

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

**August 11, 2014**

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**Public Hearing to Amend Section 54 of the Town Code to Amend Games of Chance**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes**

- **July 14, 2014 Town Board Regular Meeting**
- **July 28, 2014 Town Board Regular Meeting**

**Public Comment Period**

**Correspondence**

**New Business**

- Resolution to Adopt Local Law 1 of 2014 to Amend Section 54 of the Town Code Relating to Games of Chance
- Resolution to Amend Highway 284 Agreement
- Update of Employee Handbook
- Audit of Claims

**Upcoming Meetings**

- August 22, 2014 Veterans Committee at 1 PM
- August 25, 2014 Town Board Work Meeting
- August 27, 2014 Comprehensive Plan Committee at 7 PM
- September 3, 2014 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting 7 PM (If Needed)
- September 4, 2014 Senior Expo at Town Hall from 1-3 PM
- September 7, 2014 Seniors Committee at 10 AM
- September 8, 2014 Town Board Meeting

**Public Comment Period/Community Events**

**Adjournment**

**\*\*\*\* Agenda Subject to Change\*\*\*\***

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**Motion made by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten to open the Public Hearing at 7:00 PM.**

**AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten**

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT: Norris**

**Proposed Local Law 1 of 2014, a Local Law to Amend Chapter 54 of the Town Code Relating to Games of Chance**

*“Notice is hereby given that there will be a Public Hearing before the Town of New Baltimore Town Board regarding proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2014, a Local Law to Amend Chapter 54 of the Town Code Relating to Games of Chance, hearing to be held on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, NY 12087. All persons wishing to be heard in favor or opposition will have such opportunity at the time and place stated above.”*

*By Order of the Town Board,*

*Barbara M. Finke*

*Town Clerk*

*Dated July 29, 2014 and Appeared in the Daily Mail*

**Councilwoman Benway** added that it is also on the website.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** explained basically this particular resolution goes back to 1983 when the Town had a Police Chief and we have to change that to the County Sheriff and that is what we are about to do. Does anyone have any comments or questions on that particular resolution?

Hearing none, I will make a motion to close the public hearing at 7:01 PM, seconded by Councilwoman Benway, at 7:01 PM.

**AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten**

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT: Norris**

**OPENING REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**Supervisor Dellisanti** called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending: Deputy Supervisor Ruso, Councilwomen Benway and VanEtten, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Diane Jordan, Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan, and 5 members of the public who signed the attendance sheet.

Absent: Councilman Norris and Town Clerk Barbara Finke

**Approval of Minutes**

The July 14 Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes submitted by Town Clerk Barbara Finke, Motion by Councilman Ruso seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten.

**AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten**

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT: Norris**

The July 28 Town Board Work Meeting Minutes Submitted by the Town Clerk Barbara Finke, Motion by Councilwoman VanEtten seconded by Councilman Ruso

**AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, VanEtten**

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN: Benway**

**ABSENT: Norris**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**Ellie Alfeld** said she wants to discuss a problem with my road. First off this past Saturday my son came to me asking if I knew Denis Jordan's telephone number stating there was a load of stuff dropped on the road and the truck dropping the stuff was being followed by another truck which just kept on going. I went and looked at the stuff myself and then called Denis. This stuff was like wet cement with rocks the size of my fist in some places. It was all over our road. Denis came and I don't know how he did it, but I think he was there so fast your head would spin. And it was shortly thereafter when he went down the road and looked at the stuff, came up and stopped and saw me, and an EnCon officer came. He saw the stuff on 144, right Denis?

**Denis Jordan** replied that is correct.

**Ellie Alfeld** continued and it went I believe just about from the railroad tracks into our road and down as far as the road goes. When I asked who was going to pay for the cleanup of this mess, Denis said that company would be cleaning it up because I was afraid it might be my tax dollars.

**Denis Jordan** responded no.

**Ellie Alfeld** explained that evening while my son and his wife were out, they came home and found wet white cement, whatever you want to call it, on their blacktop driveway. Now, they pay a lot of money to get blacktop and the last thing they need is somebody turning around with this stuff on their wheels. Somewhere communications have failed, no one on Independence Lane was ever told what we could expect from CSX, the trucking company that is doing this work, nor the Town, not anyone. We have put up with this six and seven days a week, it starts at 7 AM. The trucking goes until 5:00 at night and that's not counting the work they are actually doing on the railroad tracks which has been known to last until midnight. We are the ones putting up with this. We need some information and I believe it should come from the Town Board and they have more clout than I do to get in touch with CSX. I am asking the Board to find out when this will end. When our families put in this road, we lived up to the expectations and demands of the Town and by that I mean my road is dedicated to this Town in 60' wide, not just a 40' road or a 50' road. I had to give this Town a 60' roadway and I had to meet all the standards and Denis can tell you I put in culverts, I put in shale, I put in bankrun. My bankrun on my road is the same bankrun you will find at the exit on the Thruway because it came off our property. So I know what I had; I don't know what I am going to have with this outfit, and I don't know who you go to, is going to leave. Can you assure me my road is going to be to the standards that you set for me when I put it in and that I will have a road that I can say I live on? I think something should be done by the Town Board to protect us and the investment we have made in this Town. We have not only put in a road that everybody could have been proud of, we developed over 2,000 feet of road frontage on that and this Town benefits by the taxes that are collected on those homes. I think we are due something. I am getting reports from my neighbors and they are saying nobody is thinking of us and these outfits that are trucking are not thinking of the people that live on it. Thank you.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** thanked her and asked Denis Jordan is that a subcontractor for CSX?

**Denis Jordan** responded yes.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** asked Denis Jordan is it Balfour?

**Denis Jordan** responded they are one of them and Halstead Excavating.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** asked who is the one that actually dumped the cement?

**Denis Jordan** responded Halstead.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** asked did you contact him?

**Denis Jordan** explained it had so much pressure on it.

**Councilwoman Benway** added but they did come back and fix it on Saturday.

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**Ellie Alfeld** said oh they did and they washed down the road.

**Councilman Ruso** explained but they need to make sure that both the Town and the residents on that road are made whole or kept whole is a better way to put it.

**Ellie Alfeld** said well the problem too I think if I did not get on my high horse and if I were not fortunate enough to have Denis come out when he did, I don't think they would have bothered because the truck that was behind that tailgate, followed that tailgate out, watched it all drop and never thought to stop.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** explained how many times did we try to call and we actually wrote a formal letter.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** explained it took them six weeks to respond to my letter that went down to Florida. I finally got a name of the Vice President up here who I will contact on this particular situation. He is the Regional Vice President.

**Ellie Alfeld** continued I'm telling you, the people that bought my old house on that road, their swimming pool, they are complaining because the dust is actually damaging their pool. My son next door, if he could sell the house tomorrow he'd be out of here.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** responded he's that mad.

**Ellie Alfeld** said he's that disgusted, he really is.

**Councilman Ruso** asked how much longer is this supposed to last?

**Ellie Alfeld** said we don't know.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** explained we have written letters and we called and called and finally we now have a name and hopefully we can get this person on the phone.

**Ellie Alfeld** said I have no idea Jeff.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** responded I will get in touch with him.

**Denis Jordan** answered it should be another six months because they have one side done and now they are working on the other because they are drilling a six foot in diameter hole, core drill and they are feeding water to it and air which blows it out and they have to scoop that out and that's what they are putting in the dump trucks and they are trucking it out. It has to be dumped on CSX property.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** questioned and it goes through that area that was broken up that you told us about.

**Ellie Alfeld** began that's right on...

**Supervisor Dellisanti** asked that's where they are taking it through.

**Denis Jordan** explained they are on Independence.

**Ellie Alfeld** continued they are all on my road and I'll give you a for instance. Today, every half hour, I had a full sized bonded concrete truck....

**Denis Jordan** said because they are filling the holes.

**Ellie Alfeld** responded with loads. Now you think of the pavement. This is a small road, this is not a state highway.

**Denis Jordan** continued but we cannot stop it.

**Ellie Alfeld** answered no I understand that.

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**Denis Jordan** began because we get state funds, we stoned and oiled it, and we took blacktop. Unfortunately they are doing nothing illegal. There's not a whole lot we can do.

**Ellie Alfeld** answered what we are looking for is consideration.

**Councilman Ruso** questioned can you consider, aside or in addition to what Ellie is saying, any damage to that property, to the roads?

**Denis Jordan** explained they have to make the road better than what they found it.

**Ellie Alfeld** asked do we have that in writing.

**Denis Jordan** said no we do not.

**Councilman Ruso** added I think I agree with where you are going here.

**Ellie Alfeld** stated I don't trust anybody.

**Councilman Ruso** continued I'd like to see something in writing that commits them to insuring that we end up...

**Denis Jordan** said so far they have done everything they told me they were going to do.

**Ellie Alfeld** said John Halstead is an upstanding guy, I'm not complaining about. I literally almost stepped in front of a truck because I said you are going too fast on this road. We have kids and we have animals here. Most of the truckers do slow down. Just one or two instances and I will raise holy hell, I don't care.

**Councilman Ruso** agreed no I think you should.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** asked how long has this been going on, this project?

**Councilman Ruso** responded they started at VanGurpin, it's been a year.

**Ellie Alfeld** continued and I've been told it could go into next year because if EnCon puts a stop because of some kind of trout season that what do they do spawn or something else, I don't even know. You can't operate during trout season.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** said you can't disturb them.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** asked what did EnCon say when they showed up?

**Denis Jordan** replied nothing illegal as long as they are going to come and clean it up and they did.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** asked and they did do that?

**Councilman Ruso** asked did they clean up your son's property?

**Ellie Alfeld** continued no, we didn't even know about it until afterwards, the next day.

**Councilman Ruso** said they cleaned it up off the road and just dumped it on the side of the road.

**Ellie Alfeld** explained they didn't dump it, they had all that white stuff on their tires and John has a blacktop driveway.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** said they went in the driveway.

**Denis Jordan** said it tracked onto it.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** asked will it wash away?

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**Ellie Alfeld** responded no.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** commented no, it won't wash away.

**Ellie Alfeld** said I don't know.

**Denis Jordan** continued it will.

**Ellie Alfeld** continued okay, I'm telling you there are stones that big, no joke.

**Councilwoman VanEtten and Councilman Ruso** responded we have to contact them, we might have to contact the subcontractors too.

**Ellie Alfeld** suggested a letter from the Town Board otherwise Ellie might have to go on a wild streak.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** added we don't want that to happen.

**Ellie Alfeld** said no you don't.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** continued people could get hurt, I understand.

**Ellie Alfeld** responded that's true.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Supervisor Dellisanti** received a letter tonight from Cornell Hook & Ladder Fire Company and read:

*Dear Town Board and Highway Superintendent:*

*The Cornell Hook & Ladder Fire Company will be hosting a block dance on Saturday, August 23 from 7 PM to Midnight in an effort to raise funds for TEAM KAMRYN. For those of you who do not know, KAMRYN is an 8 year old little girl from our community who has been diagnosed with cancer. We are trying to raise these funds to assist with anything Kamryn may need medically and also to help her parents be available to give her a happy life that every child should have. We are hoping for a very large turnout and planning for the same, we have been given permission from a private landowner to use a large field on her property for parking of vehicles. We would like the Board's permission if need be to use the parking lot at District 1 Park as overflow parking lot should the private lot become full. Also at this point, there are no plans to close Gill Road, however, we feel it would be a good idea to get permission from the Highway Superintendent and the Board to close only the area directly in front of the firehouse if there becomes a public safety issue for those people walking from the parking area on New Baltimore Road to the firehouse. If this were to happen, those living on Gill Road would still be able to exit from the 144 end. Thank you for considering these requests. Alan VanWormer, Company President."*

**Councilman Ruso** said I think there might be a variable to this. What are the dates that the rail crossing is going to be closed?

**Councilwomen VanEtten and Benway and Ellie Alfeld** responded the 18th to the 29th.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** added but they could still go around, it would only be in the evening.

**Councilman Ruso** continued all the way to Washington Avenue up around the big bend there, closing Gill Road. What is going to happen, anybody living where Ellie lives or where I live, is going to typically come from Ravenna, you can't come in any other way but to take Gill Road to get there so that only complicates matters.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** stated you could go down around Washington, couldn't you?

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**Councilman Ruso** responded yes, I could, it's only for one kid, it's only for a few hours, I could do it.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** continued its only for one kid who is sick, for a couple hours on one night.

**Ellie Alfeld** said the hard part is going to be signage, the Fire Company has to make sure they put a sign up on the bridge from 9W.

**Councilman Ruso** people aside from us who don't know they will have to have it at Gill Road and also have it as you approach. You just can't use Gill Road.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** explained it's only from 7 to midnight that it will be closed and its only for one evening.

**Councilman Ruso** continued for all I know my next door neighbor doesn't know anything about these plans and will just go down 144, take a left at Gill Road, and find its blocked too.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** added but if they have a sign at the end of Gill Road that they could read and go down around the block.

**Councilman Ruso** agreed detour sign or something.

**Councilwoman Benway** said but there has to be detour signs in more than just one place.

**Councilman Ruso** responded of course.

**Councilwoman Benway** added I've seen that happen before. You just get told to go in a direction and you are on your own from there. You can go find it. Hopefully you have GPS.

**Councilman Ruso** said I just realized it was the same timeframe.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** said I don't see a problem with it.

**Councilwoman Ruso** said it's a problem that can be overcome.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** asked if our attorney is okay with this.

**Tal Rappleyea** responded I think its fine. Obviously Denis and the Fire Company know how to mark it because it's been done before.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** added it's been done before from what I understand. Denis are you okay with this too?

**Denis Jordan** responded yes, no problem whatsoever.

**Councilwoman Benway** asked who would be the ones marking the road, the Highway or the Fire Department?

**Denis Jordan** responded the Fire Company. They came and got our signs and I have no problem with that.

**Councilman Ruso** asked Pat Linger if he could pass that on.

**Pat Linger** responded my guess would be the Fire Police would be out there.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** added they are always out there and they do a good job.

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Motion to accept road closing and also permission for overflow parking in District 1 Park by Councilwoman VanEtten seconded by Councilwoman Benway to accept road closing and permission for overflow parking in District 1 Park

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

**NEW BUSINESS**

Local Law 1

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

**RESOLUTION  
AUGUST 11, 2014**

**RESOLUTION TO ENACT LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2014 AMENDING  
CHAPTER 54 GAMES OF CHANCE OF THE CODE OF THE  
TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Baltimore Town Code, Chapter 54 Games of Chance was enacted in 1983 when the Town had a Chief of Police who was appointed as the Enforcement Officer of said local law, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Baltimore no longer has a Chief of Police and therefore the local law must be amended to appoint the Greene County Sheriff as the Enforcement Officer.

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby enacts Local Law #1 of 2014 amending Chapter 54 Games of Chance as set forth above following the Public Hearing held on August 11 at 7 PM.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilman Ruso

**Councilwoman Benway** questioned the wording of the enforcement official. It says the chief law enforcement official the Town of New Baltimore Police Chief Greene County Sheriff.

**Tal Rappleyea** responded that's the red lined version, the actual version is the clean version.

**Councilwoman Benway** said that's better, I'm good.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

**Supervisor Dellisanti** added I even put the application in there so everyone can take a look at that as well.



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**RESOLUTION  
AUGUST 11, 2014**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF  
HIGHWAY MONIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH NYS HIGHWAY LAW §284**

*WHEREAS*, the Town of New Baltimore resolved to enter into the standard Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Monies by resolution and Agreement dated April 14, 2014, and

*WHEREAS*, the Town of New Baltimore has received an additional amount of \$17,035.47 from the State of New York for assistance in severe storm recovery and thus the aforementioned resolution and Agreement must be amended to reflect such additional funds.

*RESOLVED*, that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby amends the April 14, 2014 resolution and Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Monies to include an additional \$17,035.47, as set forth above.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten

**Kevin Kennah** asked is that what they had in the paper that we got \$4 million more in CHIPS money?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** answered yes, that's where it came from.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

**Supervisor Dellisanti** asked Councilman Ruso to update the Board on the Employee Handbook.

**Councilman Ruso** began this is just a discussion about how to proceed, the Task Force is putting together a Handbook that has never existed, is finished with this phase at this point, there may be some typos. The next step in the process we feel needs to be presentation to the Town employees so that they can have some input into the details contained. That's where we are at this moment. The format of that meeting -- the when, where, how -- is a conversation I want to get a feel from the Board tonight. I believe that when the employees meet and we do this, I think that it should be open to all Town Board members so they can hear for themselves.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** added therefore it would be open to the public.

**Councilman Ruso** continued if we do that, and all of us are there, it's open to the public. So that's my feeling on this. I don't know where the rest of you are on this, I haven't spoken with, the only people I have been involved with are on the Task Force. I haven't spoken with Shelly, Lisa, or Chris.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** said no I agree.

**Councilwoman Benway** asked do you plan on giving the employees a copy of it so they can review it before sitting down?

**Councilman Ruso** answered yes, in essence the steps in the process are let's have the employees review it and have a meeting with them to hear what they would like to see and hear, whether it's a small group, two Board members or less, or the entirety of us. The employees need to have a review and input. The next part is it goes to the Attorney for legal review and then following whatever edits are based upon the employees' and the Attorney's

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review, it comes before us for a resolution is how it is. I would like to have everyone here because there are some sticky points to it. There are some things that are not going to exactly popular, it depends on who you talk to. It might be popular with the employees but not so with the Town residents and the reverse could also be true as well. In a sense I'm not against having, I think it would be a good idea to have, the Town residents in addition to the Town employees present if they so wish, I know Ellie would. That's their option because they also know what we are doing in our attempt to be as fair as possible. The sticky parts of it at this moment are in relation to time off benefits. We have to set forth some resolutions that match what we are doing or what we want to do. Some of the sticky points at this moment are we are giving more vacation days than the town currently authorizes. I discovered that through auditing and reviewing. I think the maximum identified in any Town Board resolution is 20 days vacation and we are giving 25 days. Other things I mentioned on previous occasions are a "doctor day" which I cannot really find too much that justifies that and that's a couple days a year as well. I think that depends on how many doctor needs you have. I think the Town Highway capped it at two, but that's not true in the entirety of the Town, Town Hall has taken more.

**Councilwoman Benway** added I've never understood the doctor day if you have sick and personal time, its sick and personal time whether it's for a doctor or....

**Councilman Ruso** continued the problem is the employees are accustomed to getting this level of benefits and all of a sudden, and maybe not rightfully so, but now it's like pulling the rug out from under them and I don't want to do that either, but I think we ought to be able to explain our perspectives and they should be able to explain theirs. The other thing and I mentioned this and I don't know if I mentioned this part to Denis is how they calculate usage of the benefit time. How can I describe it, it's very complex. In essence, Monday through Thursday the shift that one works is 8 hours and 36 minutes, that's what the employees worked. They get a 39 minute lunch break and that's figures I've never heard of in my life and on Friday, one leaves after 5 hours and 36 minutes, is that correct?

**Denis Jordan** replied yes, that is correct.

**Councilman Ruso** began so if one takes a whole week vacation, they are paid 40 hours, that's their work week is 40 hours, they are paid for 40 hours, however, their benefit time is only deducted...

**Supervisor Dellisanti and Councilman Ruso** said deducted by 4 1/2 days.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** added so every four weeks they pick up another two vacation days.

**Councilman Ruso** said in essence I take a week off in May, that's 4 1/2 days. I take a week off in June, July, or August, that comes to 18 days, I still have 2 left because you added time during Monday through Thursday so you have a shorter day on Friday and that is only counted as 1/2 day.

**Councilwoman Benway** agreed it has to change to hours, that's how we have always done it is hours.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** concluded instead of getting into all the details tonight, I agree I would like all of us to be together.

**Councilwoman Benway** stated I would almost say that for the first meeting with the employees though, where after they look at the Handbook, probably they should sit with the Task Force and then once you have hey this is what they want, then the Board can sit down as well with them. I don't know what everyone thinks of that.

**Councilman Ruso** added we have to look at the process, how we are going to go forward, timetables and all that.

**Councilwoman Benway** said I think there is going to be changes before there is any approval.

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**Councilman Ruso** continued we will have a meeting with the Town employees with the Task Force and then we will have a more grander meeting and then it goes to the Attorney.

**Councilwoman Benway** added more finalized.

**Councilman Ruso** asked what does the Attorney have to say about this because I want to follow proper protocol?

**Tal Rappleyea** said that's fine and its only if you have the majority of the Board present, you have to have it open to the public. There is one other caveat and that is you may want to consider or take a look at whether some of this or all of this should be in Executive Session because you are going to be talking about health insurance and HIPPA and those other types of requirements and restrictions depending on how specific.

**Councilwoman Benway** added but that's only if you are going to be specific It's like saying Lisa Benway's getting this and Ellie's not.

**Tal Rappleyea** clarified so I'm just saying that as a caveat just to be aware.

**Councilman Ruso** said with Lisa's idea, if any of those things that do arise can be accommodated in a nonpublic meeting, although if other Town employees are present, we wouldn't want to necessarily do that either.

**Councilwoman Benway** explained but they can just stand aside with just you for a minute and say I have a question on that.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** responded that's fine, individual conversation.

**Councilwoman Benway** said they can have a private conversation with anyone on the Board.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** concluded so that's what we will do, set up a Task Force meeting with the employees first then the Board meeting to follow.

**Councilwoman Benway** added with any changes that everybody wanted.

**Councilman Ruso** responded I have emailed a copy tonight to all Board members of the current. Every time I read it I find a typo so there may be and I've only given you the version on it when I send it out and it would be reflective of the date, so today is Handbook 08/11 next time is 08/21 or whenever the next update is. I keep finding typos no matter how many times I look at it. I think what we need to do is maybe within the next two weeks, we can have such a meeting with the employees. Although I have some personal issues where I have to be away, work issues actually not personal, so I have to consider dates.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** explained Jeff has put in much time and effort on this and has messed up my desk for many hours while I sat in another chair putting this all together so he really deserves much credit on this.

#### **DISCUSSION OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AT EVERY MEETING**

**Supervisor Dellisanti** began we had a slight discussion at the last meeting. The Courts have asked us to process claims on a regular basis only because they run out of petty cash. I don't see there is an issue with doing claims at every meeting.

**Councilwoman Benway** asked at the Work Meeting as well?

**Supervisor Dellisanti** clarified at the Work Meeting as well so I just wanted to get that out for discussion.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** explained we can have all the bills paid on time, it's such a mess like with the Verizon bill.

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**Supervisor Dellisanti** continued it seems like Bonnie, our Bookkeeper, likes this idea as well because tonight we are doing 22.

**Councilwoman Benway** said and you don't get writer's cramp signing.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** agreed and we don't have writer's cramp with 100 each time.

**Ellie Alfeld** said and your suppliers appreciate it.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** explained they are getting paid on time and we aren't getting finances charges.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** responded it is easier to find mistakes on a shorter stack than a huge stack.

**Councilman Ruso** said sometimes you just have to get it done and so you can provide more details.

**Supervisor Dellisanti** concluded that was just for discussion and thank you very much.

Audit of Claims

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

**RESOLUTION  
AUGUST 11, 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 2014-08-01 to 2014-08-22 , it is

**REVOLVED** that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2014-08-01 to 2014-08-22,

**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 Councilwoman VanEtten

**Councilwoman Benway** questioned you said this is the one we are holding and is included in this.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** responded right, we took it out.

**Diane Jordan** added it was pulled.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** explained I pulled it because it had a negative amount and the first page was missing.

**Diane Jordan** said so we have 22 instead of 23.

**Councilwoman Benway** asked so this is 08-13 so it gives the impression that it is going to get paid?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** responded no, Diane explained it to me, go ahead Diane.

**Diane Jordan** replied I had to change all of the numbers.

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AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Norris

Upcoming Meetings

- August 22, 2014 Veterans Committee at 1 PM
- August 25, 2014 Town Board Work Meeting
- August 27, 2014 Comprehensive Plan Committee at 7 PM
- September 3, 2014 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting 7 PM (If Needed) **7:30 PM**
- September 4, 2014 Senior Expo at Town Hall from 1-3 PM
- September 7, 2014 Seniors Committee at 10 AM
- September 8, 2014 Town Board Meeting

**Councilwoman Benway** announced that all are on the website.

**Pat Linger** mentioned a correction on the start of the ZBA meeting at 7:30.

**Councilwoman Benway** added the ZBA was the only one that didn't change to 7 in January.

**Ellie Alfeld** wanted to make the Board aware of and I don't think any Board Member knows of a letter that has been received by people that have property that borders the Thruway concerning a possible pipeline following along the Thruway and maybe touching their boundary and I was trying to get a copy of the letter for tonight, but I forgot it.

**Councilman Ruso** asked what is the name of the pipeline?

**Councilwoman VanEtten** asked if you get a copy, can you give it to us?

**Diane Jordan** explained it's going over the top of what they already have there. They need to get a permission slip signed. I had someone come in this week with a brochure and a letter.

**Councilman Ruso** said so it's on the East side.

**Ellie Alfeld** said no this was on the west side.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** asked did we get it?

**Diane Jordan** explained no just property owners.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** asked but you got a copy of it?

**Diane Jordan** continued no someone brought one in to show us, she showed a brochure and the letter and everything she had gotten.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** asked you didn't copy it?

**Diane Jordan** responded no.

**Betty Kemnah** said she has been a resident for 30 years and it seems there has been a lot of problems with gas lines that are going through, Schenectady and all over. There were two explosions, one yesterday and one today.

**Pat Linger** said I don't know where the lines are, the only thing I thought they had was fiber optic.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** agreed there was a fiber optic woman that came in, but we haven't heard anything about gas lines.

**Ellie Alfeld** said I don't know if its gas or fiber optics.

**Councilman Ruso** explained there is natural gas along the Thruway, you can see an outcropping right there by Joe Tanner's house.

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**Councilwoman VanEtten** responded until we get the information, we can't answer your question.

**Councilman Ruso** said I don't know if Mr. Planck knows something.

**Jim Planck** began I can tell you prematurely it is a story that I am probably going to end up doing. I thought Melanie might do it, but it's not just Cocksackie and for awhile we had a *Register Star* reporter on our side when Kyle had to go to the other side so we were switching and Joe was talking about doing a story, but he's back in Hudson again now so I think it has evolved upon to me. It started with me because last week I got a phone call from a lady in West Cocksackie who said folks had been there with the paperwork for the survey permission and she provided a lot of detail and according to her it's an oil line that is going to go from the Port of Albany down to Linden, New Jersey and then it's going to be sent to one of the cat crackers down there and send it back, take it down as crude and bring it back up as refined, and another line back to the Port of Albany to the destination I believe she said Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire or all three.

**Councilman Ruso** asked is it something that has been approved by the State?

**Jim Planck** replied the federal government drives me nuts.

**Councilman Ruso** asked any input the towns would have on this?

**Jim Planck** continued FERC and all these other FDA. I lose track of them, these acronyms for different things, none of them seem to be aimed to the common person whatsoever.

**Councilman Ruso** commented there has been no notification to the Town on anything.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** said we haven't heard anything about this.

**Councilman Ruso** continued the only thing we get is conversations with Town residents.

**Jim Planck** explained my first step is to go to the Federal Register and find out what kind of public notice was given, project description and the federal regulatory agencies involved and find out who is the applicant, and all that kind of stuff.

**Councilman Ruso** said we don't know if it has been approved yet, would need approval hearing or open public hearing.

**Jim Planck** continued I have no idea of that status, I would assume if they are going for surveying they are confident no matter what stage they are in, and with federal agencies they tend to get what they want because the laws are not protective of the individual at all.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** said I would like to get a copy of that letter.

**Ellie Alfeld** answered I will try to get you that. The thing that gets me is the fact that think in terms of the Town of New Baltimore from the Coeymans line to the Cocksackie line nobody knows what's going on if they don't happen to tell you.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** added they don't and you think the Town Board, CSX they really don't care about the Town.

**Councilman Ruso** said it's not CSX in this case its...

**Councilwoman VanEtten** explained but I mean any of these big companies.

**Ellie Alfeld** continued that's the problem we have got and as mouthy as I am that's why I keep telling you people every time I hear one of these things.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** explained we will call if you give us the letter to see what we can find out. Until we get that information, we can't answer your question.

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**Kevin Kemnah** said usually the way it works, they contact the landowner first and let them know to see what they think, that's all done through FERC, Federal Energy Regulatory Committee and they do that with the Constitution Pipeline that is coming through Schoharie and they are already putting in for a second one to go alongside of that pipeline to hook up in the Town of Wright for natural gas, this one is to eliminate all the transportation from the crude oil that is coming from South Dakota that they want to ship down.

**Councilman Ruso** added this obviates the usage of the ST111s on the rail line, but this eliminates that, so they either get you on one side or the other, they get you coming or going.

**Ellie Alfeld** said they have enough of it they run both.

**Councilman Ruso** explained I would like to have more insight into this personally, I'm right there, my property is right there.

**Ellie Alfeld** continued but you're not, the people I spoke to, their fenceline is on the back of the property, the Thruway is on one side of the fence and their property is on the other. At one point in time my property went from their fence line to the railroad. I owned all of that property, 70 acres.

**Councilwoman VanEtten** explained if someone comes with something like that, if you could just copy it Diane, so we could know, that would be nice.

**Jim Planck** said will have a story on it a week from tomorrow in *The Daily Mail*.

On a motion by Councilwoman Benway seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke  
Town Clerk