

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

MAY 8, 2017

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Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

- April 24, 2017 Town Board Work Meeting

Public Comment Period

Correspondence

Presentation by Superintendent Randy Squires and Leslie Copleston from the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District

New Business

- Resolution to Approve Annual Report of Accounts for Town Justice Court
- Resolution to Appoint Recycling Center Operator/Laborer
- Resolution to Authorize the Tax Collector to Attend Training
- Resolution to Approve Emergency Purchase by Highway Superintendent
- Resolution to Surplus Ten Broken Filing Cabinets in the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Offices and Purchase ~~Ten~~ **Eleven** Used Filing Cabinets
- Exemption of Greene County from Town Land Use Laws for the Public Telecommunications
- Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution
- Motion to Approve Request from Susan Farrell-Melick on behalf of the Girl Scout Troops of the RCS District to Hang Ribbons at Town Hall and Town Parks for the National Alliance on Mental Illness Annual Ribbon Awareness Campaign
- Motion to Approve Refund of Park Rental and Return of Deposit to Town Resident Moving Location of Event
- Audit of Claims

Update by Mary Beth Bianconi and Brock Juusola from Delaware Engineering on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

Upcoming Meetings

- May 10, 2017 Senior Citizen Committee at 10 AM
- May 11, 2017 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- May 22, 2017 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- May 23, 2017 Board of Assessment Review **Grievance Day** 4-8 PM
- May 25, 2017 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 5:30 PM
- May 26, 2017 Memorials Committee at 11 AM
- June 3-4 2017 AgFest at VanEtten Farm
- June 7, 2017 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- June 8, 2017 Planning Board at 7 PM
- June 12, 2017 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- June 14, 2017 Senior Committee Picnic at 12 Noon Hallock Park
- June 24, 2017 Greene County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event from 8 AM-12 Noon
- June 26, 2017 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

Public Comment Period/Community Events

Adjournment

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

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OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Dellisanti opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending Deputy Supervisor Ruso, Councilmembers Briody, Irving and VanEtten, Ralph Ambrosio, Esq., Town Clerk Finke, Tax Collector Jordan and 4 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

Absent: Highway Superintendent Jordan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 24, 2017 Town Board Regular Meeting submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Moved by Supervisor Dellisanti and was seconded by Councilmember Briody. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Dellisanti: Greene Solid Waste Hazardous Waste Collection Event on June 24, 2017 8AM-12PM at the Greene Highway Department. Last name A-G 8AM-9AM, H-N 9AM-10AM, O-T 10AM-11AM, U-Z 11AM-12 PM. It's been a very successful program and if you have some chemicals bring them down

Letter from Senator George Amedore to Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan:

‘Maintaining safe, dependable roads is important to the safety of our communities and the health of our economy. However, maintenance and upkeep can be expensive, and I know municipalities need all the assistance they can get to offset the burden. I am glad to inform you that the Town of New Baltimore will receive \$142,255.60 from Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) as part of the recently enacted 2017-2018 State Budget. Additionally, your municipality will receive \$32,471 apportionments in funding under the PAVE-NY program, as well as \$27,682 apportionments under the Extreme Winter Recovery program. A strong infrastructure is vitally important to strong, healthy communities. If you have any questions regarding your CHIPS funding, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (518)455-2350.’

Supervisor Dellisanti: We thank Senator George Amedore for bringing that to our attention.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: If I can ask, the first two -- the PAVE-NY and the CHIPS -- are for highway repair and the last one is to offset some of our costs from the winter storm.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Winter storm, yes. I have been in contact with the Capital District Cricket Association of New York. We are in the process of doing a contract with them; Tal's working on that agreement. They want to take over District 3 Park, similar to what we did in District 2 Park with the baseball field there. They're going to maintain it, rebuild the outfield by bringing in topsoil, redressing it and seeding it. Hopefully within a two year period we'll have enough money raised by the Friends of New Baltimore Recreation to put in the baseball field that we want to do there, the 90' base paths. They've already submitted their \$2 million of insurance; Tal has this. We're meeting with them again tomorrow night to walk the field; Jeff and I are meeting with them. It's going to be a good program to have the Park being used.

Ellie Alfeld: They're putting up \$2 million worth of insurance, are they paying anything to the Town for use?

Supervisor Dellisanti: Yes, right now the fee that we're going to use is the same as the picnic fee. It will be \$25 a day for use of the field. They're going to use it on Saturdays and Sundays. So every weekend will be a \$50 fee to the Town of New Baltimore.

Ellie Alfeld: And we'll have a legal contract.

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Supervisor Dellisanti: Yes, that's what's being processed right now.

Ellie Alfeld: The same as what we had for the Owlz.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Yes and it would actually be Outlaws now.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Good Evening, just in time I might add. Let me introduce Superintendent Squires and Leslie Copleston from Coxsackie-Athens to give us an update on the school budget.

Superintendent Squires: Thanks for having us tonight. Our annual school budget vote is next Tuesday as it is in every district across New York State. This is kind of a slide summary; we're not going to certainly go over each slide. Overall our budget increase is 3.11% from this year. A large part of that increase is the first installment of our capital project that voters approved a year ago for our capital project. So we're starting to take out our loans, debt service for that so it's a big chunk of that increase. It goes back to the other side, state aid going out. So the tax levy increase is 2.56%. This is at our tax cap so residents will receive that check in the mail in the fall so they'll get it back from New York State. Some concerns we have had going into the budget, we still have concerns and I'm sure you share some of these with the whole federal budget. And of course when we were working on this they had not even come up with a stop gap measure to get through September. We do rely on federal aid, several hundred thousand dollars in federal grants to help our district so that was certainly hanging over us. Medicaid is another area that we rely on a little bit to help support our students, so having those things in mind we want to make sure we're prepared just in case something happened midstream in the state and local budgets on that. Another area of continued growth in our budget is Special Ed. services which continue to grow in our district as far as the population that's moving in and also our incoming kindergarten is a larger number than normal number needing Special Ed. Services. We are creating another Special Ed. classroom in our Elementary level, K-2 level, to service those kids with high needs, some are even nonverbal at this point. Also just long term planning, the last several years we've been fortunate that the Teacher Retirement System has been dropping. Our percentage share has been dropping so that has helped us in the last several years including this budget as well, but we also know that is not a continued forever. So we wanted to build a little bit of cushion in there knowing conversations we've had with people on the TRS board that looks like that may start to go back up next year. So the biggest chunk of our staff is teachers; that is a big shift there. So we're looking to make sure we can handle that in the next couple years going forward. Budget-to-budget, again the only real changes are the additional Special Ed. class which is three additional staff. We do have several retirements, two of them we're not filling. That would be a Science teaching position at the High School and also an Elementary position we're not filling although we do have it budgeted. We get a lot of late registrants for Kindergarten so we want to make sure we have the flexibility if we have to open up another Kindergarten section in the coming year. But if it stays where it's at, we just have one less K-6 section next year, we have that flexibility. In regards to Science, we're having all the same Sciences we've offered, but just more. Over the last several years we currently offer all the core Sciences, but we also offer electives for our kids. We're continuing to offer in the High School 35 courses for college credit, it's also schools whether it's large schools, small schools in the Capital region. We're proud of that. A lot of our kids come back and say how nice it is to go in as a Freshman and then after the Freshman year then all of a sudden they become Juniors because of all those credits that they took with them at a much reduced rate and cost through Columbia-Greene. Class sizes will remain pretty consistent across the board, we're not seeing larger class sizes for K-12. Our enrollment has been declining the last decade if you will. That last decline if you will has kind of now gone through the High School. The High School in the last five years is about a 22% enrollment decline, about 100 kids less than we had in 2012-13. So now all of those classes have all leveled off. So now K-12 we are pretty consistent, about 105 kids per grade. It fluctuates a little bit, but you don't have those big 120-130 kid class coming there. So our staffing changes have been kind of a reflection of that over the last several years. It started in the Elementary with less sections, Middle, and then the High School. That's a quick overview; it's kind of a wham budget season in some ways in that regard, not a lot of big decisions to make. The state aid came through, that certainly helped us out. It certainly wasn't as much as we had received as far as a percent increase, but it was an increase. We appreciate that. Our Foundation Aid, if you follow that you'd remember when we all had the recession

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several years ago they first had the Gap Elimination Adjustment. They've eliminated that, but they were never fully funding the actual Foundation Aid formulas for school districts across New York State, including for C-A so as of today the State owes us about \$1.1 million still in Foundation Aid if the formula had run the way it was supposed to run. The Governor doesn't want to hear that, his proposal was to eliminate Foundation Aid and come up with a new formula, but the Senate and Assembly both held their ground on that and they let the formula run (unable to understand) so we really never had caught up so to speak on what we should have been receiving the last ten years or so in the state formula, but we certainly appreciate the state aid increase. If you look at the overall budget, really education and health care the only two that are receiving additional aid. I know the towns aren't getting any more and most other agencies across the state are flat. We're so appreciative of our Senators and Assembly holding true to that. Questions?

Supervisor Dellisanti: I'll just ask the Town Board, do you have any questions you'd like to ask?

Councilmember VanEtten: I'm just curious, how many incoming Kindergarteners do you have for this year?

Superintendent Squires: Right now we're in the 90s overall between the two schools?

Councilmember VanEtten: What's your cap for kindergarteners class size?

Superintendent Squires: We try to keep it at 20 or less. Again you might start at 19 and then all of a sudden they trickle in and you end up at 22. I don't think I've ever seen anything bigger than 22. Again we start out at 17-18 and then with late arrivals and such like that. Not enough to open another class, but tips the scale a little bit. If that's the case we try to rearrange some of our Teacher Aids, schedule some extra support in there for more hands on deck if you will.

Supervisor Dellisanti: I didn't notice anything here about athletic fields. Are you doing anything with the athletic fields?

Superintendent Squires: The capital project has started, what was passed last spring. We broke it up into phases. Phase 1 which is pretty much all of our outside work was approved fairly quickly. Phase 2 is still sitting at State Ed. in the que waiting to be approved along with 200 other projects ahead of us. We submitted in October. They're very understaffed up there so we're hoping that could be pushed along a little bit, but as far as the outside work they began right around the first of April. They're doing mostly right now the work out back for the new track and field. It's going to be natural sod, grass; irrigation system as well as we put in there as well as drainage. Some people notice the drainage already, they've piped it right out off of Bailey Street there in the Village. That's all taking place. Lights will be installed as well. The track will be widened so soccer can fit in there, the full size soccer fields are narrow like Ravena's. So a full size soccer field and field hockey and football will all be able to participate on that field, sound system, scoreboard, and then after graduation the parking lots at both campuses are going to get redone as well, especially Cocksackie reconfigured so there's in and out. No more crossing traffic; anybody's familiar with that parking lot knows what we're talking about there with the island. That's gone. Buses will have their own in and out in the Elementary in and out and the High School/Middle School. We'll be going in the same direction too. We won't need crossing guards or cars anymore in the parking lot and the Athens campus as well has some additional spaces at and we will resurface down there. New lighting out front for parking as well will be nice and that still makes an historical look, kind of like the lights that are in the industrial parks. They're going to be colored to match the trim on all our windows, that bronzy look, and will look sharp, LED lights are nice and bright.

Ellie Alfeld: I wanted to ask you about your lunch program. I've been checking or getting some information about some of the lunch programs in the different schools. Approximately what percentage of your kids are on a free lunch program?

Superintendent Squires: Districtwide it hovers around 40%. Cocksackie Elementary is a little over 50%.

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Ellie Alfeld: The other information I'd like to know is the article I chanced on was mentioned the embarrassment and how you handled children that do not have the funds to pay for their lunches and what is your, how is your handling of this problem?

Superintendent Squires: There was an article about it, they're calling it shaming.

Ellie Alfeld: Yes, it is.

Superintendent Squires: We don't do that. Every kid has a code, a four-digit code. So every kid regardless of whether you're paying full price, reduced price, or free you just punch in your code and that's...

Ellie Alfeld: And if a child is in fact is not entitled to the free lunch, but is on a reduced lunch fee, how do you bill the parents or how would you handle getting the necessary resources that you need but possibly household cannot afford to come up with that? Do you have a catch pool of money that you set aside to handle the shortages in your lunch program and breakfast I guess?

Superintendent Squires: We try to work with the families so they can stay current on their bills. Honestly we try to discourage charging lunches for anybody whether they're on free, reduced or not. We still feed the kids, that's part of our Board policy to still feed them. We don't deny a kid a lunch. We just try different ways to try to encourage parents to pay up. A lot of times it's not necessarily the parents with free and reduced that have the biggest bills.

Councilwoman VanEtten: I'm curious, so when they pay for their lunch do they actually pay cash? Is it charged now?

Superintendent Squires: It's both. I don't know what the percentage is, but I think most parents now even just go on line. It's on My School Box and you can just put money in. For us we just have it reoccurring. So my son graduated so it doesn't have as much now, but when it did for my daughters now when it gets down to a certain level it just replenishes, kind of like EZPass.

Ellie Alfeld: 50%, that's a lot of kids.

Councilmember Briody: What it does too is it's electronic. It sends you an email. Because our kids every once in awhile one of our children will buy more than just his lunch and then all of a sudden he's short, but it automatically emails us and we replenish it electronically.

Superintendent Squires: You can go on as a parent and see what they are buying.

Councilmember VanEtten: That's nice.

Councilmember Briody: It's actually a really nice system.

Supervisor Dellisanti: So the kids can't beat daddy up and mommy up for the same lunch money.

Councilmember VanEtten: You've got to come up with all this change every morning. I don't know about you, but it was like stressful some days with four of them.

Councilmember Briody: I think the nice thing is that with the system that they have, you don't know from one child to the other. So it's an excellent system.

Councilmember VanEtten: And that's a good idea, kids don't need to know. I'm just shocked that the number is 50% really.

Superintendent Squires: I think this will be our second summer or third summer?

Leslie Copleston: This will be the third.

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Superintendent Squires: This coming summer will be our third summer we'll have free breakfast and lunch for anybody; any kid from birth to 18 years old as long as they show up at school, the Cocksackie campus, they can get free breakfast or lunch for the summertime.

Councilmember Briody: That's amazing.

Ellie Alfeld: That's necessary for a lot of kids.

Many speaking at once.

Councilmember Briody: That's very good.

Superintendent Squires: That's because we're eligible for it. It's interesting, Athens is not eligible for it because they take a radius of your school and then they look at overall income and all that. But the Cocksackie campus is. I know last year we sent meals down to the Athens summer program and we did up here.

Leslie Copleston: We don't know yet either. We had difficulty with very little participation (unable to understand).

Councilmember VanEtten: We do and I have no way, like I said until you got my email, of guaranteeing how many kids are going to be there.

Superintendent Squires: Our school is busy in the summer. We have summer rec, that's over 100 kids; we have summer school; YMCA program, day programs there; also weekly programs whether it's Sprouts or camp invention; so it's a very robust program. Parents can eat too, they just have to pay.

Councilmember VanEtten: Oh, they have to pay.

Superintendent Squires: But it's still not a bad price; cheaper than McDonald's.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Any other questions?

Councilmember Briody: Yes, just one more. What's the estimated time for the completion of the new track? Will it make this season or no?

Superintendent Squires: Not this spring, no.

Councilmember Briody: That's kind of what I figured.

Superintendent Squires: Especially with the rain, they've been at it for about a week not do any work. We're hoping the best case scenario is we might be able to get a couple games in the fall on it on the field. The track will be done too. The track should be ready in the fall. I don't know if they're going to paint it in the fall, like the lines, but at least they'll be down and at least be usable for our community to walk on. The goal is pretty much to have that all done when school opens.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Do you know the name of the surface they're going to put down on the track?

Superintendent Squires: It's rubberized, I have a sample of it, but I don't know the actual...

Supervisor Dellisanti: It's not Mondo is it? Do you know?

Leslie Copleston: That doesn't sound like it.

Supervisor Dellisanti: I'll ask you another time.

Superintendent Squires: It's supposedly a college level quality. We're excited about it. Once the inside gets approved, we're really going to get excited about it.

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Supervisor Dellisanti: It's a big project. Thanks for coming tonight; I really appreciate it.

Superintendent Squires: Appreciate for having us. Remind people to vote because no votes come out regardless; we need the yes votes. We don't need a surprise. It will be about \$500,000 we have (unable to understand).

Supervisor Dellisanti: Thanks again for coming tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 102-2017
MAY 8, 2017

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ANNUAL REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS
FOR TOWN JUSTICE COURT**

WHEREAS Town Law Section 123 requires each town officer or employee who has received or disbursed any monies to produce all supporting books, records, receipts, warrants, vouchers and cancelled checks as authorized by Section 29 of the General Municipal Law.

RESOLVED that Councilman Jeffry Ruso has completed the Annual Review of the financial records of the Town Justice Court and the Town Board has reviewed this report and accepts the Annual Review for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ruso

Supervisor Dellisanti: Questions or comments? Mr. Ruso's report is attached.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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RESOLUTION 103-2017
MAY 8, 2017

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT RECYCLING CENTER OPERATOR/LABORER

RESOLVED that Kirk Trombley is appointed Recycling Center Operator/Laborer at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, after six months of satisfactory completed service the rate will increase to \$11.50 per hour.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember Irving

Supervisor Dellisanti: Any questions or comments? One comment is just so everyone knows, Mr. Trombley is a New Baltimore resident.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Supervisor Dellisanti: Chuck, you'll get in touch with him?

Councilmember Irving: Yes, I will.

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Supervisor Dellisanti: Thanks so much.

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RESOLUTION 104-2017

MAY 8, 2017

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ATTEND TRAINING

WHEREAS, the New York State Tax Receivers & Collectors will be holding their 2016 Annual Training Seminar on Sunday, June 12 through Wednesday, June 15 at the High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid, New York.

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approves the attendance of the Tax Collector and the Registration Fee, overnight accommodations and mileage for this training.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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RESOLUTION 105-2017

MAY 8, 2017

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EMERGENCY PURCHASE BY
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

WHEREAS the Town Board adopted a Procurement Policy on January 1, 2017 concerning the procurement of goods and services.

WHEREAS the transmission stopped working on the 1996 International Truck and needed to be replaced and Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan contacted Heavy Duty Automatics, Inc. for said repairs.

WHEREAS due to the emergency condition of this purchase and according to Procurement Policy 6 b, Section 103(4) of the General Municipal Law, this repair had to be performed immediately and an alternative proposal might threaten the life, health, safety or welfare of the residents.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approves said emergency purchase from Heavy Duty Automatics, Inc., for \$4,405.77.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: Is this the vehicle we bought from Maine last year?

Supervisor Dellisanti: Yes.

Councilmember VanEtten: I would assume this is the same vehicle.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Yes, 1996.

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RESOLUTION 106-2017
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**RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS TEN BROKEN FILING CABINETS
IN THE TOWN CLERK AND DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR OFFICES
AND PURCHASE ELEVEN USED FILING CABINETS**

WHEREAS ten of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's filing cabinets were broken, some could not be locked, and some were difficult to open and the Town Clerk purchased eleven used locking filing cabinets at \$60 each for a total of \$660.

WHEREAS the Town Board approves the surplus of the original filing cabinets.

RESOLVED purchase will be allocated to five from A1460.4 Records Management Contractual \$300, two from A1330.4 Tax Collector \$120, and five from A1620.4 Buildings Contractual.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ruso

Ellie Alfeld: Where were they purchased from?

Town Clerk Finke: They were purchased from a contractor who gets them from the Office of Mental Health. They're getting all new ones, but for us they're absolutely gorgeous. And for \$60 you can't buy much for five drawer filing cabinets.

Ellie Alfeld: No, in fact I was looking for one for my granddaughter, but just asking because the numbers don't mean squat.

Town Clerk Finke: We have a spare one so.

Supervisor Dellisanti: This is a very good price and they absolutely look brand new and they all lock.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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RESOLUTION 107-2017
EXEMPTION OF GREENE COUNTY FROM TOWN LAND USE LAWS
FOR THE PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY
LOCATED AT 352 HIGH ROCK ROAD
TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE
May 8, 2017

WHEREAS, Greene County has requested that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore make a determination with regard to whether it shall be exempt from the applicability of the Town's land use and subdivision laws in relation to its proposal for a two lot subdivision of an approximately 70.8 acre parcel on High Rock Road in the Town of New Baltimore adjacent to an existing privately-owned wireless telecommunications facility; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that there is significant case law on point, with regard to the exemption of such a project including In the Matter of the County of Monroe, 72 NY2d 338 (1988), which held that a balancing test must be performed to determine whether a project of a municipality or agency thereof, is exempt from the local land use regulation weighing the following factors: 1) Legislative intent; 2) Nature and scope of the instrumentality seeking immunity; 3) The kind of function or land use involved; 4) The extent of the public interest to be served; 5) The effect local land use regulation would have on the enterprise; 6) Impact on legitimate local interests; 7) Alternative locations for the facility in less restrictive zoning areas; 8) Alternative methods of providing the needed improvement; 9) Intergovernmental participation in the project development process; and 10) Opportunity of the public and others to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the County intends to purchase a 0.5 acre site that will be subdivided from the 70.8 acre tax parcel 29.00-1-1 located on High Rock Road, adjacent to an existing privately-owned wireless telecommunications facility on leased land (Exhibit A); and,

WHEREAS, the County is conducting the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for which the Greene County Legislature will be the Lead Agency, with the Action classified as an Unlisted review, and a Negative Declaration is anticipated; and,

WHEREAS, Greene County is a municipal corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New York and is the County within which the Town of New Baltimore is located; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Baltimore code incorporates a zoning law, site plan review, subdivision, and telecommunications facilities regulations; and,

WHEREAS, following a discussion and analysis of the proposed subdivision and telecommunication facility review, Supervisor Dellisanti offered a motion which was seconded by Councilmember VanEtten.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board finds that the nature and scope of Greene County, an instrumentality seeking immunity from the Town of New Baltimore Code with respect to Subdivision and Land Use, is a municipal corporation with geographic jurisdiction, powers and fiscal capacity to provide a wide range of services to the residents and property owners within the County and that the provisions for public and emergency telecommunications facilities are embodied in the New York State Law and the New York Code of Rules and Regulations as well as other applicable code and regulation; and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board finds that Greene County, as a unit of government, is empowered to undertake the acquisition of land for the existing public telecommunications facility, the financing for which may be the issuance of bonds or through a grant from the State and/or Federal governments; and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board finds that the nature of function or land use involved is the acquisition of land and real property subdivision for the purpose of siting of and construction of a public telecommunications facility; and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board finds that the effect local land use regulation would have on the public communications facility should be minimal since the locational advantage of the High Rock Road site will provide emergency communications coverage for a large area of the Town of New Baltimore and neighboring areas and is consistent with the Town telecommunication facility law (Chapter 100 of the Town Code) and the subdivision law, with a minor area variance; and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board finds that an alternate location for the public telecommunications facility in a less restrictive zoning area is not an option available due to the aforementioned locational advantage provided from the Hire Rock Road site; and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board finds that the subdivision of the parcel and presence of a public telecommunications facility on High Rock Road should pose no greater potential adverse impacts upon legitimate local interests including surrounding land uses or the community than exists presently due to the neighboring existing privately-owned wireless telecommunications facility and an Environmental Review will be conducted which is anticipated to identify no significant potential negative environmental impacts; and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board finds that alternative methods of providing the public telecommunications are infeasible due to the existing equipment and technology and the need for line of sight between existing and proposed public telecommunications facilities in the County and regionally; and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board finds that the public interest is served in the subdivision of real property on High Rock Road and the construction and maintenance of a public telecommunications facility which meets the current and future needs of the residents and property owners of Greene County; and,

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IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board finds that there has been and shall continue to be considerable intergovernmental participation in the development of the County-wide public telecommunications network through numerous Legislative Committee and Legislature meetings, the Town is represented on the County Legislature by a Legislator, and continuing opportunities for the public to be heard with respect public telecommunications as the network continues to develop; and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby finds that upon the balancing of all factors in relation to zoning, site plan review, subdivision and telecommunication facility law, the County is exempt from the applicability of the Town of New Baltimore Zoning Code and land use laws and thus approval by the Town Board, Town Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals is not required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to file this Resolution in the appropriate index within five (5) business days.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Ellie Alfeld: Will this remove that property from the tax roll?

Supervisor Dellisanti: Will it remove the property from the tax roll?

Ellie Alfeld: Well, is it going to then be tax exempt? I understand all the bells and whistles about the County owning the property and being exempt from meeting regular standard that we impose, however, I am anxious to know is that another piece of property that is going to come off of our tax rolls.

Supervisor Dellisanti: I honestly don't know; I have to check that out for your so I'll get back to you.

Ellie Alfeld: Thank you, I appreciate that.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Any other questions?

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 108-2017

MAY 8, 2017

STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of New Baltimore hereby establishes the following as standard work days for an elected official and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

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Title	Name	Social Security No. (Last 4 Digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hours/Day)	Term Begins/ Ends	Participates In Employer’s Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/ Month (Based on Record of Activities)
ELECTED OFFICIALS							
Highway Superintendent	Denis Jordan			6.5	01/01/16-12/31/19	N	30

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ruso

Supervisor Dellisanti: Questions or comments. The comment I have is that you’ll see the Name of the individual, his Title, Term that begins, Standard Work Day, and the number of Days per Month. This is what’s going to be submitted to the New York State Retirement System.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Supervisor Dellisanti: We received a request from Girl Scout Troops of the RCS District and they’re working with the National Alliance on Mental Illness on their annual ribbon awareness campaign. They have ribbons that they’d like to hang here at Town Hall and some of our Parks. So at this time I want to make a Motion to approve the request from Susan Farrell-Melick on behalf of the Girl Scouts Troops of the RCS District to hang ribbons at Town Hall and on Town Parks for the National Alliance on Mental Health Illness Annual Ribbon Awareness Campaign, seconded by Councilmember VanEtten. This is a nice program. I think they do a very nice job; the Girl Scouts are doing a great job.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Supervisor Dellisanti: I also have a Motion to make to approve a refund of park rental and return deposit to a town resident. They are moving the location of their event, Town Voucher 2017-05-18, Account A2590. Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember Briody

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 109-2016
MAY 8, 2017

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 2017-05-01 to 2017-05-69, it is

REVOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2017-05-01 to 2017-05-69,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until June 30, 2017.

Motion by Supervisor Dellisanti seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

General \$12,359.88, Highway \$12,278.25, Sewer 1 \$2,128.89, Sewer 2 \$31.35, Lighting 1 \$1,684.81, Lighting 2 \$151.47, Total \$28,634.65

Supervisor Dellisanti: I would like to introduce Mary Beth Bianconi and Brock Juusola from Delaware Engineering to give us an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mary Beth Bianconi: So hi folks. We've been here a couple of different times over the years. Brock and I were actually looking at the dates of our original report which were some time ago, but we have moved along rather swimmingly in the last year or so. Folks will remember that we were striving, we identified a project to be done that would provide a long term solution at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, insured compliance, maintain and preserve your capacity that you have for economic development and be at reasonable cost as such project can be. We spent quite a bit of time trying to attract low cost financing for this project and we were fortunate to be able to secure 0% interest 30-year borrowing which is a pretty good deal; we would all like that at our houses, our mortgages. I'm here to briefly say a couple things about money and then Brock's going to briefly go over sort of next steps, what happens from a technical perspective. We closed on short term financing last week, so what that does is it acts like a bridge loan. It's as though you were going and building a house. You don't have the house yet so you need to go get the money to build the house from the bank, then you go back later and say 'I built the house, here's the cost, give me long term borrowing.' So you closed on short term financing which gives us access to money through the State, best deal going. This money is available to you at no interest cost with no closing fees, with nothing, it's wonderful. You draw what you need to pay the bills. It does not accrue against you from an interest perspective. It's really a really great thing. The other thing that's very exciting and people may have noticed is that the State Budget includes \$2.5 billion in water infrastructure funding. That's pretty remarkable. I've been doing this for a little over 25 years and I've never seen that much money all in one place at one time for this type of infrastructure, which is amazing. It is a program that's going to roll out over about five years and includes lots of pieces and parts. But one of them is something called Water Infrastructure Improvement Grants. We applied for this Grant last year and they simply they didn't have enough funding to support all the applications that they had and they took projects that were already higher in the queue than we were and granted funds to them. We are automatically requalified this year; in fact the Supervisor just received a notice of that today stating that we are qualified, we have the information that we'll provide by way of update. Those Grant applications are due towards the end of June so we'll be just making sure that that gets done. You have all the information; it's six sheets of paper so it's not a big deal. We will make sure that gets done. Were we to be awarded a grant, it would be 25% of our project cost that would act as a grant. It is not a bag of money; there's no such thing. But how it would work is we've closed on our short term financing which provides funding to an engineer to construct and supervise the construction of the treatment plant. We do all of that; use the State's money to do that, you don't have to put any of your own money in. We get to the end of the project we say 'at the end of the day, this is how much money we spent.' The State says 'great, they subtract 25% of that cost and you close on long term financing for that cost. That's what the taxpayers pay back. So it's a pretty good deal. So we'll be doing that in the next couple weeks and we'll really just require Nick's signature eventually, but it's all information that we submitted previously. We're just updating it. And I think that's it I have for financing so, Brock, do you want to talk a little about ...

Brock Juusola: Sure. The one thing when that financing comes through is there's a BAN that needs to be paid off as well.

Mary Beth Bianconi: Yes, I believe that that's already been taken care of through Chris.

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Supervisor Dellisanti: Yes, we're doing the closing on Friday. I have to pay the interest on the closing which we should get a check tomorrow and it's about \$214,000 left that's going to go into that major project.

Brock Juusola: Wonderful. So now that you've closed, we are moving forward with the detailed design. We went through and we've done a conceptual design, engineering report, all of that stuff that was then used to move the project to the point where it is now where you have financing. So now we're moving forward with detailed design, generating plans, specifications. We're going to be doing that over the course of the summer. The first activities you're going to see at the Wastewater Plant are we're going to be in there doing some soil borings and things like that so we can figure out what the capacities and foundations and things like that are going to look like. We will have a draft design done early fall. That will go through a process of submissions and reviews with NYS DEC who will go through and look at it and say 'yes we agree, no we don't agree' and go back and forth. At the end of the day we're all on the same page such that we've got plans that are approved from the regulatory agencies and we would be looking to bid the construction work either late December or early January. That gets us into that winter bid cycle. We're not in a big hurry to get it out to bid, we wouldn't want if we bid in late fall, you're going to have that winter anyway. So that's what we will be looking at for bidding cycle and then we'll go with a probably nine month construction cycle depending on equipment lead time and we could extend that. The construction itself shouldn't take more than nine months, but it will be a function of equipment lead time.

Mary Beth Bianconi: And that winter bid gets you good bid prices because everybody wants to queue up their work for the following spring so you're taking bidding in this winter 17-18 and be in construction in 18.

Brock Juusola: Correct. As soon as the weather breaks in this time next year, we should be in the ground. We should be working this time next year.

Mary Beth Bianconi: This part actually goes pretty quickly. Chasing the money took some time although patience was worth it because you may recall where we were before we waited for 0% interest financing and none of us had a crystal ball to know that there would be these new grant programs. We were looking at subsidized financing which right now is closing just shy of 2% interest and you would pay interest for a portion of your short term borrowing as well. You would also pay between 1.8% and 2.2% in closing costs so all of that is eliminated through this. It ends up adding up, it does so patience was a virtue in this case.

Supervisor Dellisanti: The grant proposal, that 25%. That's around \$650,000.

Mary Beth Bianconi: Right, it's of the total project cost.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Can that come off the amount that we're borrowing?

Mary Beth Bianconi: That's exactly how it works. So let's say \$3 million project and they give us a \$1 million, we would pay back \$2 million. So it's called principal forgiveness. You're taking on the principal, you have to build it all and spend all the money, it's their money, all conveniently, and then you just close on whatever the actual project cost was less 25%. It really is terrific.

Supervisor Dellisanti: That will actually filter right down to the residents that are paying the costs.

Brock Juusola: Absolutely.

Mary Beth Bianconi: Directly, directly.

Ellie Alfeld: Something was mentioned if I remember correctly about how much it will help the residents because they're going to have that small window if that's what you call it where they won't be paying any kind of interest on the monies already borrowed if I remember correctly.

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Mary Beth Bianconi: Right, exactly because I think we have some outstanding debt so we're not going to be compounding that debt with new debt. So from a timing perspective, it's really pretty ideal. We're not going to have that bubble where you're going to have to pay a new debt and an old debt at the same time.

Supervisor Dellisanti: I remember originally when you brought your board with all the numbers on it and how much it was going to cost for each resident; what they were paying now and what they were going to be paying. The numbers were pretty flat based on the financing. It's going to go down.

Mary Beth Bianconi: We're going to incur probably a little more operating costs. (To Brock) Are we or are we not?

Brock Juusola: No really. No, not really.

Mary Beth Bianconi: Not really because sometimes you're putting in new stuff so sometimes you have more things to pay for to operate. This should be pretty flat. We can recalculate those numbers, we haven't done that in a while just because we were chasing money.

Supervisor Dellisanti: I'd love to be able to show the residents that we projected 'a' and it's actually going to be 'b' because of this grant.

Mary Beth Bianconi: And I still have, actually I was cleaning my office a couple weekends ago and I have all those boards. I just peeled all the stuff off of them, but I have all the original files so I know what we originally presented and we can certainly go through and talk about that. So I know, Chuck, you are the liaison to the Board for this project right?

Councilmember Irving: Yes.

Mary Beth Bianconi: So Brock just went through that really quickly, but one of the things that will be happening is he'll be communicating with you to make sure that you're up to speed. He'll be down at the Plant working with Lou going over various things. I don't think there's a whole lot of pick this or that on this project. It's a pretty straightforward project.

Brock Juusola: Pretty straightforward. I did go back down with Lou and I want to get together with you later, maybe meet down at the Plant. I'll get you my card before I leave, but I did go back through with Lou because we had originally put the scope together in 2012.

Mary Beth Bianconi: That's awhile ago.

Brock Juusola: So one of the things is in that time, in 2012 the screen was in pretty good shape. Well, the screen now in five years is starting to, so we'll work with you guys to maybe design a new screen in and bid as an alternate to make sure you stay within your budgets and things like that. So we did go back through here through there in the last two weeks and say 'okay what is changed; what are we looking at that has changed.' We're generally in the same place. There's nothing jumped out and said 'oh, no, we didn't' see that before and now we see it now.'

Councilmember Briody: One quick question, did you say will we be picking up some efficiencies on operation or no?

Brock Juusola: You will. The mixers, the transfer efficiencies of the newer mixers, are going to be better, but it's not going to be a lot just because you don't spend a lot in power now. So there is going to be. Your sludge generation generally is going to be the same. One of the things that happens when you get a process that works better, that actually treats better, is you'll actually generate more sludge because you're removing stuff that would be going to the river. So I wouldn't count on having any O&M savings. But you shouldn't see an increase after.

Councilmember Briody: The systems that are there now, do they run for the motors? Are they running VFDs and will this new project have VFDs on them?

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Brock Juusola: This new project will have VFDs on it; we're going to change. Some of the motors you have there now, most of them don't have VFDs there now.

Councilmember Briody: I would expect them not.

Brock Juusola: But like Flow Equalization, we're going to replace those pumps, do VFDs for those where as right now it pumps up into this hydraulic control contraption would probably be the right word I think. It will be much more efficient and it will be automated, much better automated. The paddles on the oxidation ditch will operate based on dissolved oxygen levels instead of right now they just run. If you don't have a load on the Plant overnight, the DO's are just going to rise much higher than they need to. So like I said, you will have some savings, but I would just caution to not expect huge savings just because you don't spend that much power there now.

Councilmember Briody: More efficiencies would be a better word.

Brock Juusola: Correct.

Mary Beth Bianconi: Right.

Councilmember Irving: Nontechnically, you're taking Variable Frequency Drives right?

Brock Juusola: Correct.

Councilmember Irving: Some of the motors that we've installed down there in the last year or so are brand new motors, I'd like to save those motors and put them aside. Is it possible we could identify which ones are reusable?

Brock Juusola: Absolutely, we can save everything. What we typically do is anything that you're not going to want we'll include in the contract that the contractor takes it away and he's responsible. If there's value to that piece of equipment or that thing and you don't want it, then he would incorporate that into his bid or if you want it, we'll specify what it is that is to be saved and where he is to put it, so yes.

Mary Beth Bianconi: To warehouse it.

Councilmember Briody: Do we have or is there ample amount of exposure to sunlight down there to even possibly look at a solar array or is it pretty well covered?

Brock Juusola: There's a fair amount of trees.

Supervisor Dellisanti: There's a lot of trees in the area.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: It gets the morning sun really good.

Councilmember Briody: I mean it's worth taking a look at. If it's not part of the project, I mean it could be something that you could deal with one of the solar.

Brock Juusola: We can certainly look at it.

Deputy Supervisor Ruso: After midday you don't get much sun.

Councilmember Irving: Have you been to the site yet?

Mary Beth Bianconi: Oh, yes.

Brock Juusola: Oh, yes; many times.

Councilmember Irving: Is there any problem with the access?

Mary Beth Bianconi: Well, that is an interesting road.

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Councilmember Irving: I don't want any surprises.

Brock Juusola: One thing that we've really looked at is to how to make that access on a dry day sure, but if I'm running a sludge truck down that hill on an icy winter day wouldn't be that a good of a ride right? One thing we did look at trying to find better ways to get access and we just really wasn't any.

Mary Beth Juusola: The neighboring property to the north, the shape of that parcel is sort of interesting relative to the shape of your piece of land in that slope. We looked at different ways of possibly if we could reconfigure the road, could we do something else, and it would be very difficult to do I think without acquiring it.

Councilmember Irving: But you're confident as far as construction standpoint now, you're going to be able to move equipment in and out?

Brock Juusola: Oh, yes, absolutely; there's no issue there. We are going to look at maybe reconfiguring that driveway at the bottom just because right now if, God forbid somebody were to come down the hill, you would go right in the Q tank.

Mary Beth Bianconi: Have it come around more towards the River so that you have a kind of runoff area as opposed to where it is right now. It would be running off into the Q tank.

Supervisor Dellisanti: We'll have our own runoff area.

Mary Beth Bianconi: It's a good site and we have other sites that are very... I think we have a couple of River communities right in the middle of their village, but a lot of them are in places like this where they're not super accessible.

Brock Juusola: Accessibility is actually not too bad here. We just did I think it was with the Greene County proposal, we just put the towers on top of Windham and Hunter Mountain and they got concrete trucks up to the top of those mountains.

Mary Beth Bianconi: Sure did, giant really big huge, really heavy pieces of equipment.

Brock Juusola: They brought tractor trailers up there.

Mary Beth Bianconi: They did, an 80,000 pound structure in one piece taking up Windham Mountain.

Ellie Alfeld: You were mentioning screening, did you solve or has the problem with the sand that you were having a problem?

Mary Beth Bianconi: The grit.

Ellie Alfeld: Has that been...?

Brock Juusola: So there was two pieces to the grit. The first piece was that it was wearing out and destroying the pumps at the Mill Street Pump Station. So the work that we did that we finished in 2014, there hasn't been an issue with grit and premature wear on the pumps since then. That's the BAN that's being paid off now so that was included and that will then be paid off and rolled into that 0% financing. At the Treatment Plant itself we are adding a process that actually removes the grit from the flow stream. So when we get into the Flow Equalization Tank, I'm expecting there's a fair amount of grit built up in that tank. It's going to come out somewhere there, it's going to come out in the Oxidation Ditch, and I'm expecting that we're going to find grit in those systems when we go there and take them apart.

Mary Beth Bianconi: You may remember when we had the Mill Street conversation, we have choices. You can either choose to try to remove that grit at the Mill Street Pump Station since so much of the flow goes through there, but you would need to build a lot of stuff there. What we were able to do, we used all of the existing building, we really just replaced equipment, that was a big savings. Then your option is now you're conveying it to the Wastewater Treatment

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Plant so now it's all going to get down there. So now you have to do something with it down there. There were economies of scale doing it down there. There was space to do it, there was all of those things.

Ellie Alfeld: I remember the cost and getting caught short when the pumps went and a lot of it was contributed by grit.

Mary Beth Bianconi: Sure was and grit's a pretty common thing that ends up in older conveyance systems, gravity conveyance systems.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Thank you very much, hope to see you again soon.

Mary Beth Bianconi: You're welcome. Did you want to talk about water?

Supervisor Dellisanti: Yes, can you stick around about five minutes.

Mary Beth Bianconi: Sure.

Upcoming Meetings

- May 10, 2017 Senior Citizen Committee at 10 AM
- May 11, 2017 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- May 22, 2017 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- May 23, 2017 Board of Assessment Review Grievance Day 4-8 PM
- May 25, 2017 Friends of New Baltimore Recreation at 5:30 PM
- May 26, 2017 Memorials Committee at 11 AM
- June 3-4 2017 AgFest at VanEtten Farm
- June 7, 2017 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- June 8, 2017 Planning Board at 7 PM
- June 12, 2017 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- June 14, 2017 Senior Committee Picnic at 12 Noon Hallock Park
- June 24, 2017 Greene County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event from 8 AM-12 Noon
- June 26, 2017 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ellie Alfeld: We have the last luncheon for New Baltimore's Reformed Church on Wednesday at noon and it will be, the theme is summer picnic with roast chicken, fried chicken, potato salad, and all the things that go into a picnic.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Any other business to come before the Board tonight? Hearing none...

On a Motion by Councilmember Briody seconded by Councilmember VanEtten, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Supervisor Dellisanti: This meeting is closed, thank you all for coming.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke
Town Clerk