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

DECEMBER 14, 2020 AGENDA

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

- November 9, 2020 Town Board Regular Meeting
- November 23, 2020 Town Board Work Meeting

Public Comment Period

Correspondence

- Greene County Public Health Notice to Cease and Desist Gatherings of 51 or More Persons, Reduce Gathering Size and Comply with the Social Distancing and Face Covering Requirements of New York State
- Greene County Economic Development, Tourism & Planning Notice of Public Hearing on Requests for Inclusion of Lands in Agricultural District No. 124
- Greene County Solid Waste Department Release on Temporary Change to Greene County Solid Waste Transfer Stations Operating Schedule Due to Increase of COVID-19 Cases in Region

New Business

- Resolution to Set Organizational Meeting Date
- Resolution Authorizing Supervisor to Execute Agreement with Columbia-Greene Humane Society
- Resolution Authorizing Supervisor to Sign an Agreement for IT Services
- Resolution Authorizing Supervisor to Execute Agreement for General Ambulance Services with the Town of Coxsackie
- Resolution Approving Payment for Legal Services for Zachery M. Miller v Town of New Baltimore, et al
- Resolution to Authorize Councilmember VanEtten and Supervisor Ruso to Apply for 2021 Greene County Youth Grant
- Resolution to Place Advertisement for Part-Time Clerk
- Motion to Close Town Hall at 12:00 PM on December 24, 2019

Upcoming Meetings

- December 25, 2020 Happy Holidays
- December 28, 2020 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- January 1, 2021 Town Board Organizational Meeting at 2 PM
- January 6, 2021 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM If Needed
- January 11, 2021 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- January 14, 2021 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- January 18, 2021 Town Hall Closed for Martin Luther King Day
- January 25, 2021 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

Public Comment Period/Community Events

Adjournment

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

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC CONDUCT DURING TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

- 1. The Supervisor shall preside at the meetings of the Town Board. In the absence of the Supervisor, the Deputy Supervisor shall be the acting Supervisor. In the event both the Supervisor and the Deputy Supervisor are absent, the other members shall designate one of their members to act as temporary chairman. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a lesser number may adjourn.
- 2. Town residents who wish to speak shall fill out a card at the entrances of the meeting room listing their name, contact information, and the subject matter in which they would like to speak. These cards will be collected prior to the beginning of the Town Board meeting and given to the Town Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor in the absence of the Supervisor.
- 3. Speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer and then proceed to the lectern and state their name and address. They must limit their remarks on official town business to up to three minutes on a given topic and may not yield any remaining time to another speaker. They must address their remarks to the Board as a body and not to any member thereof and not to other members of the audience in the form of a debate.
- 4. Speakers should present their remarks in a courteous manner and may not make disparaging remarks or personal comments about public officials, town residents, or others. All speakers will observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity, and good taste with no cursing, swearing, clapping, booing, finger pointing, bullying, whispering, or talking that disrupts the proceedings of the business of the Town Board.
- 5. Any speaker who disregards the directives of the presiding officer in enforcing the rules, disturbs the peace at a meeting, makes impertinent or slanderous remarks, or generally conducts themselves in an inappropriate manner shall be barred from further participation and will forfeit any balance of time remaining for their comments.
- 6. After a final warning, if a speaker willfully refuses to step down, the Town Supervisor shall contact the appropriate authorities to remove the speaker from the meeting room and to restore order.
- **7.** The Town Supervisor, or in their absence the Deputy Supervisor, shall ensure compliance with these rules.

This policy will be amended by Majority vote of the Town Board.

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OPENING OF WORK MEETING

Supervisor Ruso opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending Councilmembers Boehlke, Downes, Irving, and VanEtten; Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti; Town Clerk Finke; and 4 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The November 9, 2020 Town Board Regular Meeting submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Moved by Supervisor Ruso and was seconded by Councilmember Boehlke. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Boehlke, Ruso, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Motion Carried

The November 23, 2020 Town Board Work Meeting submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Moved by Supervisor Ruso and was seconded by Councilmember Downes. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Public Comment Period

Ellie Alfeld: The subject I wanted to bring up is the new computer programming for the Town of New Baltimore. It's unreal trying to find stuff. It's got so much duplication.

Supervisor Ruso: Are you talking about the website?

Ellie Alfeld: Yes, sir.

Supervisor Ruso: Okay, thank you.

Ellie Alfeld: Actually, I've used the old one multiple times. It was so much easier to get to wherever you wanted to go. Now it just seems like everything is repeated and repeated and repeated. Now where do I go for just the Minutes, the Agenda. It's a madhouse of redundant work, stuff that goes back to 2012 I believe as far as newsletter or what have you. There's a time and place for some of these things to live. It would be very nice if I could find the Minutes and other people could because you have just approved two sets of Minutes for meetings and nobody, but hopefully you all, have read them. We don't know anything if we're not in attendance and thereby we're shorting the people out there who want to know what's going on in Town. So I really think that's what we need more than anything. Who ordered that thing or...?

Town Clerk Finke: There was no choice. There was absolutely no choice. The program that we were under...

Supervisor Ruso: Wasn't supported any longer.

Town Clerk Finke: Right.

Supervisor Ruso: By the software.

Town Clerk Finke: To be honest with you, we weren't even aware that it was changing over. It changed over right before Thanksgiving when we were closed. We have been working on it for a while.

Supervisor Ruso: We knew that it was going to happen, but the trigger date was, it goes through ITS.

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Ellie Alfeld: So in other words you were in the dark as much as the rest of the people in the Town?

Supervisor Ruso: No, not entirely.

Town Clerk Finke: I'm on the phone with them constantly, we're trying to work through it. We're just asking for patience. We'll get there. We need it.

Ellie Alfeld: I understand that, Barb. I just wanted to bring it up.

Town Clerk Finke: We're aware.

Supervisor Ruso: But the server, we didn't have a choice. This has been discussed a few times over the number of months and then all of a sudden it happened so it's not that we're in the dark, but the fact that it isn't working to our expectations has been spoken about.

Ellie Alfeld: One other thing I'd like to touch on and I don't know what the possibilities are. I had hoped that Pat would be here tonight, but do you know if Greene County has set up any kind of emergency type of program much like we did after 911 to handle the vaccine distribution in this County and how the townspeople in the towns will be notified of it?

Supervisor Ruso: Brief conversation, but they do not have a distribution process fully in place. I know that the first wave, only because of what I do for a living, is going to be to nursing home residents, then health care employees, and the distribution to the community at large and I know it's going to be through Greene County Public Health. That part I know.

Ellie Alfeld: Granted.

Supervisor Ruso: And they're not going to have the vaccination until at least February if not March.

Ellie Alfeld: Right. My only thought is that a lot of people like the distribution that were held out here by the Public Health people for the masks, there was really no townwide notification.

Town Clerk Finke: It was on the website.

Ellie Alfeld: But, Barb, you know that not everybody has a computer.

Town Clerk Finke: They don't give us much notice.

Supervisor Ruso: We were notified you're gonna have it with a day's notice so what other means could we have done?

Ellie Alfeld: Well, I would think Greene County Health Department could put something in the weekender newspaper or something of that nature which a lot of people do buy.

Supervisor Ruso: They have to have some more communication regarding their vaccine distribution program and how the Town is going to be notified. I do hear that they're going to have a well-described process that will be published in the paper. Now that's what I understand, but they are not final on anything.

Ellie Alfeld: You know how we get telephone calls for a dire emergency from I guess it's the County emergency services they call hazardous material accident or what have you and they give us notice. I think that would be a proper way.

Supervisor Ruso: That would be nice.

Town Clerk Finke: A lot of people don't have landlines either.

Supervisor Ruso: That's the new way of things. No one has phones in their house. I have a similar question from Eilleen Vosburgh. Is it redundant or is it different?

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Eilleen Vosburgh: It's the same thing. I felt that it wasn't user friendly, but it's a work in progress.

Supervisor Ruso: It's not final, but, again, the software wasn't consistent. I mean it was put together twelve years ago, I don't know how long it's been in place. It's been a good number of years, well more than ten anyway. Anyway, it wasn't supported any longer, but that's the why anyhow. But it's not done.

Town Clerk Finke: Patience, that's all we can ask for.

Correspondence

Greene County Public Health Department 'TO: ALL GREENE COUNTY TOWN AND VILLAGE VIA EMAIL Dear Supervisors, Mayors, Trustees, and Councilpersons, Re: Cease and Desist all gatherings of 51 or more persons, reduce gathering size and comply with the social distancing and face covering requirements of New York State The Greene County Public Health Department has been notified that numerous municipalities and/or districts are planning parades in the near future. You are hereby order to cease and desist any and all such non-essential gathering(s) in excess of FIFTY (50) persons until further notice. In accordance with Executive Order 202.45, you must limit all non-essential gatherings to fifty (50) or fewer individuals for any lawful purpose or reason. Respectfully, Kimberly Kaplan Director Greene County Public Health'

Greene County Economic Development, Tourism & Planning 'NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUESTS FOR INCLUSION OF LANDS IN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 124 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that one or more requests for inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural land have bene filed with the Greene County Legislature and referred to the Greene County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board pursuant to Section 303-b of Article 25AA of NYS Agriculture and Markets Law, and a public hearing will be held by the County Legislature of Greene County, State of New York, in the Legislative Meeting Room, 4th Floor, County Office Building 411 Main Street, Catskill, New York on the 16th day of December, 2020 at 6:25 p.m. to consider the report and recommendations of the Greene County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board to add the following parcels, totaling 42.21 acres to Greene County Agricultural District No. 124:

2020 Request for Inclusion Ag District No. 124

| Coxsackie | 39.00-4-53 | 6.66 acres |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|
| Durham/Cornwallville | 48.02-1-32 | 5.15 acres |
| Durham | 10.00-2-30 | 30.40 acres |

Additionally the following parcel mergers, totaling 27.59 acres are proposed to be added to Greene County Agricultural District No. 124:

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| Athens | 139.00-2-22 | 1.40 Acres Not Included in AG124 |
| Cairo | 119.00-1-26 | 16.79 Acres Not Included in AG124 |
| Durham | 32.00-3-25 | 9.40 Acres Not Included in AG124 |

Agricultural District 124 currently encompasses 816 parcels of approximately 40,915.55 acres within the Greene County Towns of Athens, Ashland, Cairo, Catskill, Coxsackie, Durham, Greenville, Halcott, Hunter, Jewett, Prattsville, Lexington, New Baltimore, and Windham, and the Villages of Athens, Catskill, Coxsackie, Hunter, and Tannersville (entire County of Greene), known as Agricultural District No. 124. A description and map of the District, and proposed additions and recommendations of the Greene County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board may be examined in the Office of the Clerk of the Greene County Legislature during regular business hours. All parties in interest and citizens will be heard by the County Legislature at the public hearing.'

Greene County Solid Waste Department 'Temporary Change to Greene County Solid Waste Transfer Stations Operating Schedule Due to Increase of COVID-19 Cases in Region Due to the increase of COVID-19 cases in the region, Greene County Solid Waste Management has made the difficult decision to temporarily close three of its four transfer stations one additional day each week. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution to ensure the health and safety of its staff. Until further notice, effective Monday, December 7, 2020, Greene County Solid Waste Management will be implementing the following changes to its operating schedule: Catskill Transfer Station: closed Sunday and Wednesday (no change). Coxsackie Transfer Station: closed Sunday and Monday. Hunter Transfer Station: closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Windham Transfer Station: closed Wednesday and Thursday. The new hours will

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be posted on the county's website at www.discovergreene.com and residents may address any questions to the Solid Waste Department at 518.943.4600 or solidwaste@discovergreene.com.

Supevisor Ruso: Now that I said that I think that I'm going to bring forth a couple of correspondence that came rather immediate past. First is from Delaware Engineering and I think as a Board we're going to have after the holiday a special meeting with the residents of Water District #2 and we have at this point an estimation of cost of repair. It's not the final bill and it is \$308,168. This bill will be paid when it's all said and done by the residents of District 2 Water District. Once we get the final bill, we can proceed in two different ways. 1) We can get and try to get some grant monies to reduce the amount of debt. You can't apply for grant money until we have the dollar cost. 2) We'll have to bond this out and we can't go to bond counsel until we get the final bill. Everything makes sense, but I think as we get a few days into this, few more days, we'll have better ideas. I spoke with the Mayor of Coxsackie this afternoon. They have not submitted a bill to us. Just so you know the cost of the repairs is being submitted to the Village of Coxsackie. The Village of Coxsackie now that they have an invoice, they can create an invoice for us to pay them. So they're gonna pay the bill and we're gonna pay Coxsackie and the final invoice has not yet been presented to me.

Councilmember Boehlke: Does this estimation include the paving cost also, Jeffry, do you know.

Supervisor Ruso: I expect it does.

Councilmember Boehlke: They have to get an estimate from the New York State Thruway then.

Supervisor Ruso: It says Callanan Industries Pavement Repairs, Belamy, Delaware Engineering, Drilling Technologies, Donnelly for Traffic Control, Ferguson Waterworks, and Turco Bros. Trucking. That was the people that brought the water tanks in, the water buffalos we used to call them. I do have another letter here that needs to be read.

Teamsters Local 294 'Dear Sir: 100% of the Highway Department employees employed by the Town of New Baltimore have designated International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 294 as their sole collective bargaining agent by duly signed authorization cards. Should you so desire, you may have the privilege of having the signatures of the authorization cards checked against the Town's payroll by any impartial person or the Public Employment Relations Board for the purpose of determining the validity of Local 294's claim that a majority of the employees have designated this Union as their representative. The Union desires to meet with you for the purpose of being recognized as the employees' collective bargaining representative and commencement of negotiations for a labor agreement covering wages, hours and conditions of their employment. Please contact me as soon as possible at (518)391-9258 or at pengel@teamsterslocal294.org for the purpose of designating a suitable time and place for a meeting. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Yours truly, Paul M. Engel, Jr. Field Rep/Organizer'

Supervisor Ruso: And it's dated December 14. I don't know if you guys, Kelly, I know that you've have had some dialogue with or, Bill, William, did you guys have you any knowledge of this?

Councilmember Downes: I did not.

Councilmember Boehlke: No.

Supervisor Ruso: Well, we'll proceed accordingly.

Councilmember Boehlke: So they're just looking at the signature verification basically right?

Councilmember Downes: No, he just wants to tell us that he's representing them. If we want to look at the signatures we can.

Supervisor Ruso: There's much more to it than that. Obviously we'll have to contact a labor attorney, make sure everything's appropriate.

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Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: Which is more money out of our budget.

Supervisor Ruso: Sure and then, of course, once it's recognized or approved or what have you through our attorney, then we have negotiation. It's simple. I've been through a bundle of them. We have a whole bunch of new people, though.

Councilmember Irving: Is that for the following year 2022 or is it 2021? The budgets have already been set.

Supervisor Ruso and Councilmember Downes: There's no contract.

Supervisor Ruso: So it's not for this year or next year until the contract. That's really what it comes down to. The answer to that I cannot provide.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 148-2020 DECEMBER 14, 2020

RESOLUTION TO SET DATE OF 2021 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore will hold the 2021 Organizational Meeting on January 1, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Town Hall, 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, New York.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT: Motion Carried

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 149-2020 DECEMBER 14, 2020

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBIA-GREENE HUMANE SOCIETY

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to execute an agreement with the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA for the period January 1-December 31, 2021 for shelter services at a rate of \$35 per dog per day for the first ten days of housing and \$300 will be added on the eleventh day where the dog will become the responsibility of the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

Councilmember Downes: If the dog's owner is found, do we charge that back to them?

Supervisor Ruso: Yes, yes, we do have a charge system where they pay if they come and get their dog.

Councilmember Downes: If they come and get their dog.

Supervisor Ruso: Sometimes they do not.

Councilmember Downes: Like if we find them on the Thruway, we may not get it.

Supervisor Ruso: May not know who it is. I know a couple years ago there was someone who was arrested on the Thruway who had a dog. I don't know what he was arrested for I can't recall, but it doesn't much matter. He didn't come and get his dog.

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AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Town Clerk Finke: The Agreements are right there if you want to sign them.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 150-2020 DECEMBER 14, 2020

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR IT SERVICES

WHEREAS the Town of New Baltimore will be utilizing professional IT Services for 2021.

WHEREAS the Attorney for the Town has determined that said services are considered professional services or services requiring special or technical skill, training or expertise according to the Town of New Baltimore Procurement Policy adopted January 1, 2020.

RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign an agreement with Intelligent Technology Solutions, Inc. for IT Services until December 31, 2021.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes and VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Town Clerk Finke: The agreements are up there.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 151-2020 DECEMBER 14, 2020

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL AMBULANCE SERVICES WITH THE TOWN OF COXSACKIE

RESOLVED the Town of New Baltimore hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute an agreement with the Town of Coxsackie for General Ambulance Services for the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 for \$19,686.66.

Councilmember Boehlke: So is this dollar figure accurate then?

Supervisor Ruso: Yes, that is it.

Town Clerk Finke (to Councilmember Boehlke): Look at the next page, it's all broken out.

Supervisor Ruso: This is what they sent us. It's an actual bill, you basically pay what happens. They're behind, but in 2017 the bill was \$21,013, in 2018 the bill went down to \$17,968, and this year it's up again \$19,686.66. In this timeframe there were 38 calls from Coxsackie. They don't take care of all of New Baltimore. This is paid for by Ambulance District #2 and the exact line is basically similar to the lines of the fire department. So, nevertheless, it comes \$518.07 per call that we're charged.

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Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION 152-2020 DECEMBER 14, 2020

RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR ZACHERY M. MILLER v TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, ET AL LAWSUIT

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore by Motion on October 14, 2020 approved the engagement of George McHugh and Dreyer Boyajian to represent the Town of New Baltimore in pending litigation.

RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approves the payment of \$6,030 to the McHugh Law Firm, P.C. regarding Zachery M. Miller v Town of New Baltimore, et al lawsuit.

Supervisor Ruso: Barb, do you recall what the previous bill was?

Town Clerk Finke: It was just under \$6,000.

Supervisor Ruso: So we're paying close to \$12,000 so far for this lawsuit.

Councilmember Boehlke: And the projection was \$10,000.

Supervisor Ruso: Yes, yes.

Councilmember Boehlke: And this isn't over yet.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

Councilmember Boehlke: At what point are we at right now according to them? Have we gotten any report from them at all, Jeffry?

Supervisor Ruso: It's in the Supreme Court in front of Justice Silverman. It's still before him right now and he's going to rule on our Motion. All I can say is I'm not happy about this because there was no reason in my opinion, no reason for this lawsuit to have named the Town of New Baltimore. None, except to try to stop someone else from having a business. That's what it is. That's it and so he doesn't care if it cost us \$12 grand that is not budgeted.

Ellie Alfeld: Or \$20 grand.

Councilmember Boehlke: For the reason that Jeffrey just stated and that's true

Supervisor Ruso; If I can get one more winter season where I can get the money from the people who live in New Baltimore instead of to someone else and notice I haven't mentioned anyone's name except for Zachery Miller

Ellie Alfeld: In some lawsuits when you are suing another individual and you lose the suit, you're responsible for all...

Supervisor Ruso: Not in an Article 78 action.

Ellie Alfeld: Thank you.

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Supervisor Ruso: I've already asked that question of our attorneys. So tried it, been there. Well, as a citizen of this Town, all I will say is that when I encounter some of these people and I do encounter some of these people, the best I can do is I'm going to have my say to their face. That's all I can say. That's as a private citizen.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT: Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: I guess I wouldn't be so upset except that 2020 is, we've been running on a shoestring. Costs are still there and revenue isn't and then we get more costs. I don't like to run a deficit. I do not like to run a deficit if anyone knows me.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 153-2020 DECEMBER 14, 2020

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNCILMEMBER VANETTEN AND SUPERVISOR RUSO TO APPLY FOR 2021 GREENE COUNTY YOUTH GRANT

RESOLVED that Councilmember Shelly VanEtten and Supervisor Jeffry Ruso, Chair and Member of the Youth, Parks and Recreation Committee and the Grants/ Promotions/ Economic Development Committee, are authorized to apply for a 2021 Greene County Youth Grant if Available.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: Do you remember the date that that has to be submitted by, Shelly?

Councilmember VanEtten: It says the third week of January. The County one doesn't really have a date, but the bank one is like the third week of January.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 154-2020 DECEMBER 14, 2020

RESOLUTION TO PLACE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PART-TIME CLERK

WHEREAS a Part-Time Clerk is desired to assist with the workload of Town officials and department heads.

RESOLVED the wording for the advertisement has been approved by the Attorney for the Town and following approval from the Town Board, it will be submitted to the Town Clerk for publication in the *Daily Mail*.

The Town of New Baltimore is seeking a Part-Time Clerk to assist with routine office tasks. Please send letter of interest or resume outlining experience to Supervisor Jeffry Ruso, 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, NY 12087, jruso@townofnewbaltimore.org, or call (518)756-6671, Ext. 7 for information by December 24, 2020.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

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Councilmember Boehlke: So I'm assuming this is basically to fill in for Kathy?

Town Clerk Finke: Well, not really. This is a new position.

Councilmember Boehlke: But we're not gonna fill Kathy's position, we're gonna have this

new position instead?

Town Clerk Finke: We're gonna have a new position that assists everyone here, every department who needs help to do simple tasks.

Supervisor Ruso: Your observation that Kathy is gone is absolutely right and there are some tasks that she had done, but this is not designed to replace that person, but to help other people.

Councilmember Boehlke: Excellent move. Excellent idea.

Supervisor Ruso: In the absence of Kathy to some extent, but it's not absolute.

Town Clerk Finke: And other staff.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: I would like to make a Motion to close Town Hall at 12 noon on Christmas Eve, December 24, so our employees can enjoy the holidays with their families. Do I have a second?

Councilmember VanEtten: I'll second.

Councilmember Downes: When we talk Town Hall, that's all that's closing?

Supervisor Ruso: Yes, yes.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Motion Carried

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 155-2020 DECEMBER 14, 2020

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 2020-12-01 to 2020-12-56, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2020-12-01 to 2020-12-56,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an Abstract and hold it for public review until January 31, 2021.

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Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Motion Carried

General \$36,911.16, Highway \$67,683.07, Sewer 1 \$17,696.70, Sewer 2 \$36.11, Lighting 1 \$1,907.74, Lighting 2 \$169.16, Total \$124,403.94

Upcoming Meetings

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- December 25, 2020 Happy Holidays
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- January 1, 2021 Town Board Organizational Meeting at 2 PM
- January 6, 2021 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM If Needed
- January 11, 2021 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- January 14, 2021 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- January 18, 2021 Town Hall Closed for Martin Luther King Day
- January 25, 2021 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

Public Comment Period/Community Events

None

Motion by Councilmember Downes seconded by Councilmember VanEtten to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: Thank you everybody. Have a good holiday.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC Town Clerk