

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

**August 25, 2014
AGENDA**

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation by Erin Nevins on CDPHP Insurance

Reports

Supervisor

County Legislator (Invited)

Town Clerk

Tax Collector

Historian

Agriculture (Chair Norris/Member Benway)

Ag Fest Liaison (Member Ruso)

Animal Control (Chair Ruso/Member Norrris)

Assessment (Chair Dellisanti/Member Norris)

Audit and Control Committee (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)

Buildings & Grounds/Recycling (Chair Ruso/Member Norris)

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement (Chair VanEtten/Member Benway)

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

Greene County EMS (Representative Dellisanti/Deputy Norris)

Greene County Planning Board (Representative Cashin)

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

Highway (Chair Dellisanti/Member Ruso)

Insurance (Chair Benway/Member VanEtten)

Memorial (Chair Benway/Member Norris)

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member Dellisanti)

Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals (Chair VanEtten/Member Dellisanti)

Seniors and Veterans (Chair VanEtten/Member Benway)

Technology/Website (Chair Benway/Member VanEtten)

Town Courts Liaison (Member Ruso)

Wastewater Treatment (Chair Norris/Member Benway)

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

Public Comment Period/Community Events

- September 3 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- September 4, Senior Expo, 1:00-3:00 PM Greene County Department of Human Services, Aging and Youth; Greene County Health Department, YMCA in Coxsackie
- September 8 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- September 11 Planning Board at 7 PM
- September 20 Townwide Yard Sale 9 AM-4 PM, Raindate September 21
- September 22 Town Board Work Meeting
- September 24 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM

Audit of Claims

Adjournment

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OPENING TOWN BOARD WORK MEETING

Supervisor Dellisanti called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending: Deputy Supervisor Ruso, Councilwoman VanEtten, Town Clerk Barbara Finke, Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan, Tax Collector Diane Jordan and 13 members of the public who signed the attendance sheet. Absent: Councilwoman Lisa Benway and Councilman Norris.

Presentation by Erin Nevins from EP Nevins Insurance Agency

Supervisor Dellisanti introduced Erin Nevins.

Erin Nevans began thanks for having me and it was nice to finally meet you. I was asked to come here by Jeff to talk about the health insurance renewal that's upcoming starting in December, some of the products renew in December some of them renew in January. The actual renewal for the Town has not been released by CDPHP. However, all of the 2014 plans and rates have been released so as a preliminary step in an effort to make sure you have some budgeting numbers and maybe a jump on the discussion of the insurance renewal. I had sent Jeff a copy of the 2014 product overview as well as all of fourth quarter rates for CDPHP. So I put together a packet for you, and in the packet on the right hand side is my standard renewal letter where you will notice some language that we made sure to incorporate about some of the Affordable Care Act measures. So you will also notice as we get a little bit further into this, that the rates will take a substantial hit this year not to blame the Affordable Care Act, but there are some steps and measures that have been incorporated into all the plan designs and those in turn create costs that get funneled into small business employers. So the first and foremost part of the Affordable Care Act is that there is to be ten essential health benefits that are incorporate into every single plan. So the statement of 'if you like your plan you can keep it' is not really a true statement because every single plan in the small group marketplace has had to be retired and pulled back out of the marketplace, reissued back out to incorporate those ten essential health benefits. In your packet there is a list of those ten essential health benefits. Most notably one of the pieces that will incur some of the costs is that small businesses now must incorporate a pediatric dental program for dependents age zero up to the age of 19 and that adds an additional cost in addition to the medical rates that are in the packet. I put a little piece in there \$16.18 per child maximum three charges per family. So I will get to that in a second, but I just wanted to give you a broad overview of some of the different pieces that are basically creating some of the cost increase. Comprehensive Prescription Drug Coverage, contraceptive mandates all of those types of things are some of the big drivers, unlimited mental health benefits, unlimited medical benefits, there can no longer be caps on medical benefits or prescription drug benefits. So some of those things were used by insurance companies to help keep costs low. But now every single plan is subject to the Affordable Care Act and they are all built into all of the base level of every one of those plans. So the first piece on the right hand side is your actual renewal basically communicating that your plan is being retired. Now CDPHP has not released your exhibit yet which is a match back for your plan so they will give you a couple match back options for you to look at. But I'm giving you every option which includes those match back options to look at. So the reason for this is just really to communicate all of those Affordable Care Act changes to let you know that your plan is being retired, what you currently have as a plan, and what your current rates are as well as I included what you current enrollment is. If you need an analysis I am certainly happy to provide one to you, but just so you have a good idea of how many people are participating in each product line, you can see that right on the renewal letter.

Just underneath the Health is your Medicare Advantage Plan where you have about ten retiree subscribers on that program. Those rates are never really released until October, and it's for a calendar year from January-December, those rate have not been released yet so I don't really know what the rate increase is. I don't foresee it being large nor do I really foresee any real changes to that plan design because it's a federal-designed plan. The next one down is your Met Life Dental, those rates haven't been released yet, that's a January 1st renewal as well. I gave you your enrollment breakdown which is eleven people. The Empire Vision Plan, I have seen rates recently, they are very similarly priced to what you have, so I don't expect any real large increase in that, it's very slight and those rates aren't released yet either. So I know it sounds redundant that I'm telling you that, but I guess the purpose of me being here really is to just make

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sure that you have plenty of time to really understand why you are going to be receiving this rate increase. The rate increase for 2014 actually started January 1st of 2014 and for business, because businesses renew all around the year not just on January, you renew in December, you have avoided all of these changes and increases up until this December 1st renewal.

Supervisor Dellisanti added but you're hitting us over the head in November, that's what you are trying to do.

Erin Nevins continued so I'm telling you now, but if you look around and talk to some of the businesses or townships that renewed in January, they've already been paying and have received this rate increase. So this just gives you an opportunity to kind of understand all of the key measures of the Affordable Care Act and the drivers of this cost increase. That's first, second is just a Recredentialing Form, its standard with the renewal. The third piece behind that is the ten essential health benefits, basically every state was given a full list of benefits and every state got to select which ten they felt needed to be covered consistently from carrier to carrier across the board. So the State of New York, this is the State of New York's ten essential health benefits that they chose and if you look through it you will see the pediatric dental, the pediatric vision, the prescription drug, all those things that I had mentioned are listed on this, but sometimes it's good to just look at it to see what those cost drivers are. Again going back to the pediatric dental, it's a little confusing someone is going to say it a little bit slow, although pediatric dental is one of the ten essential health benefits, health insurance carriers are not dental carriers. So they've partnered with dental carriers to basically administer that little piece in the health insurance company because its attached to whoever is enrolled medically. So if you have a medical enrollment of a dependent aged zero through the end of 18, so all the way to 19 years old, and they are enrolled medically, automatically the carriers are going to enroll them in a pediatric dental program at an additional charge of \$16.18. So I had put that in here so that you could see that additional charge. So as we look at the medical rate renewals, what I will show you in a second, this is in addition to that and right behind it, is the pediatric dental benefit summary of what it covers. The reason you could waive out if people have dental through their spouse, they have a pediatric dental plan in play, maybe you have a school teacher spouse or somebody that already has it implemented, can waive out of it. However what makes this a unique plan in regards to dental is no dental plan has unlimited dental benefits, they always have a maximum allowed benefit in dental products. The pediatric dental, the key piece to this is once \$700 per child or \$1,400 per family is met in out of pocket expenses, their dental benefits are covered at 100 percent in full. That's what makes it ACA compliant and why you are being charged the additional \$16.18. So some of the insurance companies, the dental insurance companies, weren't really ready for this and some of them have already shifted and started to change their product mid-year this year to incorporate that function into their commercial dental offerings so that people weren't carved out and all over the place and their families are here and their parents are there so right now the Met Life plan that you currently have is not ACA compliant for the pediatric dental. So dependent children can still keep that commercial product, but they will absolutely be enrolled automatically at CDPHP into Delta Dental's pediatric dental program. So I wanted to explain it because it's a little lengthy, its difficult. Right behind there is that small group overview that I spoke to you about and inside are the fourth quarter rates, so front and back, because the backside are the bronze level plans. As a brief explanation of what you are actually looking at, quite a few, it's difficult to understand, that's why you have me, this is just an overview meeting, of course I'm more than happy to go into a private meeting with you and really go over the nuts and bolts of each of these plans and what they mean and what you will be choosing from. But, so these plans all the carriers had to categorize their health plans this year by, you've probably heard the terminology Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level plans. And what they are is an actuarial equivalency that they have given to each one of these planned types that puts them in these different categories and it has to do with monthly premiums in contrast to out of pocket expenses. So a Platinum level plan would be the most monthly premium you could possibly pay, but the copays are very low for the member. As you go down the list it starts to shift the other way so when you get to the Bronze level plans, they are the least expensive every month, but the out of pocket deductibles are much higher and the out of pocket liability to the member is much higher. So that's kind of what you are evaluating on this whole scheme. the prices for every one of those plans, every plan has to go to a four tier rates structure. I think right now you are on a three tier rate structure, which means you allow for singles, employee plus 1 regardless if it's one child or a spouse, and then full family. Every single plan has to go to a four tier structure per the Affordable Care Act so that means employee, employee spouse, employee plus child or children which is a different rate, and full family.

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So every time you add an extra level into that tier structure, the family rates are what really takes the hit so the family rates go up. You happen to have five families.

I will go into more in a second, but I want to just briefly state that in comparison to all of the other health insurance companies, CDPHP is still ahead of the game with their pricing and what they are offering for their product. One of the key features that CDPHP does offer is that integrated HRA which you currently have, it's very seamless, a little rocky at first, but seamless to the member to be able to go ahead and have services and not have to come up with the money out of pocket its automatic. So that is one key feature of why you would want to keep CDPHP. Right now the top two least expensive carriers, and you recall from a previous meeting, is MVP and CDPHP. The Blues, their costs have increased above and beyond CDPHP's and MVP's costs. Why I would state that CDPHP is still, price difference between MVP and CDPHP is very similar, MVP might be a little less in some spots, but overall CDPHP has an integrated HRA which is working very well for the Town. They also have the Lifepoint Program which is an opportunity for people to earn \$365 a year by doing healthy things, they also have the RX For Less Program which is as many as 100 pills for as little as \$1. So there are a number of different extra perks and pieces to CDPHP's program and platform that outweigh the MVP product that's on the market. And I'm certainly happy to provide you with the MVP information in a separate meeting if you'd like. Obviously it's your choice who you pick each year, which carrier you'd like to pick, it's not my choice, it's my job to let you know where you are in the marketplace with carriers, like who is most expensive, least expensive, where the most bang for the buck is. And right now, the two least expensive carriers are MVP and CDPHP. I am certainly happy to provide quotes for any of the carriers if you would like to look at them, I don't really assume that you want to pay more for pretty much the same benefits so if you want to look at them, I am happy to provide it.

On the other side of the packet, because of HIPA compliance, I am not really allowed to put and identify people on this report, but this particular report is basically through the end of July, August is not complete yet, so through the end of July the Town had allocated \$95,000 in HRA funds and to that point had only spent roughly about half at \$47,885.46, so I wanted to give you a good idea of where you stood with your HRA usage. Behind that is the most logical matched back plans. So CDPHP is going to give your an exhibit, they are going to say here is a couple of options, here's some match backs, their match back was done by a computer-generated program. So, to me, it's not a true match back when you look at some of the differences of what they are going to match it back to so I have already seen others so I know what they are going to put out and it's not a true apples-to-apples matched back type of plan that they are going to put in your Exhibit. So I ran, and you can see it on here too, the Bronze Plan 340 which is the closest match back to what you currently have in place. You can certainly look at it on the overview as well just to see it across the board, but I gave you a specific detailed benefit summary and cost on the front just so that you could look very closely at it because that is going to be the one plan that you are probably going to consider along with some others so I wanted to provide that detail to you. Behind there is a snapshot of all the 4 different products, the medical, the dental, and the vision products and the Medicare of course, enrollment and an overview of the benefits in place for the Town, there are four different ones.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked can you let our residents know what the approximate increase is going to be percentagewise this year?

Erin Nevins responded I didn't bring my calculator, but the increase in the medical premium is currently the Town pays, you don't have any singles but if you did you would be paying \$201.98 per month for one employee for just the medical plan, the plan that is matched back closest to it not even including the pediatric piece, the single rate is \$329.71. The big difference is that the out of pocket maximum used to match your deductible, so you had a \$5,000 individual deductible and \$10,000 per family and the out of pocket maximum matched. This year the same deductible would hold true for this program is matched back program, but based on the Affordable Care Act levels the out of pocket max is \$6,350 and \$12,700. The difference between the deductible and out of pocket maximum is that once the deductible is satisfied, and it could be satisfied by medical, it could be satisfied by drugs prior to the copays hitting deductible, so anything deductible-related, once the deductible is satisfied, prescription drugs all go to copay at that point. So you have the potential of \$1,350 individually to spend on drug copays before the out of pocket max is hit, everything is covered in full. So the medical services would

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be covered in full once the deductible is hit, but medical and drug complete be covered in full once the out of pocket maximum is hit. That is the discrepancy of that extra \$1,350. I get that question a lot. The single rate right now you have a 2 person rate whether it's a parent and one child or an employee spouse, which I think most are employee-spouse anyway, you have four enrolled. Your current rate for that product is \$400.68 and that is going to be \$659.43. You have five families enrolled and that rate currently at \$529.85 will be \$939.69.

Councilman Ruso said that's \$410 per month more, that's without dental.

Erin Nevins responded that's without the pediatric dental being calculated and I would have to pull a dependent report to see where you stood financially as a budgetary line item.

Supervisor Dellisanti explained so we are looking at something like a 60% increase.

Councilman Ruso added I did some workup based upon these and \$37,000 is what I came up with, that was just me and a calculator.

Councilwoman VanEtten responded I would like to see the other plan prices for the other companies.

Erin Nevins answered for MVP, certainly.

Councilman Ruso explained unfortunately I've seen them at another place and they are very similar.

Erin Nevins continued they are very similar. MVP has a couple of little extra perks in theirs like they have a \$4,000/\$8,000 deductible plan very similar and the differences you have three office visits at nothing and \$35 per office visit for just a primary care office visit not subject to the deductible, and the ER is not subject to the deductible, it's just a \$350 copay, but you are missing out on the Integrated HRA, you are missing out on Lifepoints, you are missing out on RX for Less Program where, I'm pretty familiar with most of the usage because I pretty much touch every single person in here and there's quite a few people that do take advantage of that, which actually holds the cost down for the Town because if they are able to use the medications on that drug list, they are only being charged \$1 off of their HRA instead of the full deductible-related price for those medications. So that program actually helps that. One of the other things is very important when you look down through that overview and you see all these Bronze level plans, there is really only two plans to pick from. If you look at how the deductible is calculated, it can either be aggregate or embedded. I'd like to explain it because it's hard to understand and it's hard to explain it as well, but I always say embedded is better, being in bed is better. There are only two embedded programs in the Bronze level category so if you are funding all of these HRA dollars, the likelihood of you having to come up with \$10,000 for a family unit of two or more is less likely because the deductible is capitated at the individual. Of course the individual helps the family reach the full family, but no one person in the family will exceed the individual amount. One person in your family having high usage, if that person was a high utilizer, and they were on an aggregate level plan, they could blow through \$10,000. If that person is a high user and they are on an embedded deductible-related plan, they are only going to blow through \$5,000. So the likelihood of the Town really utilizing a full \$10,000 pot is less likely and that's really key so when you are looking at those MVP products, you have to make that known because that is a key piece.

Supervisor Dellisanti said that was explained at the EMS meeting when Erin made a proposal at that point too.

Erin Nevins answered nobody threw rocks So that being said, I am certainly happy to provide that to you and Jeff I have your email so if you could just forward it on or however you want to handle it.

Councilman Ruso asked when is the date that we have to have this decision made?

Erin Nevins answered November 10. Once all the rates are released, what I notoriously will do for the Town and the municipalities, because I do several, I do a cost analysis that incorporates all of your actual enrollment, which I have put in here as just general, but all of your actual

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enrollment will be in that cost analysis and it will calculate all of your HRA dollars used to that date, all of your premiums to that date, and it kind of gives you a little template to see if I make this choice or this choice and I usually will put two or three options next to that so that you could see where you might be as a budgetary number as a whole with everything combined instead of just trying to figure out this one little piece. So once these rates are released, I will provide that and you can use in your budgeting.

Supervisor Dellisanti thanked Erin.

Alan VanWormer had a couple of questions. On dental, the pediatric dental, would that replace the Met Life that we have right now?

Erin Nevins responded only if you carved kids off of it.

Alan VanWormer continued because they age out at age 19 right now anyway unless they are a full time student, so would you go with Delta Dental Plan and not Met Life. Are the coverages similar?

Erin Nevins answered the coverages are yes and no. Right now your Met Life has a \$1,000 benefit max person, per each individual family member, there is no benefit max on the pediatric. But if you spend \$700 on one child or \$1,400 for multiple children then the carrier pays 100 percent on that pediatric plan. So it actually can be, but I think that the basic services instead of being covered at 80 percent like your plan is covered at 50 percent. So some of the coverages right in that little part of it, the basics the fillings might not be as good, but ultimately you are getting unlimited benefits where you're only capped at \$1,000.

Alan VanWormer clarified you wouldn't have to pay for true dental. My other question is the other plan is a four tier plan, what is the difference between Tier 3 and Tier based on child or children and the number of children where you have to bump up to the family plan.

Erin Nevins began so Tier 3 right now what you had is one employee by himself is Tier 1, the second tier is employee plus 1 and it could be one child or a spouse, and the family plan is employee plus 2 more than just one child or one spouse or it has to be two children, multiple children, a spouse and children, it could be any of those combinations, the four tier breaks it out a little bit more a single employee only, an employee plus one spouse, employee plus child or children, so if you are not married and have many kids you get a better rate, full family which is a husband and wife or husband/husband or wife/wife and multiple children, one or more children, that's the true family rate.

Alan VanWormer replied thank you.

Kevin Kemnah asked could you tell me the percentage is of employer versus employee given those figures of what it was for a month between those two plans, what was the percentage that the employer pays and what is the percentage the employee pays?

Erin Nevins answered that's contracted between the employer and the employees, whatever the Town, I don't really know what they contribute, they contribute differently based on years of service, so they contract with the employees.

Councilman Ruso stated I think I can answer that. I don't have the exact date in mind, but I believe it was after November 2003 people hired after that paid 15%, don't hold me to the date on that, and hired prior to that have no premium. They changed for all new hires. Alan do you remember the date?

Alan VanWormer said I don't remember the date, they all pay 20 percent.

Councilman Ruso added is it 20, thank you. I think I had the date somewhere right. I think there has only been two employees hired since then, most have been before that.

Supervisor Dellisanti said Erin, thank you very much, this is the second time I have heard the presentation and I'm still not happy.

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Councilman Ruso added it's a pleasure to have you here, not to hear what you have to say, but it's a pleasure.

Erin Nevins responded thank you for having me and inviting me and giving me the opportunity. I am certainly going to provide an analysis when I have all the numbers and I have been communicating with Jeff, he seems to be the point person on it, so what I will do is once I have it I will provide it to you, and then I will also provide the MVP piece that she had requested, then we can discuss if you want to do a separate meeting, it doesn't have to be in an open forum because its literally everything you just heard, the same exact thing, but to the details of all the plan types they are going to want to look at.

Councilman Ruso clarified if there are more than two Board members it has to be an open meeting.

Erin Nevins explained whatever you want to do, but unless you want to do an open meeting to talk educating you on the plan types, it's up to you I am certainly happy to come back.

Supervisor Dellisanti said thank you very much, Erin.

Supervisor

Supervisor Dellisanti reports the Parks Summer Rec Program started on July 21 at District 2 Park and ended on August 15. I want to thank Desirea Chamberlin, Director of the Program, who did an outstanding job in supervising our counselors and organizing new and diversified programs for our children. The Comprehensive Plan Committee has met four times and recommended language changes were made from “mandated” to “available and encouraged.” Zoning will be the next category for the Committee to review. The next scheduled meeting is August 27 at 7 PM. The monthly financial reports were forwarded to all Board Members. Has everyone had a chance to take a look at them?

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten to accept the balance sheet dated July 31, 2014.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

Following the complaint at the last Town Board meeting, I contacted CSX and was assured they will perform a survey and put in writing what they will do for the road and the residents. I also took a physical survey on Thursday morning with a resident of Independence Lane. Five mile per hour signs have been installed and a flagman will be present during heavy traffic. I also wrote a letter to all residents on Independence Lane and will continue to update them on any progress as soon as I receive it. I attended an all-day training session last Wednesday with Chris Norris, Jim Polverelli, and Barb Finke that was sponsored by New York Rural Water. A diverse group of operators and public officials attended from Windham, Catskill, Cairo, Coxsackie, Athens, and Prattsville and each community targeted their strengths and weaknesses within their own systems. Our strengths were Water Resource Adequacy, Employee Leadership and Development, Customer Satisfaction, Product Quality, and Stakeholder which means good relationship with the Town Board. We need improvement in Financial Viability, Operational Optimizational Resiliency, and Regionally Working Together. We enjoyed this networking and brainstorming session and met representatives from the USDA, DEC, Rural Water, and the United States EPA. Steve Grimm suggested setting up a Committee with hamlet residents to review and make recommendations to update our current wastewater treatment plant and that we will be doing.

County Legislator

No Report

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Town Clerk

10 Late Fees for Dog Licenses for \$50, 7 Building Permits for \$1,000.50, 2 Decks & Porches Permits for \$150, 1 CO Search for \$15, 27 Dog Licenses for \$216, 1 Marriage License for \$17.50, 1 Beer Permit for \$20, 4 Certified Copies for \$90, 7 Photocopies for \$4.50, Recycle Fees of \$7.50, 1 Commercial Zoning Permit for \$400. Total State, County & Local Revenues of \$2,044.50 of which \$1,977 was distributed to Supervisor, \$45 to New York State Agriculture & Markets. for Spay/Neuter Programs, and \$22.50 to the New York State Department of Health for Marriages.

I would like to thank the Town Board for agreeing to pay our bills at each meeting. This will ensure that our bills are paid timely and are credited quicker to our accounts. I receive bills the day after a meeting and some may not qualify for pre-payment. There are also times when our Petty Cash is running low, especially if we need stamps for mailings like dog licenses and bills. We have so far sold about 15 sporting licenses. There have been many issues with the new system including the paper for the printer. The color changes every year and there are numerous issues with this year's multicolored valorum. They have asked all agents to discontinue use of the new paper and to use last year's yellow color. The Town's commission for hunting licenses is anywhere from \$.28 to \$1.21 and it takes additional time to process each license due to the new system. We received one FOIL for a total of 23. We are working with the Attorney for the Town Rappleyea and the Building Department on this request. I would also like to thank New York Rural Water for the invitation and the Town Board for approving my attendance at the training session on Rural and Small Systems Guidebook to Sustainable Utility Management. This was a very thought-provoking training class as we look to the future. As I listened to the issues facing other communities in Greene County, I realized we are not alone. On a positive note, where other Towns have struggled with finding qualified operators to run their systems, we are very blessed with Jim Polverelli and Lou Betke who work hard to keep our plant in compliance. The Townwide Yard Sale is Saturday, September 20 from 9 AM-4 PM, raindate September 21. Signs will be installed this week and we have 7 on the list so far.

Tax Collector

Diane Jordan reports Property/County Tax. I have been to Greene County Treasurer's Office on August 7 to close out the property/county taxes for 2014. Anyone wanting to pay their town/county tax will have to pay Greene County at this time. Phone number to get information on payment is (518)719-3530, Sewer District #1. Sewer bills are coming in steady. There is a 2% penalty fee added to the bill as of August 15th until September 15th. After this date there will be a total of 4% added to late bill. Water District #2 Water #2 for Scheller Park's third billing is out and is coming in for payments. Only one more billing to go out in 2014. I have had a few inquiries on the bill concerning the Fire Hydrant fee. Most residents understand the extra amount in their bills, but will be very happy when the Fire Hydrant repair is paid off.

Historian

Ted Hilscher reports that he spent a good part of a day with Lynn Vanderzee Christie and several cardboard boxes full of ledgers, receipts, diaries, and census records from the historic Vanderzee farm on the New Baltimore/Coeymans line. Took notes. Submitted comments to the Supervisor on possible zoning revisions. Visited with Lexington Town Historian Karen Deeter. The Lexington Town Historian has a well-appointed office in the municipal building, with several desks, a computer, a telephone, a library of local history books, a bookcase of 3-ring binders of the genealogy of the prominent local families, room for researchers to spread out, and large displays of historic photographs on two walls. This is something to shoot for? Jean Bush and I interviewed Mrs. Eleanor Armstrong Moon for the second time, this time in the company of her husband Donald, related to her memories of the Armstrong farm and community life. Took notes, borrowed photographs.

Agriculture

No Report

Ag Fest

No meetings have been held.

Animal Control

Inspections completed by the Department of Ag and Markets, complete and all is well.

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Assessment

Assessor Gordon Bennett reports: *SCARS* this year we have 1 case small claims assessment review hearing. The hearing will be on September 4 at the Greene County Courthouse. School Tax Bill. The data file for the school tax bills was uploaded via the web to *NexxLinx*.

Audit and Control

I completed the audit of the employee timecards. I do not have a report.

Buildings, Grounds & Recycling

Councilman Ruso pointed out the new gutters were installed on the back, we needed it badly, and hopefully the mold on the side of the building won't happen so often. Have you noticed when it rains, has it run down the side of the building at all?

Diane Jordan replied I haven't noticed, I'm not on that side of the building.

Councilman Ruso continued I want to see it when it rains, every time I'm here it's not raining.

Spencer Sebert reports 1 water heater for \$7.50, 26-60 gallon bags of plastic, 10-55 gallon drums of cans and aluminum, 36 bundles of magazines and phone books, 65 bags and bundles of newspapers, 10 bags of shredded paper, and 28 boxes and bundles of cardboard. Total income for the town \$7.50.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

Gordon Pebler reports 5 Building Inspections, 6 Building Permits Issued, 3 Building Permits Renewed, 6 Certificates of Compliance Issued, 2 Certificates of Occupancy Issued, 2 Commercial Site Fire Inspections, 1 Compliance Orders, 6 General Complaints, 7 New Building Permit Applications Received, and 2 Code Violation Investigations. Application fees for July 2014 \$1,156.50 and Total Fees for Year to Date \$3,975.70.

Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement

Supervisor Dellisanti reported that he spoke with the Regional Vice President of CSX, Maurice O'Connell, and he is presently negotiating with Commissioner Jeff Deso on purchasing equipment for the Fire Company to assist them when the second rail is installed. This equipment will be purchased for the Fire Company in 2015 and will address their long-standing safety concerns of 2013.

Greene County EMS

Supervisor Dellisanti reported the regular monthly meeting was scheduled for August 19, 2014 and was postponed until August 26, 2014 so I will report at our next Town Board Work Meeting on September 22, 2014.

Greene County Planning Board

The County Planning Board met on 8/20/14 and acted on six applications: 1. Town of Catskill Site Plan for a martial arts studio on Old Kings Road, CPB voted to approve; 2. Town of Hunter Site Plan for the construction of a multi-family residence as well as a conversion of a motel to a family compound, CPB voted to approve; 3. Town of Catskill Special Use Permit for a shale/gravel mining operation on High Falls Road, CPB voted to approve; 4. Town of Catskill Area Variance for a carport on Route 23A, CPB voted to return it for local decision; 5. Town of Halcott Area Variance for the placement of a storage shed; CPB voted to return it for local decision; 6. Town of Coxsackie Special Use Permit/Site Plan for the relocation and expansion by Ducommun Aerostructures into the former Brockway-Smith building. This is significant because Ducommun, by purchasing a building, is taking a stake in Greene County, and keeping over 300 jobs here. CPB voted to approve. Note: The two area variances were returned for local decision. The CPB doesn't usually see any Countywide impact by area variances and allows local ZBA to make local decisions.

Grants/Promotions/Economic Development

No Report

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Highway

Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan reports the Highway Department handpatched roads with blacktop; mowed and weed eat all parks; patched dirt roads with crusher run; cleaned ditches on Sunset Hill Road, North Ridge Road, and Staco Road; cut brush and weeds around road signs; grader patched Featherbed Lane with blacktop; mowed along roads; put crusher run in driveway aprons where we grader patched; patched pot holes with cold patch; cleaned debris from culvert pipe on Staco Road; cut hanging limbs along roads; replaced rotted culvert pipe on Alcove Road 24' x 40', mowed and weed eat Town Hall; picked up garbage dumped along roads; made repairs to lawn mowers as needed; put ditching bucket back on excavator; cut 2 trees on Flatbush Road; mowed and weed eat all cemeteries; and picked up rebuilt steering cylinder from Mooradian.

Insurance

No Report

Memorial

No Report

Personnel

The reviewed revised draft copies of the Handbook has been printed and we have scheduled a meeting with our employees on Thursday at 2:30 and we will be meeting with the employees to get their input on what is in the Handbook. Then it will come back to the Board and go to Tal.

Planning Board

Chair M. Kathleen Rundberg reports the Planning Board accepted Minor Subdivision Application from Craig and Norma Albano for two-lot minor subdivision of their property located on County Route 54. Required Public Hearing has been scheduled for 7:00 PM., September 11, 2014.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Vice-Chair James Eckl reports the Zoning Board of Appeals met on August 6, 2014 with Vice Chair James Eckl presiding in the absence of Chair Meave Tooher. The Board heard the two Area Variance Applications submitted by CSX Transportation and Paul Schiller for small pieces of property previously obtained by CSX Transportation from two parcels of property owned by Paul Schiller for addition to their right-of-way made necessary by the track expansion through the Town. Required Public Hearings on the Applications have been scheduled for 7:30 and 7:45 PM on September 3, 2014.

Seniors and Veterans

Councilwoman VanEtten reported that the Senior Expo is on September 4th, the Veterans need to get together to plan a field trip to look at actual stones at New York Quarries.

Supervisor Dellisanti clarified for those of you who don't know, we are putting up a special stone for our veterans in New Baltimore here at Town Hall, all those details will be out to you very shortly.

Technology/Website

Councilwoman VanEtten reported we are having people from MidHudson Cable come in Wednesday morning to look to see where they can put up their recording equipment.

Supervisor Dellisanti added with our last contract with MidHudson Cable, they are also giving us recording equipment so we can record all the town board meetings. Shelly and I are in the process of negotiating with the Greenville School District to get one of their audio-visual students to come here and get some extra credit to take care of the videotape for us.

Councilman Ruso said and you don't have to come here.

Supervisor Dellisanti explained you will be able to see it on Channel 11.

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Town Courts

In July, Court fees were \$20,353 of which \$11,065 was sent to the State Comptroller and the Town retained \$9,288. Fees for Justice Farrell \$10,728; Justice David \$9,625.

Councilman Ruso said that's actually one of the biggest months we have had in a long time.

Ellie Alfeld asked does it have anything to do with swimming at the quarry?

Councilman Ruso continued it doesn't say that here, but it might have something to do with that

Supervisor Dellisanti commented unfortunately two-thirds of that goes to the Comptroller's Office.

Youth Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman VanEtten reported I thought we had a successful year with the youth parks program and the kids seemed to enjoy it and it went well.

Supervisor Dellisanti added it was a great year, we had over 30 kids in the program so it was very nice.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ellie Alfeld began by saying Jim, I'd rather my name not be mentioned so often in the newspaper if you don't mind.

Jim Planck answered I can't help that.

Ellie Alfeld continued as everyone here knows, it was again mentioned about CSX and the bridge project and a communications, and I love that name communications, from a Mr. Doolittle. Well I don't know who he has been communicating with, but until recently even Nick had a problem getting in touch with him. According to everybody who tells me that they've been to my street and my road and there's no damage or there's very little, I have photos, which I am willing to share but will not give up. These are some of the (unable to understand), and if you think for some reason those are not cracks, crevices, or what have you, this is an old (unable to understand).

David Disonell said Nick saw it.

Councilwoman VanEtten added he said there was substantial damage.

Ellie Alfeld continued I even had help with another resident with a yardstick. I was not alone there is more because when I read this article, and I wasn't the only that read it, the response was are they saying we are lying about the damage that's done to that road. You have the proof in front of you and if for any reason you can tell me that these pictures do not denote damage, you can see where the tires have literally gone through and impressed on that base to the tune where I don't know where it's going to take Denis to get that road back. But I'm very concerned and I'm going to give you more history. For two seasons now, Independence Lane has gotten stoned, two years ago we got stoned. Peckham acknowledged that there was something wrong because it did not adhere at all to the base of that road and we were left with stone. He had to come back with his men and waste their time shoveling it all up trying to, did you ever get to reuse it, I don't know because I doubt if it was reusable.

Denis Jordan answered no.

Ellie Alfeld said and last year, I don't know if it was a Peckham product again, but we didn't have a heck of a lot of success we still had quite a bit of stone laying on the side of the road. Now I have counted and if necessary I could prove to this Board there are at least 15 property owners on this road and we are paying a substantial amount of money in taxes. We have not asked for anything other than the Highway Department and they have always been good to us. Now what we are asking for is a guarantee that this road is going to be as good as it was

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before all of this damage was done. Mr. Doolittle who says in this article he believes we have been responsive to the questions and concerns of the New Baltimore officials. Well, it's not the officials that are so much in concern, it's the people that are paying the taxes to this Town on it. As far as Mr. Doolittle is concerned, his answer is you can call us or you can fax us. Well, Mr. Doolittle should come here from Florida and check it out himself because whoever is giving him the information isn't looking at the same road I am. Thank you.

Councilwoman VanEtten asked were you able to get hold of him because we had much difficulty in getting hold of him?

Ellie Alfeld answered I understand that Shelly, I really do because where they are saying that they have been so willing to work with us, I don't see it at all, not with Nick, not with the residents on that road.

Councilwoman VanEtten agreed.

Supervisor Dellisanti added well just so you know, I took a physical survey.

Ellie Alfeld said I know you did.

Supervisor Dellisanti continued of Independence Lane and this is a perfect picture that you have here and this is one spot.

David Disonell said that's down pass my house when we looked at that.

Supervisor Dellisanti explained and I don't know what you call it, what the technical term is, but from the...

David Disonell said it's pumping, the road is pumping.

Supervisor Dellisanti continued what it looks like to me in that one area, where the side of the road is starting to come up on the side of the road.

Ellie Alfeld said you can feel the vibrations in this thing.

Supervisor Dellisanti explained anyway I have been in contact with Maurice O'Connell, who is the Regional Vice President and he happens to be in a 518 area code, he's on vacation, he's away for the Labor Day weekend, but he has always gotten back to me and I expect him to get back to me. He did say to me he is going to look into it, put something in writing that the road will be repaired when he actually sees what the damage is done and I called him again today and I also send him another email today about damage I saw with David when I took a survey of the entire road.

Councilman Ruso asked can I ask if he could do a site visit with Denis and yourself because Denis knows more about road repair than any of us do.

Ellie Alfeld added might I point out, and Nick you saw for yourself, they say about putting up a sign 5 mph, well its 1,000 feet down the road, the children that reside on my road are in the beginning of the road so now what do we do, discount the kids in 5 mph or do we just go just above Dave's house by the cemetery?

David Disonell said that's because I was the squeaky wheel.

Ellie Alfeld replied that's where the sign is, down by his house.

Councilman Ruso added you will notice that they started out at 5 mph.

Ellie Alfeld continued most of the workers that I have to deal with from the United Kingdom company have been gentlemen, the first time one went fast, I stopped a succeeding car and told them and they did go slowly by my house, maybe not 5 mph, I'm not looking for 5 mph, but at least they were considerate and that's all I asked for. It's headquarters as far as I'm concerned that my biggest gripe is with.

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Councilwoman VanEtten asked how hard would it be to move that sign to the beginning of the road?

Supervisor Dellisanti replied as soon as I get back with Mr. O'Connell, when he gets back to me, I am going to put all this on his plate as well.

Ellie Alfeld said thank you.

David Disonell said my wife has a video of trucks going by today. I spoke to the Project Manager for CSX, name of Kevin, decent guy, goes very slow, talked to Jose which is the Project Manager for Balfour Rail, crawls past my house. both yelled at guys today, there are so maybe subcontractors with so many people working that you can't babysit everybody. Last week after I spoke to Nick, one of them came up the hill, I was mowing the sides of the road because that is what I do, he was going kind of fast, I told him he was supposed to be going 5, he said he was going 7, he got from me to you and floored it and went over the hill past Ellie's. Now you might as well told me to get lost. My house, the siding, the nails are starting to buck out of the siding where the humping mark is, it's 40-50 yards from my swimming pool, I went away for the weekend, I came home and my swimming pool is half empty, there's two pieces of gunnite that big on the bottom, can I prove that their vibration did it? No, but its seems kind of funny, so far this year I had to put a new pump in my well, put a new tank in the ground, the siding is coming off house, and my pool has a hole. And the person I talked to is Chris Vaughn. I called Florida and they sicced Chris Vaughn on me. I called him today, told him I was coming here to complain some more, no comment, no call, he assured me that if I keep track of washing my cars because they are so filthy, I showed Nick the other day, he would somehow we would work it out. Not according to what that paper said, there's no damage to my house, there's no damage to my cars, there's no nothing. It's not Peckham's fault that they get dirty stone from Callahan, they are supposed to get washed 1A's to put on a chip seal drive. I did it for 10 years with Gorman Brothers, Peckham's competition, that's not their fault, but it's not Denis' fault, but it's not our fault either. And the dust on that road from trucks, I drive tractor trailer, Denis knows I put a driveway in there to park my tractor trailer, none of my neighbors ever complained because I crawled in and I crawled out. They don't live here, they don't care, when their project is done and they're gone, I'm still here. Where does that leave me? Honey, do you have anything to add? I have the video of Jose, who stopped to talk to me, crawling, the way it should be, not an hour later, he didn't even know who it was because I talked to him, a blue Dodge pickup no writing no nothing went down the road 35 mph, the Greene County Septic truck came the other day, the signs are there for all construction vehicles, not just some of them. A speed limit is a speed limit for everybody. I go 5 mph in my car and pickup truck because I have neighbors there.

Councilwoman VanEtten asked is there only one sign up that says 5 mph?

David Disonell answered yes and if you have ever been on our street, it is right in the middle of the cemetery between Bobby Ingraham's house and my house, which is right across the street from...

Councilman Ruso added and there is no one beyond you except for Bennett.
Ellie Alfeld said he is the only one that has profited from this whole deal.

David Disonell explained Nick can attest and we talked about that the other day. He had problems originally when the project started with these contractors because they are in his yard.

Ellie Alfeld added and they are asking for an extension.

David Disonell said yes, according to what we are told the other day their project supposed to be up in March 2015. Now they have asked Mr. Bennett for another 6 month extension, which is going to September 2015 so we are still looking at another year. I told everyone and I'm telling the Board, when one of these cement trucks, dump trucks or so on meets a school bus on top of that hill in front of Ingraham's house, we are going to have an accident.

Councilman Ruso said we need to have that sign changed soon.

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David Disonell continued on my way here today, all around New Baltimore Road, I can't think of the name of this side road that goes back this way to the sign, there are skid marks, dual wheel skid marks in the middle of the turn coming down the hill, obviously someone was going too fast on that road, in the middle of the road, a vehicle came the other way. It's got to be a construction truck.

Councilwoman VanEtten responded well they need to put several signs up.

David Disonell continued ask the firemen, they are going down as far as I know. The trucks are supposed to use the marked detour, not New Baltimore Road not Gill Road, that's the way they are going around because they can't make the turn.

Councilman Ruso added I saw them this morning, there were three or four vehicles coming down Gill Road, larger trucks, and I knew where they were headed.

Ellie Alfeld said and that's going to do Gill Road good.

David Disonell said this is all our roads, this is all our Town. I know the neighbors down by 61 on the turn are all complaining about the jake brakes, again we should all be in this together, and CSX just blows me off and I get the runaround. I'm really getting tired of getting the runaround.

Supervisor Dellisanti explained I'm making the effort here.

David Disonell said I know you are.

Supervisor Dellisanti continued I'm just waiting for Mr. O'Connell to get back to me and I want him to come down and do a field survey.

David Disonell said according to that newspaper article, there has been surveys, who did them, they threw Denis under the bus. He said not to worry about it. I can't believe he would say that. I don't know where to go and what to do.

Supervisor Dellisanti responded well you came to us, I'm on top of it and I will get in touch again with CSX. I know Mr. O'Connell, he has called me back every time I have called him.

Ellie Alfeld added but don't call us liars and that's what they insinuated.

Supervisor Dellisanti explained he hasn't done that.

David Disonell continued no you are right and he hasn't. This Dolittle guy in Washington, DC has no idea what we got and what we have going on. He's a public relations liaison and he's supposed to tell me what they want to hear.

Supervisor Dellisanti reiterated as soon as I get information from Mr. O'Connell, I will get it out to the community.

Ellie Alfeld said we appreciate it Nick, we really do because this has gone on far enough.

David Disonell continued and Nick you know what I do for a living. Anytime somebody wants to go and sit by that crossing and count the 1267 and 1987 placards that go by, I know that Global has five 40 car rails to unload crude oil and ethanol and they are asking the City to put in two more, anybody who watches the news has seen what is going on down there. The people in that housing development are complaining because the trains are parked or just barely moving. They go past our house 20-40 miles an hour, now they are going in both directions. It doesn't take a brain surgeon to figure out down the line somewhere, again I know the guys that unload the trains and do this work, most of their cars are brand new, accidents happen, the rails aren't brand new, the engines aren't, you know where I'm going.

Supervisor Dellisanti thanked Dave Disonell and called on Ann Marie Vadney.

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Ann Marie Vadney said I would like to request and tell you about this. I met the woman who is sending me additional information, I met her at the Cocksackie Festival, and they have a soldiers child foundation for families who have children who have lost one of their parents, they provide birthday presents to insure that the child remembers their family member, and they work with the family. They also have other programs like a summer camp and they have scholarships for these children of families who have lost a family member who was in the service. So I have a couple of flyers and I thought we could also put it on our website. They are also holding a garage sale September 12 and she is going to send additional information and if you want to come and tell our community about it, she was more than happy, maybe we could get her into one of our meetings.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked for her contact information.

Ann Marie Vadney replied I'll send that to you because I told her I'm sure there are children in our community and families who have lost a loved one that could benefit from this program. So I brought a couple of the flyers so I will leave them with Barb.

Councilman Ruso questioned did we not put outside organizations on our website?

Supervisor Dellisanti stated we can use our outside bulletin board.

Councilman Ruso continued there was some discussion I don't remember where it went.

Supervisor Dellisanti introduced Alan VanWormer.

Alan VanWormer stated he was President of Cornell Hook and Ladder Fire Company and on July 25 we held a chicken barbecue at Albright's, proceeds being donated to the Town of New Baltimore Summer Rec Program and I would like to turn over a check tonight to the Town for \$1,336.50 to be used toward the program.

Councilwoman VanEtten and Supervisor Dellisanti thanked Alan.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked if anyone else had a check for me tonight. Not a chance. Thank you very much, I really appreciate it.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- September 3 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- September 4, Senior Expo, 1:00-3:00 PM, Greene County Department of Human Services, Aging and Youth; Greene County Health Department, YMCA in Cocksackie
- September 8 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- September 11 Planning Board at 7 PM
- September 20 Townwide Yard Sale 9 AM-4 PM, Raindate September 21
- September 22 Town Board Work Meeting
- September 24 Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 PM

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**RESOLUTION
AUGUST 25, 2014**

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 2014b-08-01 to 2014b-08-43, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2014b-08-01 to 2014b-08-43.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until September 30, 2014.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM on a motion from Councilwoman VanEtten seconded by Councilman Ruso.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Benway, Norris

Supervisor Dellisanti thanked all for coming this evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara M. Finke
Town Clerk