

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

OCTOBER 13, 2021

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

Pledge of Allegiance

Budget Workshop and Presentation of the 2022 Tentative Budget and Fiscal Stress Scores

Public Comment Period

New Business

- Announcement of Ryan Leonard's Eagle Scout Project
- Resolution to Establish 2022 Preliminary Budget
- Resolution to Set Public Hearing for 2021 Preliminary Budget
- Resolution to Authorize the Supervisor to Sign Renewal Agreement with MVP Health Care Insurance
- Resolution to Authorize the Supervisor to Sign Agreement for Engineering Fees with Delaware Engineering for Repairs to Water Main in Water District #2
- Resolution to Increase Rate of Pay for Highway Department Employees
- Audit of Claims

Upcoming Meetings

- October 14, 2021 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- October 25, 2021 Public Hearing on the 2022 Preliminary Budget at 6:30 PM Followed by the Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- November 2, 2021 Town Offices Closed for Election Day
- November 3, 2021 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM (If Needed)
- November 4, 2021 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- November 8, 2021 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- November 11, 2021 Town Offices Closed for Veterans Day
- November 22, 2021 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- November 25-26, 2021 Town Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Public Comment Period/Community Events

- Medway-Grapeville Fire District Public Hearing on their 2022 Proposed Budget on October 19, 2021 at 7:30 PM at their Firehouse, 1352 County Route 51 in Hannacroix
- New Baltimore Fire District Public Hearing on their 2022 Proposed Budget on October 19, 2021 at 7 PM at their Firehouse, 77 Gill Road in New Baltimore

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 REGULAR 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 3 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Highway Superintendent VanWormer and Tax Collector Jordan

Budget Workshop and Presentation of the 2022 Tentative Budget and Fiscal Stress Scores

Supervisor Ruso: This is the first opportunity for the Town Board to have interaction regarding the development of the budget. I know that for those that don't know, Mr. Nick Dellisanti, Councilwoman Kelly Downes, and I put this together and I always preface this by saying this is hundreds of line items of guesses. Some a little bit not so much a guess, but it's a conglomeration of estimates of prior year expenses, historical expenses, plus some known factors that we will have before us next year, and we put it all together and it comes out the way it is. If I can reflect upon 2020 briefly, we had managed to have a surplus in 2020 of \$70,000. That was through the COVID time and that was really a time of uncertainty as it relates to Town finances. 2021, we're not done with. I'm gonna tell you that we are going to have a much larger surplus than typical. I'm estimating over \$100,000. Don't forget we've got some winter months ahead and if we get hit super hard, things could happen. But, I'm gonna tell you at this point we're gonna have over \$100,000. So 2021 is looking good, 2022 is actually not looking so bad either. So let me just get to some highlights here. I'm not gonna go through the hundreds of lines, but overall taxes to be raised by the Town residents is an overall decrease of \$5,500 from 2021. 2022's taxes are \$5,000 less townwide. How much that translates to any individual person's pockets, well, don't run up the credit card.

Councilmember Boehlke: Well, it's amazing that was able to keep from raising taxes during this time and that's quite a feat.

Supervisor Ruso: If you look at the overall tax rate on the far righthand side where it says 'TOWN-WIDE FUNDS,' it is a decrease of almost 5.7 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value, \$.05. So that's per thousand. If you have a house worth \$10,000, you save \$0.50. If you've got \$100,000, it's \$5, \$5.70 and, of course, it will go up from there. So that's pretty much it. One thing I do need to point out that we are utilizing or been able to gain in nontaxable income a difference of almost \$50,000 is what we've built into the budget because we know that there have been some increases that we've experienced in 2021 that we anticipate increasing in 2022. But we don't want to be too exuberant. For instance, we know that our Justices have brought in more funds through fines and of the like than they did last year. Some of that difference is due to catching up tickets from last year because as you recall Courts were closed, but there also seems to be a pattern continuing here in the most recent months. This is actually through the end of September, so we still have three more months and they have already exceeded their budget income. Our Permit fees have gone up fairly heftily. We did have that one-time shot that I did not plan on having again next year and that was the permit for the solar of \$123,000 and our total budget for permits was \$13,000 we planned on having for the whole year. In one check we got \$123,000. We do have some wage increases that we have to build in here and that's because certainly the minimum wage is going up and the wages from our clerical people is really the focus here. Has been really low. So we're going to try to keep above that. All of our clerical people will be earning at least \$17 an hour. Court, everybody at least \$17. There will be some subtle variations with people who've been here awhile longer. But, nevertheless, we've bumped everybody up by approximately \$2 an hour. Other revenues that we are anticipating that we're going to have increases in certainly include small things like Barb's Clerk fees had been higher than typical by about \$1,500 and so we built that in. These are somewhat small dollar figures, but Building Permits we know that last year we budgeted \$13,000, but this year we're gonna budget \$20,000 and I think that the way permits are working, we're gonna have that easily. Employee Dental and Health Reimbursement, that's up, but that's a factor of time because our new employees are at the point where they pay 25 percent of their premiums so in essence that's what that's from. So that's up a couple thousand dollars. We did raise the Mortgage Tax estimate of earnings, all of these I'm describing are earnings that are

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income that is not from the taxpayer. The more we get in those, the less we hit the taxpayer up for. That's why we're able to get a \$5,000 decrease. The Mortgage Tax we've increased that to \$75,000 from \$55,000. Why? Well, we've already gained \$56,000 and we've got one more check to get. That's in 2021; \$56,000, we've got one more check to get. Now, I told you that we're going to have -- we had some discussion of this at the last meeting -- we're going to have a surplus at the end of the year and I'll know more about what that dollar figure will be as we approach and I expect we're gonna do the following: I'm gonna suggest at the first meeting in December, we're gonna put money into our reserve accounts because we have a surplus. Now, we have committed to buying a new plow truck, \$208,000. We have a bond that we have for the excavator of \$23,000 a year. The last payment is in 2022. The truck will be purchased in 2022. If we bond anything, the first payment's in 2023. So in essence we'd normally have replaced one payment with another one the following year hopefully in the same zone. I think that if our surplus at the end of this year is sufficient, combined with the reserves we already have, we're gonna be able to buy that plow outright so we'll have zero debt on that at all. Zero. And I like that. Oh, yes, we'll have enough for \$208,000.

Ellie Alfeld: And still put money in the reserve? No, you're gonna be using the reserve plus bond.

Supervisor Ruso: I've got \$95,000 in the reserves. I can put at least \$100,000 at the end of this year into the reserves, bringing it to \$195,000 and then some other residual dollars we'll have during 2022 will bring us over the top. From \$195,000 to \$208,000, it's a chip shot. We can do that. So I like not buying things because in the end costs us money borrowing money.

Councilmember Downes: And that's out of the Highway Reserve?

Supervisor Ruso: Yes, ma'am. The Highway Reserve is what we're talking about here. I do have anticipations of putting in some money into the Building Reserve for the repair of this building and I'm kind of thinking we're gonna go somewhere between \$10,000 and \$20,000 and perhaps an equal amount for the Parks Reserve perhaps. The Park Reserve has only just a small amount of money, only \$13,000; the Building Reserve has over \$40,000 right now.

Ellie Alfeld: But, the Parks are in pretty good shape.

Councilmember VanEtten: Yeah, we've been getting grants, too.

Supervisor Ruso: In other items that are going to be happening in 2022 relate significantly because it's costs, we have received already out of the \$332,000 ARPA money, we've received half of that, \$166,000, that money must be used for infrastructure. I can't say 'let's reduce our taxes, let's pay off debt.' Can't use it, it's against the code. Okay, so what infrastructure do we have? Well, we have a problem in our Water District No. 2 that we all recall we had to bond \$330,000 for that bond alone and the residents of the District are already being billed. However, the pipe that broke under the Thruway was a 100 year-old pipe. You all remember that. Well, that 100 year-old pipe under the Thruway has been replaced, but beyond the Thruway to the Coxsackie Village Water feed is through the subordinate mains in the District, those are the 100 year-old pipe. The ARPA money, and we have it on the Agenda later on, much of that ARPA money will be forwarded to replacing that pipe. In any event, I know that doesn't relieve the water district people of the debt payments that they have right now, I hope it provides them some assurances that we're not gonna have a repeat.

Ellie Alfeld: Are they gonna continue those payments even though you've made that major payment for...?

Supervisor Ruso: Yeah, billed every quarter.

Ellie Alfeld: So they are building up more money.

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Supervisor Ruso: Yeah, we're looking to increase what we call the O&M which is basically an Operation & Maintenance so when something goes bad, we have the money in the bank. Sort of like the reserves. Right now we have a big hurdle to make and our first payment is due in February and I will certainly will have to assess much of what's going on, who paid and who didn't. I did have some people threaten not to pay and the only problem with that is the plan is what it does they roll that over, they put it on your tax bill, and now you have to pay the taxes. So, unfortunately, they're gonna have to pay one way or the other and I'm sorry for them. I really didn't want them to pay that kind of money. You folks, did you have any thoughts or input? We did have a request from Alan VanWormer and now is the time to do it because this is the Tentative Budget – Preliminary, Tentative, Final. The Final budget is not here. He has a request and it came to each of you, I hope you had a chance to read it, and he wants \$3,500 for Education. Okay, we we don't have a line item for that, we can create one and he is suggesting it comes out of Machinery Contractual Expenses. He's suggesting it comes out, that's that \$79,500 is in the Preliminary Budget for Highway Contractual Expenses, it's line DA51304. He's suggesting taking \$3,500 to put into an Education fund. Do you folks want to provide any thought to that or questions to me about that? I wish Alan was here; he said he was gonna be here.

Councilmember Boehlke: And I do, too, because there wasn't really a detailed explanation about this.

Supervisor Ruso: Let me just say Townwide, Education for the Town Hall people and that includes whether it's the Board here, and there are some sessions, or even for the Planning Board people or whatever. Sometimes we've had people brought in.

Ellie Alfeld: Every Board needs education.

Supervisor Ruso: Townwide, for Town Hall, we have budgeted \$1,000 and he wants \$3,500 for him and I do recognize some training needs. I'm just not sure I can go, my opinion, \$3,500. Please give me your thoughts, you're the Board. Previously these conferences have been paid for out of his other line items. He wants to have one specifically designated for education. In a lot of ways it's a zero sum gain. I mean we're taking \$3,500 out of one or what he's asking for and putting it into the others, not adding to the overall budget. I just don't know if \$3,500 is overkill.

Councilmember VanEtten: So he says with the increase in the State CHIPS funding, but can you take it out of that?

Supervisor Ruso: Well, first off, the fall conference, I looked up that and it does not cost \$1,300.

Councilmember Downes: But he's got hotel and room in there.

Councilmember VanEtten: Where is this? Where are these conferences? Do you know?

Supervisor Ruso: Well, the one that just ended was in Saratoga.

Ellie Alfeld: I mean Barbara goes out on conferences and she submits her hotel and stuff.

Town Clerk Finke: That depends, not every time. I will put in the \$125 or whatever it is for the registration fee. The check has to come from the Town for the hotel to get the break and typically I reimburse the Town.

Supervisor Ruso: Any myself, I've gone to Saratoga a number of times for some of the financial training and I don't want to stay in a hotel. Not when I'm at Saratoga. I get in my car and come home, besides it's wasting Town money.

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Ellie Alfeld: I mean most of the training I've heard for Planning Board, Grievance Board, all that, a lot of that is done on the computer.

Supervisor Ruso: A lot of that is.

Councilmember VanEtten: Especially right now.

Supervisor Ruso: What do you want to do Board of Directors?

Councilmember VanEtten: I would like more information about these conferences and where they are and what he's thinking?

Supervisor Ruso: This has to happen before the final budget is done. What's the date on that Barb?

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: We are doing the Preliminary Budget at the next meeting.

Town Clerk Finke: The Public Hearing is at the next meeting.

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: The Public Hearing is the next meeting, it's gotta be done to that.

Town Clerk Finke: The first November meeting is the Final.

Councilmember Boehlke: I mean he is salaried, right, so he's being paid while he's at these conferences.

Councilmember VanEtten: He is.

Supervisor Ruso: Right.

Councilmember Boehlke: This is a little too high then.

Supervisor Ruso: One of the things I must add because this is true with all, because I have to sign the check and I have to have an authorization to sign the check. All training regardless of whether it's line item x, y, or z, has to have the approval of the Town Board. So if he says 'I want to go to this one' and we look it over and it makes sense we say 'okay.' If he wants to go to the Highway School in Bermuda and fly there, then we might say maybe not. So it's not like he'll have total discretion and say 'I'm going here, I'm going there,' still has to be approved by the Board. I just want to give you guys that assurances okay. Throw a dollar figure in here if you want to.

Councilmember Downes: Well, I mean the Highway School and the fall conference, I get those two so that would bring us to \$2,300, but this whole day-long seminar there's no like...

Councilmember VanEtten: He's got more than one seminar put into that budget. But I just wonder where these Highway schools are? I mean if it's in Saratoga, why would you spend the night?

Supervisor Ruso: Well, he's saying day-long seminars at \$50 each, that means there's gonna be 20 of them.

Town Clerk Finke: Or two people going to 10.

Supervisor Ruso: Well, he's the Highway Superintendent.

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Councilmember Downes: But once we put it into an educational fund, it's not about the Highway Superintendent, it's about the Highway crew. So it's for everybody across the board. So I mean the \$2,300 I understand that, but where are these day-long seminars coming from because I don't think he's put in for any day-long, seven hours prior to this.

Councilmember VanEtten: We've done seminars that were day after day like three days and we've driven back and forth. We've never stayed in hotels and I just don't know where they are.

Supervisor Ruso: I do know in previous years it was in Corning, New York. I wouldn't expect anyone to drive home.

Councilmember VanEtten: That's pretty far.

Supervisor Ruso: But I know the last one was in Saratoga.

Councilmember Downes: Right, but I'm just saying I understand those two, I just don't understand what these seminars are, who they're for, that type of thing. That is kind of like a money thrown out there 'well just in case we want to do something else.'

Supervisor Ruso: Our budgeting is a little more tighter than that. With her and I budgeting, we have to have more to hang our hat on.

Ellie Alfeld: Are you saying he's bringing somebody else with him so we're paying for two people or is it just...?

Supervisor Ruso: No.

Councilmember Downes: But that's what I'm saying, once we put it into an Education line under the Highway, it's not funneled just to him.

Supervisor Ruso: Okay, so right now you want us to put this on hold? Is that what I'm hearing?

Councilmember VanEtten: I would like a little more information.

Councilmember Boehlke: Yeah.

Supervisor Ruso: Motion to table proposal by Highway Superintendent VanWormer, the request for \$3,500 for educational funds for the Highway Department, I'll make that Motion.

Councilmember Boehlke: I'll second.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: For the Board, this is the Workshop, do you have any questions about anything else on the budget?

Councilmember VanEtten: No, not so far.

Supervisor Ruso: Well, take it home, study it, call me anytime. Is that fair enough? I can help you.

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Public Comment Period

None

New Business

Supervisor Ruso: Town Resident Ryan Leonard stopped by Town Hall to let us know about his Eagle Scout Project. Ryan is collecting old flags that are no longer needed and will be properly disposing of them. A collection box will be kept in the entry to Town Hall offices. Ryan, who is working in coordination with the VFW in Ravena, would like to collect as many flags as possible within the next few weeks, although the box will be here indefinitely. Well, upon having this notice, I had a flag in my office that needed to be disposed of so I thought I would kick this off the right way. Anyway, congratulations and thank you, Ryan. I hope that the rest of the Town will fill that box up.

Ellie Alfeld: And he's one of your neighbors.

Supervisor Ruso: Yes, I know where he lives, yes.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 151-2021
OCTOBER 13, 2021

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH 2022 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby establishes the 2022 Preliminary Budget from the 2022 Tentative Budget.

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 152-2021
OCTOBER 13, 2021

RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR
2022 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

WHEREAS the Town Board has established the 2022 Preliminary Budget and the Town Law of the State of New York requires that a Public Hearing be held regarding the Preliminary Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hold a Public Hearing on October 25, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall, 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, NY 12087 to hear those members of the public who wish to be heard regarding the 2022 Preliminary Budget.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 6:30 PM at Town Hall, 3809 County Route 51,

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Hannacroix, New York to hear those members of the public who wish to be heard regarding the 2022 Preliminary Budget. The Work Meeting will be held at 7 PM.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office at the Town of New Baltimore, 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, NY 12087.

Proposed Salary Figures of Elected Officials are as Follows:

Town Council (4)	\$ 5,000
Town Justices (2)	12,000
Town Supervisor	12,000
Town Clerk	40,000
Superintendent of Highways	57,000

By Order of the Town Board

Barbara M. Finke
Town Clerk

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes and VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 153-2021

OCTOBER 13, 2021

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH MVP HEALTH CARE INSURANCE

WHEREAS the MVP Health Insurance Company has offered to the to the Town of New Baltimore a renewal offering for health insurance for town employees; and

WHEREAS the offering for continuation of the existing plan of the MVP HMO Gold 2 HDHP (5618NY0210015) reflects an increase of:

- a. \$8.99 per month for single coverage
- b. \$17.98 per month for 2 person coverage
- c. \$25.62 per month for family coverage, and

WHEREAS the increase of monthly charges represents an increase cost of 1.36%,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to renew the agreement with MVP for employee health insurance beginning December 1, 2021

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

Supervisor Ruso: All I'm gonna say before anyone else, anytime I have health insurance that goes up by 1.3%, I let loose a deep breath.

Ellie Alfeld: Could you give me a figure of what the average employee for the Highway Department or what have you that is with MVP is paying? I know you've just told me how much it's going up, but do you have an amount roughly of what they pay?

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Councilmember Downes: On a monthly basis or annually?

Ellie Alfeld: No, monthly.

Supervisor Ruso: Okay, I'll tell you what they pay. Which one do you want single, employee with spouse?

Ellie Alfeld: I would prefer either a husband and wife or family.

Supervisor Ruso: Employee plus spouse is \$1,340.42 a month.

Ellie Alfeld: \$1,300.

Supervisor Ruso: \$1,340.42. Now you must remember that the employees, most of them, there's only one left who's of the regular crew in the Highway. The people who were hired prior to 2012, I don't have the dates in front of me, pay 10% of that.

Ellie Alfeld: Of the \$1,000.

Supervisor Ruso: \$1,300, yes. The people who were hired after that date pay 25 percent. So that's your question. So that's your question, any other thoughts? Do you agree with 1.36%?

Councilmember VanEtten: Yeah, that's not bad.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 154-2021

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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT FOR
ENGINEERING FEES WITH DELAWARE ENGINEERING FOR REPAIRS TO
WATER MAIN IN WATER DISTRICT #2**

WHEREAS the federal government has allocated to the Town of New Baltimore \$332,386 in ARPA funding to be used for infrastructure projects, and

WHEREAS the repairs for Water District # 2 under the Thruway lanes have been accomplished and paid for by a bond, and

WHEREAS more sections of the 100-plus-year-old pipe still remain in place and will need repair or replacement in the future,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized sign an agreement with Delaware Engineering to provide a "Preliminary Engineering Report for Replacement of Aging Water Transmission Main in Water District #2.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION 155-2021
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**RESOLUTION TO INCREASE RATE OF PAY FOR
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS Gary J. Maher and Mark Petermann have successfully completed a six-month probationary period with the Highway Department.

RESOLVED at the request of the Highway Superintendent, their pay rate will increase to \$18.31 per hour.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

Supervisor Ruso: I'll just fill in the blanks for some people, the starting pay is \$17.81 and upon successful completion of a probationary period of six months, they get the next \$0.50. That's built in. We've been doing that forever. They have done and successfully completed.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving VanEtten

NAYS

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 156-2021
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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 2021-10-01 to 2021-10-46, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2021-10-01 to 2021-10-46.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until November 30, 2021.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmembers Boehlke and VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

General \$8,461.87, Highway \$71,513.12, Sewer 1 \$1,888.61, Sewer 2 \$39.45, Street Lighting 1 \$1,964.32, Street Lighting 2 \$201.06, Total \$84,068.43

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Upcoming Meetings

- October 14, 2021 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- October 25, 2021 Public Hearing on the 2022 Preliminary Budget at 6:30 PM Followed by the Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- November 2, 2021 Town Offices Closed for Election Day
- November 3, 2021 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM (If Needed)
- November 4, 2021 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- November 8, 2021 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- November 11, 2021 Town Offices Closed for Veterans Day
- November 22, 2021 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- November 25-26, 2021 Town Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Public Comment Period/Community Events

- Medway-Grapeville Fire District Public Hearing on their 2022 Proposed Budget on October 19, 2021 at 7:30 PM at their Firehouse, 1352 County Route 51 in Hannacroix
- New Baltimore Fire District Public Hearing on their 2022 Proposed Budget on October 19, 2021 at 7 PM at their Firehouse, 77 Gill Road in New Baltimore

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: I have a comment. I'd just like to announce to everyone and the Board knows this, this is the eighth year in a row that taxes have been reduced by the Town Board. I'm very proud of that and I think you should be too.

Supervisor Ruso: Actually to go along with that and it's kind of public knowledge now, but the Office of the Comptroller has announced the fiscal score for the Town of New Baltimore as well as all 932 towns in the State. The issue is with us. We have an absolute perfect ZERO and there's only about 25% of the towns in the state have a score as good as ours. You can't be better than ZERO. ZERO being the lowest. The lower the number, the better the number and you can't go below ZERO. So we're glad to see that so that implies some fiscal strength that we're in good shape and, thus, we may be able to buy plow trucks without bonding and so forth.

Councilmember Boehlke: Nick, you thanked the Board, but we thank you because you played a large part in this.

Supervisor Ruso: He does. Yes, indeed.

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: Thank you.

Councilmember Downes: I just have an announcement for Greene County in general, the Episcopal Church, a lot of people don't know this, but they have a whole small house that has clothes. So if you know of someone who's in need, they're trying to get the word out. They have clothes, they're looking for winter coats and it's all just in the area. They're trying to get the word out so that if you know somebody's in need, if you could get it out, spread the word because they want to do more. The house is full, they have all different kinds of clothes. They're doing a winter coat drive now. Doesn't matter what size, they'll take it and they were telling me that they get a lot of people that just come here with the shirt on their back and that's all they have and that's a good place. It's close to send people.

Supervisor Ruso: Where is this place?

Councilmember Downes: If you go down Mansion Street, you've got the Catholic Church on the right. So you start going down the hill, they're the next Church on the right is the Episcopal Church. It's a very small Church. So she was saying they've been open for five years, but they're trying to get the word out.

Supervisor Ruso: Do they want more donations?

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Councilmember Downes: They'll take more donations if you have them, they're definitely trying to kick up for the winter season, but at least it's right in Greene County if you somebody and they're close.

Ellie Alfeld: It's a community thing.

Councilmember Downes: It's a community thing.

Ellie Alfeld: Taking care of the people we know.

Councilmember Downes: So I just wanted to put that out there.

Councilmember VanEtten: When are they open, Kelly? Are they open like all the time?

Councilmember Downes: I know the girl I work with, she's there on Wednesdays.

Ellie Alfeld: They have secretaries sometimes.

Councilmember Downes: 1-3. but if anybody needs, please contact me and I can hook you up with the person. If you want to drop it off on a different day, but I thought Ellie, you could let people know in your organizations and things like that.

Ellie Alfeld: We just had the luncheon today down in New Baltimore, but I will make a point in saying something too.

Motion by Councilmember Downes seconded by Councilmember VanEtten to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC
Town Clerk