of final maps containing required items missing from earlier submitted maps, maps were submitted for the Board's final review and approval. Maps were found to be lacking required surveyor's stamp on all but the mylar. As soon as maps are received containing the surveyor's stamp as well as signature, the Chair will stamp and sign the maps so the applicants can file them in the County Clerk's office. ...Site Plan Application discussion began with Dan Hershberg of Hershberg and Hershberg, representing U.S. Route 9W, LLC, with regard to their proposed project for five 20,000 square foot storage buildings to be erected on a 25-acre parcel owned by applicant on Route 9W just south of Kreitmeier Road. Mr. Hershberg had made a pre-application presentation before the Board in May of 2021. The applicants are now ready to move forward with the project. The Planning Board will now begin the process to select an Engineer to assist them in the review of this project.

**Ellie Alfeld:** As I was attending this meeting, Mr. Hershberg for the benefit of the whole Planning Board, brought in a white board that identified everything that is to go on this property. It was such a pleasure to see such a well-developed presentation because he had an easel to put this white board on that was probably at least 18" by 24", I really think that in some times when the Town Board has a hearing or a presentation it would behoove you to show us as good a presentation as what we saw for the Planning Board. It was very easily understood.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** We kind of saw that with Delaware Engineering.

**Ellie Alfeld:** We saw a black and white small presentation and it's not visible.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** A picture is worth a thousand words I agree with you.

**Ellie Alfeld:** It really makes it so much easier to know what you are approving and that's my comment.

***Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Pat Linger***

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet on April 6 since there were no applications to come before the Board.

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**RESOLUTION 91-2022**

**APRIL 25, 2022**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS** the Town Board adopted Resolution 76-2022 to authorize payment for playground equipment at Joseph Wyche Park.

**WHEREAS** the Friends of New Baltimore Recreation received a grant from The Bank of Greene County Charitable Fund for \$1,000 and would like to apply that grant to the purchase.

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**RESOLVED** the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore authorizes payment of \$46,108.23 -- \$5,000 from the SAM grant, \$40,108.23 from the Town of New Baltimore Playground Reserve Fund, and \$1,000 from The Friends of New Baltimore Recreation to Miracle Recreation Equipment Co., State Contract PC67836, Sourcewell 010521-LTS.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

**Supervisor Ruso:** A quick response to your comment, I am in conversation, mostly by email so it's in writing but it's not finalized, with Senator Hinchey's Office looking for some sort of grant opportunities and one of those grant opportunities is a smart tv, large one, installation in here in Town Board so that when people have these things it will be up on the wall. So it's just picking out which wall we're gonna put it on is part of the issue, but it's not finalized yet. So that will help everybody's presentations whether it's Delaware Engineering or Hershberg and Hershberg or the budget or fill in the blanks. So that's in the works so thank you for your comment.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- May 4, 2022 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting is Cancelled
- May 9, 2022 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- May 12, 2022 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- May 23, 2022 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- May 30, 2022 Town Offices Closed for Memorial Day

**Public Comment Period/Community Events**

**Eileen Vosburgh:** What is a SAM grant?

**Supervisor Ruso and County Legislator Linger:** State Aid to Municipalities.

**Eileen Vosburgh:** And in that money that was transferred over, the \$40,108.23, that was the surplus money right from last year?

**Supervisor Ruso:** Yeah, it was put in the Reserve just for Parks.

**Eileen Vosburgh:** So did you ever work on getting a grant writer, remember I asked about that?

**Supervisor Ruso:** No, we haven't done that. They have a grant writer with Delaware Engineering and most of our grants have been large things such as the sewer and the water and they've been doing our grant writing on our behalf. They're also helping us with a new SAM grant through Senator Hinchey's Office. Mary Beth Bianconi who we've all seen here has one of her people working with Senator Hinchey's Office right now. We've been applying the services of the grant writer at Delaware Engineering for those big projects.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** They're very expensive, a grant writing.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Shelly has been taking care of some of the small ones. The question before us is the Town considering a grant writer and we have had through our engineering company a grant writer for the big projects and Shelly's been writing the small grants such as the Greene County Speenburgh grant, and the Bank of Greene County, but Shelly's not a pro but she's been getting it done.

**Eileen Vosburgh:** The Town of Coeymans has grant writers.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** They also have a much bigger budget than we do.

**Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti:** They get paid about \$50,000 a year.

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**Councilmember VanEtten:** Probably can't afford that.

**Eilleen Vosburgh:** There's a Crop Walk, RCS Association of Churches, Sunday, May 15.

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**RESOLUTION 92-2022**  
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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 2022b-04-01 to 2022b-04-31, it is

*RESOLVED* that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2022b-04-01 to 2022b-04-31.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until May 31, 2022.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmembers VanEtten and Boehlke

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

General \$19,085.91, Highway \$4,264.70, Sewer 1 \$59,259, Sewer 2 \$608.18, Water 2 \$2,697.65, Water 3 \$605.94, Total \$86,521.38

Motion by Councilmember Downes seconded by Councilmember VanEtten to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downs, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

**Supervisor Ruso:** Goodnight each and all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC  
Town Clerk