

**TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE**                      **Draft 10/31/19**  
**COUNTY OF GREENE**                              **Adopted 11/13/19**  
**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2020 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**  
**TOWN HALL, 3809 COUNTY ROUTE 51, HANNACROIX, NY 12087**  
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Supervisor Ruso opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM. Also attending Councilmembers Irving, and VanEtten, Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti, County Legislator Linger, Town Clerk Finke, Highway Superintendent VanWormer, and 1 member of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Tax Collector Jordan

**Supervisor Ruso:** Good evening everybody. We have a Special Hearing on the budget and I'll read the Notice that went in *The Daily Mail*. 'TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Town Hall, 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, New York to hear those members of the public who wish to be heard regarding the 2020 Preliminary Budget. The Work Meeting will be held at 7 PM. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office of the Town of New Baltimore, 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, NY 12087. Proposed salary figures of elected officials are as follows: Town Council (4) \$4,200, Town Justices (2) \$10,610 Town Supervisor \$7,925 Tax Collector \$6,630 Town Clerk \$31,416 Superintendent of Highways \$54,600 By Order of the Town Board Barbara M. Finke Town Clerk

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten to open the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Ruso, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Briody (Arrived 6:38 PM), Downes

**Supervisor Ruso:** The Public Hearing is hereby available to members of the public.

**James Eckl:** Mr. Supervisor, Sir and Madam, Good Evening, Mr. James Eckl of 3830 County Route 51 here in Hannacroix and I had no comment. I did have a question if I may. In *The News-Herald* issue of September 26 there's a column or a story by yourself, Mr. Supervisor, the headline of which is 'New Baltimore Prioritizes Restoring Town Parks.'

**Supervisor Ruso:** Correct.

**James Eckl:** And I was wondering if I could be directed to the provisions of the budget that reflect that commitment.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Yes, well we have two grants coming in that are not in the budget because the monies have not yet been received. They were supposed to be received early in the year. So it won't be Town monies that will be expended significantly; it will be grant monies that would be expended. The figures that we've been promised are \$150,000 -- \$100,000 for District 3 Park, Silver Lake Park, and \$50,000 for Wyche Park on New Baltimore Road. So those are not Town monies that will be in there and I couldn't put it in as revenue because we have not yet received them. That's pretty much the extent of it. The District 2 Park, those monies have been expended in prior years.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** And that was also grant money.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Much of that was grant money as well.

**James Eckl:** I note on Page 3 of 5 is a reference to a \$2,200 contractual expense associated with the parks.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Yes, that's for minor repairs and some electricity costs to run the well pump painting and various repairs, that's routine maintenance. That's what the \$2,200 is regarding.

**James Eckl:** Thank you for clarifying that.

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**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** I just have a question as Highway Superintendent I've been sending emails back and forth, texts regarding some issues that Scott and I both have with the cuts from the Highway budget. My question is will there be another meeting prior to...

**Supervisor Ruso:** Yeah, we can have a meeting.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** Prior to the approval of the final budget to hash out some of these before...?

**Supervisor Ruso:** Yes, we can have a meeting, yes, absolutely. In fact we need to make a particular point to schedule a time. You and I. I know your schedule hasn't been good and neither has mine. I was actually hoping to see you on Saturday, but you told me you had to go up to the camp and of the like.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** I didn't go.

**Supervisor Ruso:** So I didn't bother to bring that up.

**Highway Superintendent VanWormer:** As long as we can get together and discuss a little bit before the final budget, let's do that.

**Supervisor Ruso:** There's no problems with that. We will keep the meeting open for awhile.

Councilmember Briody arrived from a prior commitment at 6:38 PM.

**Supervisor Ruso:** (To Councilmember Briody) We are in Public Comment period, but we've already had a couple comments. I guess we'll give it five more minutes then we'll close the Hearing.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Well, I think we'll call the Public Hearing to a close. Any last chance for a comment, now is the time?

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:43 PM on a Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Irving

AYES: Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

**Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC  
Town Clerk