

**TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE
COUNTY OF GREENE
TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
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Supervisor Dellisanti opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 PM. Also attending Deputy Supervisor Ruso, Councilwoman VanEtten, Town Clerk Finke, Tax Collector Jordan and 4 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Councilwoman Benway, Councilman Norris, and Highway Superintendent Jordan

Supervisor Dellisanti read, 'The Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 28, 2015 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 the proposed decreased Operation and Maintenance rates for Water District 2. The Regular Board Meeting will be held at 7 PM. By Order of the Town Board, Barbara M. Finke Town Clerk.'

Supervisor Dellisanti explained we are presently, just so everyone knows, able to lower the Operation and Maintenance rates from \$34 down to \$10 per quarter which is just under \$100 per year for the water customers in Scheller Park. I think there's 29 total. Our bookkeeper told us we were able to do this because we received enough money in the last couple of years to get to that point. So that's where we are as of right now. The rates will go down \$24 per quarter when the bills go out. I don't think we will have too many complaints about that. What I did want to discuss briefly that we did receive a letter on December 24 from the Village of Coxsackie about the water increase rates that will be going up in January. And our user fee minimum rate is \$460.80 and the new rate will be \$803. This was voted on the by the Village Board and the letter had come to us like I said on December 24. We will have a Public Hearing on this as well, I think the 11th of January. We will announce that later this evening in the Regular meeting. So that's all I have for the Public Hearing information. I will just wait a few minutes before I close the Public Hearing.

Ellie Alfeld said I know I haven't signed a card, but I'd like to just put something out there for the Board Members. Some years ago when I was on the Board of Assessment Review, the Town of Coxsackie grieved the taxes on the Reservoir and they believed that they were overtaxed because of the rate that they were paying. When we questioned them and said how much is water worth, they didn't have anything in rebuttal what we were asking. Now we see what water is worth.

Councilman Ruso asked do they still pay taxes?

Ellie Alfeld replied as far as I know.

Councilman Ruso noted I didn't know if they did, they're not-for-profit or municipal.

Tax Collector Jordan answered they don't pay me, they pay Greene County. Greene County collects a lot of our utilities like Central Hudson, Mid-Hudson Cable. They collect it, I don't.

Councilman Ruso asked it does come to the Town though.

Tax Collector Jordan observed the Town is made whole first; we collect all the money in the first couple months. We're made whole to our Budget, then everything else goes to Greene County. They're collecting that money, but we're collecting and making our Town whole first. So they have the money, but we are whole, we have the budget money.

Councilman Ruso added I'm reading between the lines aren't I.

Tax Collector Jordan confirmed we do get the money, I do get the money.

Supervisor Dellisanti made a Motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:53 PM seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke, Town Clerk