

**6:45 Public Hearing on Local Law 2 of 2022 Changing the Date Established for Grievance Day for Real Property Assessment Review**

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

**FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

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

**Reports**

Supervisor

- State of New York Department of State Notice of Receipt of Local Law 1 of 2022

County Legislator

Town Clerk

- February 14, 2022 Town Board Regular Meeting

Historian

Agriculture/AgFest (Chair Boehlke/Member Irving)

Animal Control (Chair Irving, Member Ruso)

Assessment (Chair VanEtten/Member Ruso)

- Resolution to Adopt Local Law 2 of 2022
- Resolution to Opt out of Section 485-b of the Real Property Tax Law

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)

- Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Execute Agreement with Ravena Rescue Squad for Ambulance Services Provided to New Baltimore District No. 1

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

Greene County Planning Board (Boehlke)

- Resolution to Appoint Member of Greene County Planning Board

Highway (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

Insurance (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

- Resolution to Authorize Purchase of Property and Casualty Insurance

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member VanEtten)

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

- Resolution to Reappoint Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals

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)

**Upcoming Meetings**

- March 2, 2022 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting is Cancelled
- March 10, 2022 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- March 14, 2022 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- March 28, 2022 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

**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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**OPENING OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Supervisor Ruso opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 PM. Also attending Councilmembers Boehlke, Downes, Irving and VanEtten; Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti; Town Clerk Finke; Assessor Dawn DeRose; Highway Superintendent VanWormer; and 3 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

**Supervisor Ruso:** The Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6:45 PM at the Town Hall, 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, New York to hear those members of the public who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law 2 of 2022, a Local Law Changing the Date Established for Grievance Day for Real Property Assessment Review. **PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2022 A LOCAL LAW CHANGING THE DATE ESTABLISHED FOR GRIEVANCE DAY FOR REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT REVIEW** Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore, as follows: **SECTION 1. Title** This chapter shall be known as “A Local Law Changing the Date Established for Grievance Day for Real Property Assessment Review.” **SECTION 2. Authority** This chapter is enacted pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §512, which established grievance day as the fourth Tuesday of May, but enables a Town to change such grievance day by local law. **SECTION 3. Statement of Purpose** The Town of New Baltimore employs a sole Assessor who also serves as the Assessor for other assessing units. Pursuant to the authority granted in Real Property Tax Law § 512 the Town of New Baltimore wishes to establish a date for the meeting of the Board of Assessment Review to hear grievances other than that established in Real Property Tax Law §512(1). **SECTION 4. Grievance Day** The Town of New Baltimore hereby adopts as its grievance day the first Wednesday following the fourth Tuesday in May and so many days thereafter as the Board of Assessment Review deems necessary for the purpose of the Board of Assessment Review hearing complaints in relation to assessments. **SECTION 5.** This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State. By Order of the Town Board Barbara M. Finke, Town Clerk’

**Supervisor Ruso:** So this is our Public Hearing so that we can hear from the public their perspectives on the change on this Local Law #2. So with that being said, I will open this up to the public to hear from them. Comments please.

**Ellie Alfeld:** I just want to make one comment. I think it would behoove the public if we had the exact date instead of the first Wednesday after the fourth Tuesday. I think it would be nice to say May 27, May 28 whatever the hell it is.

**Town Clerk Finke:** It’s on the resolution.

**Ellie Alfeld:** But that doesn’t help the general public.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** Dawn, I just want to make it clear that when someone has a grievance and has to come, they have to fill out a form, so then at that point they would be told what the date is.

**Dawn DeRose:** Yes, it will go out when I send out the notice changes in May. It will be on that form. The date will be because every year it will change and that so it does go out on the form on May 1<sup>st</sup> and then it will also be in the paper too.

**Ellie Alfeld:** Not many people read the paper.

**Town Clerk Finke:** I think it’s the 25<sup>th</sup> of May.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** So people don’t just show up on Grievance Day without having filed out the form.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Nevertheless, it is on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May.

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**Ellie Alfeld:** I know. I looked it up.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Any further public comment. We can give a few stragglers time to show up and have idle conversations in the meantime, but I don't think it's necessary to continue to be open do you?

**Town Clerk Finke:** Anybody have any questions? The Assessor is here.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Mr. Eckl anything to say about the change in the Board of Assessment Review Date?

**James Eckl:** No, sir, thank you.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Thank you. Hearing no further comments I will draw the Public Hearing to a close. Thank you everybody

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC  
Town Clerk

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**OPENING OF WORK MEETING**

Supervisor Ruso opened the Work 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; Highway Superintendent VanWormer; and 3 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

**Supervisor Ruso:** The monthly financial reports from January have been forwarded to all Town Board members. Has everyone had a chance to review them? I would like to make a Motion to accept those January reports.

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

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

**Supervisor Ruso:** A couple things I'm going to add to my Supervisor's report. First off, I believe all of you have the AUD for the Fiscal Year ended 2021. I know that you just got them this evening so we won't have until next meeting's agenda, but you do have them and I do want you to take note of in the General Fund we had a surplus of \$428,823. Some of that money, \$166,000 is ARPA money and that's restricted funds just so you know. In the Highway we had a deficit of \$14,616, I think that is related to the skid steer certainly -- \$51,000. So, nevertheless, overwhelmingly \$428,000 overwhelms any other minor deficits and also I thought I should give a bit of a union update. Our first meeting happened. It was held and the union submitted it's opening proposal and the Town has prepared it's response or counterproposal and our labor Attorney has reached out to the union negotiator for a meeting date. As of this afternoon I do not have a meeting date scheduled. We're looking forward to having it, and for those that might now know, I've been through six union negotiations prior to this one, four with SEIU and two with the UFCW. It's kind of going as expected, the initial proposal is always on the union and then our counterproposal. The timeframes aren't terribly different from what I've seen. In fact I think it's a little quick on some cases. But we've not had the chance to give our counterproposal as of yet, but we look forward to soon. I know that I've talked to our Attorney late last week and he said hopefully we'll find out soon. So in the meantime we're waiting for them to get back to us or at least maybe if they did, I haven't been informed of such. Alright, so that's the status of that.

**State of New York Department of State 'RE: Town of New Baltimore, Local Law 1 2022 filed on February 9 2022** Dear Sir/Madam: The above referenced material was filed by this office as indicated. Additional local law filing forms can be obtained from our website, [www.dos.ny.gov](http://www.dos.ny.gov).

***Town Clerk Barb Finke***

**January 1-31, 2022** 4 Building Permits \$2,690.95, 1 CO Searches \$50, 1 EZ Pass Tag \$25, 1 Fishing Licenses \$1.38, 26 Dog Licenses \$174, 5 Late Dog Licenses \$25, 7 Certified Copies \$70, 1 Genealogical Copy \$22, Recycle Fees \$40, State, County & Local Revenues \$3,153.95, to New York State Agriculture and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program \$32, to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$23.62, Total to Supervisor \$3,098.33. We received 3 FOILs in January. Amanda and I processed property tax, water and sewer bills during January. We have been working with Edmunds GovTech on our online tax portal.

**January 1-December 31, 2021** 1 Special Use Non Commercial \$40, 1 25 Acres and Less than 50 Site Plan Review \$2,000, 67 Building Permits \$133,768.57, 5 Chimney and Woodstoves \$200, 6 Decks & Porches \$450, 2 Garages \$213.60, 1 Septic System Replacement \$40, 60 CO Searches \$900, 29 EZ Pass Tags \$725, 101 Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$324.80, 2 Exempt Dogs, 297 Dog Licenses \$2,070, 3 Replacement Tags \$6, 52 Late Licenses \$260, 1 Junkyard \$100, 12 Marriage Licenses \$210, 7 Beer \$140, 16 Park Rentals \$400, 14 Demolition \$1,050, 3 Excavation Fees Culvert Under Driveways \$105, 1 Lot Line Adjustment \$50, 15 Minor Subdivisions \$450, 1 Return Check Fee \$20, 7 Above Ground Swimming Pools \$420, 1 Mobile Home – Double \$225, 2 Mobile Home Single \$300, 1 Renovation \$75, 3 Solar Residential \$150, 1 In-Ground Swimming Pool \$100, 115 Certified Copies \$1,150, 3 Genealogical Copy \$66, 275 Photo Copies \$68.75, Recycle Fees \$168.50, 2 Sign Permits \$50, 3 Commercial Zoning \$700, 2 Non-Commercial Zoning \$80, Total State, County & Local Revenue \$153,293.42, To New York

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State Department of Agriculture and Markets for Spay/neuter Program \$393, To New York State Department of Health for Marriages \$270, to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$5,554.11, Total to Supervisor \$147,076.31.

***Assessment***

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

**RESOLUTION 51-2022**  
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**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW #2 of 2022**  
**CHANGING THE DATE ESTABLISHED FOR GRIEVANCE DAY**  
**FOR REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

**LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2022**

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**SET DATE AND TIME FOR 2022 GRIEVANCE DAY**

***WHEREAS*** Grievance Day means the date on which the Board of Assessment Review shall meet to hear complaints in relations to assessments.

***RESOLVED*** the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore sets the 2022 Grievance Day for Wednesday, May 25, 2022 from 4-8 PM.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

SUPERVISOR RUSO	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER BOEHLKE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER DOWNES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER IRVING	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER VANETTEN	AYE

**Motion Carried**

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**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The February 14, 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**

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

**RESOLUTION 52-2022**

**FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

**RESOLUTION TO OPT OUT OF SECTION 485-B OF THE  
REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW**

*WHEREAS*, the Town Board is desirous of opting out of the tax exemption percentages contained in Section 485-b of the New York State Real Property Tax Law;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore does hereby opt out of the tax exemption percentages as outlined in Section 485-b of the New York State Real Property Tax Law in connection with the new construction, alteration, installation or improvement of any commercial, business or industrial real property located within the Town of New Baltimore.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

***Recycling Center Operator Kirk Trombley***

60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastics 10, 12 Bundles of Magazines and Phone Books, 44 Bags and Bundles of Newspaper, 41 Boxes and Bundles of Cardboard

***Code Enforcement Officer Allan Jourdin***

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for January, 2022, is as follows: Building Inspections: 18 Building Permit Applications received: 5 Certificates of Compliance Issued: 2 Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 1 Certificate of Occupancy Search Requests: 2 Sign Permit Applications: 1 Total New Applications Received: 6 Building Permit Applications Awaiting Permit Issuance: 1 Open Building Permits: 189 Application Fees for January, 2022: \$2,690.95 Total Fees for Year to Date: \$2,690.95

***Greene County EMS Representative Nick Dellisanti***

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. There were 8 EMS calls in January for a total of 8 for this year 2022. We had 110 calls for all of 2021.

**Nick Dellisanti:** That's the highest number of calls that we've had since our inception in 2014.

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

**RESOLUTION 53-2022**  
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE  
AGREEMENT WITH RAVENA RESCUE SQUAD FOR AMBULANCE  
SERVICES PROVIDED TO NEW BALTIMORE DISTRICT NO. 1**

*RESOLVED* the Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to Execute an agreement with Ravena Rescue Squad for the period January 1, 2022-December 31, 2022 for basic ambulance service provided to New Baltimore Ambulance District No.1 at a total cost of \$25,905.96.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmembers Downes and VanEtten

**Ellie Alfeld:** I see this says that it's limited to just New Baltimore District 1. Does that mean that the Ravena Ambulance does not go past the railroad tracks like to Barry Guptil's?

**Supervisor Ruso:** No, you're thinking the election districts and that's not the same. There's two district rescue services in New Baltimore and the lines are not the same as election districts.

**Ellie Alfeld:** And so how do we know where the line is?

**Supervisor Ruso:** You call 911 and they'll send you the right person.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** Well, Coxsackie covers half the Town and then Ravena.

**Ellie Alfeld:** I realize that, Shelly, but according to this all I know is District 1.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I've reviewed the map. Do I memorize the map, no I did not.

**Ellie Alfeld:** Well, when I need an ambulance I'm not sure where it's coming.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** Ravena.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Yours is Ravena.

**Ellie Alfeld:** My house is, but I have other places.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

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

**RESOLUTION 54-2022**  
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**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPOINTMENT TO  
GREENE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

*RESOLVED* that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore does hereby recommend to the Greene County Economic Development, Tourism & Planning and the Greene County Legislature that Jean Horn be reappointed as the Town of New Baltimore's representative to the Greene County Planning Board, with said term to expire on March 15, 2025.

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Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

***Insurance***

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

**RESOLUTION 55-2022**

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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY  
AND CASUALTY INSURANCE**

**RESOLVED** the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby authorizes the Supervisor to renew coverage with Trident Insurance Co. through Marshall & Sterling effective March 5, 2022 for one year at a cost of \$35,888.30.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

**Supervisor Ruso:** I want to point out that we had budgeted \$38,000 so this came in well under.

***Highway Superintendent Van Wormer***

January 24 to February 28, 2022 Tuesday January 25 called all in at 3:30 am for snow, plowed and sanded all roads Replaced steering box on 1997 International plow truck number 14 all work done in house saving approx. 3hrs labor at \$135.00 per hour Replaced broken fuel tank brackets on 2002 International plow truck number 3 All work done in house saving approx. 4 hours labor at \$135.00 per hour Mixed magic minus zero with delivered salt Saturday January 29 called all in for snow, plowed and sanded all roads Repaired broken plow lever on 2002 International #3 in house Replaced brake slack adjuster, S cam and springs on 1997 International in house saving approx. 8 hours labor at \$135.00 per hour Picked up Christmas trees in hamlet where needed Washed truck and loader as needed Greased trucks and loader Wednesday Feb 2 cut trees with County Bucket truck Thursday Feb 3 afternoon snow, plowed and sanded all roads Friday Feb 4 snow, freezing Rain and snow plowed and sanded roads several times Replaced blown hydraulic hose on 2013 International truck #7 Saturday Feb 5 called all in at 7am finished cleaning up from Friday storm Chopped ice from walks at Town Hall and salted Picked up garbage from Town Hall as needed Changed oil in 2017 F-350 in house saving approx. 1 hr labor at \$85.00 per hour Took plow and sander off 2006 F350 to get winter mix and patch holes Patched hole with winter mix Scraped edges of roads to try to remove snow and ice buildup Installed new air seat in 1985 Oshkosh truck number 6 Welded cracked plow on 1985 oshkosh truck number 6 Repaired right front brake on 2006 F-350 in house saving approx.. 2 hrs labor at \$85.00 per hour Repaired mailbox on Featherbed lane that was hit by plow Saturday Feb 12 received call regarding a large hole on Medway Earlton Road, turned out to be a frost heave , temporary repair was made. Chopped ice from storm drains I hamlet ahead of rain storm Saturday feb 19 cleaned ice from road on Honey Hollow Road 3 times Sunday Feb 20 called in two men and myself , took backhoe to Honey Hollow Road cleaned ice from road and opened frozen ditch to stop water from nearby pond from flowing into the road Started to take engine apart on 1985 International ten wheel dump truck for head gasket replacement all work will be done in house with assistance from County Highway Mechanic saving at least 20 hours labor at \$135.00 per hour Picked up garbage dumped on Roberts Hill Road Oiled sander chains on all sanders Put new cutting edge on front plow on 2013 International truck number 7 Put plow and sander back on 2006 F350 ahead of snow storm Checked all trucks over ahead of snow storm Friday Feb 25 called all in at 12:30 am for snow, plowed and sanded all roads, town hall, and firehouses, worked until 4:30pm Saturday Feb 26 Alan plowed and sanded all drifty spots for 3 hours Repaired windshield wipers on 1997 International truck number 14 done in house easy fix took 10 minutes Replace blown hydraulic hose on 1997 International truck number 14 in house took 30 minutes Speaking of the 1997 International, we blew a transmission line today. We were underneath it trying to get the line off and we noticed that right behind the cab both frame

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rails are rotted very bad and floor boards are rusted so bad (unable to understand). We did manage to get the line on, we took a couple old signs that we had and screwed them down to the floor to make it so we could still use it. We're gonna have to be careful with it. I don't think we're gonna get another year out of it though.

**Supervisor Ruso:** It seems to me that the '97 International, you've had this on report multiple times, not just this one but previous.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** That's the one we bought in Maine when Denis was still here.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Yes, yes.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Seen better days.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Now the new plow, is that going to be replacing that one?

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** I think we're going to have to. I was going to replace the 13, but now knock on wood the 13's been good since we had it fixed, put all that money into it. So I think we'll keep that one and get rid of the '97.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Which snowstorm was it that had that strange cover of ice and then show.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Not this last one, but the one before. It was a nightmare.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I can't remember the date. That was not easy.

***Planning Board Chair Rob VanEtten***

The Planning Board met on February 10 with the following business transacted: ...Public Hearing was held on the Thomas Sterritt Site Plan Application to allow for the construction of an additional 60x80 square foot building at his business, Tri County Truck & Trailer Repair, located at 13388 Route 9W, Hannacroix. In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed: ...;The Board approved the Thomas Sterritt Site Plan Application with condition that the revised Site Plan maps more accurately depicting location of proposed building be presented for approval. ...Received Minor Subdivison Application for three lot subdivision of the Anthony Santamaria property located on Route 26. Public Hearing on application has been schedule for 7 p.m., March 10.

***Zoning Board of Appeals***

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

**RESOLUTION 56-2022**  
**FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

**RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT CHAIR OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**RESOLVED** that Patrick Linger is hereby reappointed as Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals until December 31, 2022.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

**Supervisor Ruso:** Mr. Linger was appointed on January 1, but was unable be here in time for the 30 days to expire that one needs to be sworn in. He has subsequently been sworn in and we have to redo this resolution.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

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**Town Clerk Finke:** It was great to see him.

***Town Court***

The following is the Town of New Baltimore Court monthly report for January 2022.

- Total January monies received was \$16,126.00
  - Judge Huff                      \$13,126.00
  - State/County Share \*      Town Share \*
- Total 2021 (January) monies received \$13,126.00
  - State/County Share \*      Town Share \*
- Total New Cases Received 143

January’s monthly report will not have a report from Judge Melewski. The monies from his account will be transferred to Judge Huff’s account. When the transfer is complete a check will be transmitted from Judge Huff’s account for the amount due to the town. Updated report to follow. At this time, we are still waiting for the fingerprint report back from the state for the new clerk, once received she will be able to start work. We have received a grant from the Justice Court Assistance Program in the amount of \$5,256.00. We will be purchasing new furniture for the office. \*State report not available at this time.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Judge Huff called me just before I was leaving to come here and the new Clerk has had her clearance from the State. Just received it today and she will start tomorrow.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- March 2, 2022 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting is Cancelled
- March 10, 2022 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- March 14, 2022 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- March 28, 2022 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

**Public Comment Period**

**Eilleen Vosburgh:** So I just want to say how what an outstanding job the Highway crew did this last storm and all the storms. I heard them go by my house at 5:30 in the morning. They really did a great job, but you’re still down two full-time people correct.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I’m sorry this is Public Comment Period, go ahead.

**Eilleen Vosburgh:** Yeah, I asked a question.

**Supervisor Ruso:** It’s not a question and answer period, it’s a Public Comment Period. I can tell you at this point we are looking for two people, yes.

**Eilleen Vosburgh:** Has anybody applied for those positions?

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** No.

**Eilleen Vosburgh:** On December 28<sup>th</sup> of 2020 there was a resolution to hire an Attorney, Brian Clark, for \$610 an hour to work on the union negotiations. Is that the Attorney that you hired?

**Supervisor Ruso:** This is for Public Comment, this is not for public questioning. This is Public Comment Period.

**Eilleen Vosburgh:** I can’t ask for questions?

**Supervisor Ruso:** You can come in any time. Call me. I don’t have any problem with that. It’s not the Town Board interrogation session. It is a Public Comment Period. Please present your opinion. That’s what we want to hear. That’s what we’re supposed to be hearing.

**Eilleen Vosburgh:** I’m wondering also how will the limited staff handle the road work this summer? My other question was.. I guess I can’t ask a question, but I’d be interested...

**Supervisor Ruso:** You can always call me please anytime.

**Eilleen Vosburgh:** I’d be interested to know if there’s been any update on that trend analysis that the Board hired consultants for. We had a Special Meeting the end of December.

**Town Clerk Finke:** She was here tonight.

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**Supervisor Ruso and Councilmember VanEtten:** She was just here. She just left after the Public Hearing.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** Before the meeting started with questions for that.

**Eilleen Vosburgh:** I thought the Public Hearing was about grievance.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Yes, and the Assessor was here.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** And the Assessor was here to answer any other questions.

**Supervisor Ruso:** She'll take your call, too.

**Eilleen Vosburgh:** The other comment is I don't know what this resolution to opt out of Section 45-B of the Real Property Tax Law.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Well, I can explain that, we've all the opportunity to read much of that. Section 485-B that provides local commercial businesses with the opportunity to have a proration based upon the year -- so many percentage each year over the next five years -- discount in their property taxes at the Town and County level. Their County taxes will remain discounted, but they will not be discounted at the Town level.

Unable to Understand

**Supervisor Ruso:** It's a tax exemption that the State did so we opted out. Otherwise they would be getting a property tax exemption, the difference would be borne by the residential properties. We opted out of that.

***Audit of Claims***

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

**RESOLUTION 57-2022**  
**FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

**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-02-01 to 2022b-02-29, it is

**RESOLVED** that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2022b-02-01 to 2022b-02-29.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until March 28, 2022.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Motion Carried**

General \$77,705.31, Highway \$11,727.75, Sewer 1 \$1,571, Lighting 2 \$249.30, Total \$91,004.06

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Motion by Councilmember Boehlke seconded by Councilmember VanEtten to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

**Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC  
Town Clerk