

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

NOVEMBER 28, 2022

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

Moment of Silence for Former Town Supervisor Edward Barber (1994-1999)

Reports

Supervisor

- Resolution Authorizing the Town Supervisor to Sign PILOT Agreement with Solar Generation Inc.
- Resolution to Close Out Two Unused Bank Accounts
- Resolution to Deposit Funds into the Sewer District #1 Repair Reserve Fund
- Resolution to Approve Deposits into Town Reserve Account

County Legislator

Town Clerk

Historian

Agriculture/AgFest (Chair Boehlke/Member Irving)

Animal Control (Chair Irving, Member Ruso)

Assessment (Chair VanEtten/Member Ruso)

Audit and Budget (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

Buildings & Grounds/Recycling (Chair Irving/Member Boehlke)

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer (Chair Downes/Member Ruso)

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

- Resolution Authorizing the Town Supervisor to Execute an Agreement with Greene County Emergency Medical Systems, Inc.

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

Greene County Planning Board (Boehlke)

Highway (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

Insurance (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member VanEtten)

Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals (Chair Boehlke/Member Irving)

Seniors (Chair VanEtten/Member Downes)

Technology/Website (Chair Downes/Member Boehlke)

- Resolution Authorizing the Town Supervisor to Execute an Agreement for a Computer Lease for the Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Resolution Authorizing the Town Supervisor to Execute an Agreement to Extend Computer Lease for the Highway Garage, Town Clerk Counter, Planning Board Clerk, Town Supervisor, and Tax Office

Town Courts (Chair VanEtten/Member Ruso)

Veterans and Memorials (Chair VanEtten/Member Irving)

Wastewater Treatment (Chair Irving/Member Boehlke)

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

Upcoming Meetings

- December 7, 2022 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- December 7, 2022 Senior Luncheon at Pegasus Restaurant at 12 PM
- December 8, 2022 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- December 12, 2022 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- December 26, 2022 Town Offices Closed, Happy Holiday
- December 28, 2022 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

Public Comment Period/Community Events

Audit of Claims

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.

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OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Ruso opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Also attending Councilmembers Boehlke, Downes, Irving, and VanEtten; Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti; County Legislator Linger; Town Clerk Finke; Highway Superintendent VanWormer; and 7 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

Supervisor Ruso: I'm going to ask everyone to stand in a second, but I want to say a couple words about Ed Barber. Ed Barber died on Saturday evening, the 26th. Ed was a very capable fellow, restaurateur, real estate broker, former Town Supervisor, Veteran, Army Veteran, and we just want to take a moment of silence to remember Ed Barber.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said followed by a Moment of Silence.

Supervisor Ruso: For those that don't know, his services will be at Cunningham in Greenville 5-7 PM tomorrow.

Supervisor Jeff Ruso

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RESOLUTION 151-2022
NOVEMBER 28, 2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN PILOT AGREEMENT WITH SOLAR GENERATION INC.

WHEREAS the Town Supervisor and the Attorney for the Town have been in negotiations with Solar Generation, Inc regarding the Community Host Agreement (CHA) PILOT, and;

WHEREAS it was tentatively agreed between all parties that Solar Generation, Inc. will pay the Town of New Baltimore \$20,000 for that CHA PILOT, pursuant to Town Board approval, and;

WHEREAS Solar Generation, Inc. has agreed that they will pay such CHA PILOT within 60 days of Town Board approval.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approves said CHA PILOT with Solar Generation Inc. for \$20,000.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

Supervisor Ruso: It's not been a secret that I've been in communication with them trying to get what we can out of a PILOT. So this is a one-time payment, it's not the ongoing PILOT that I've described previously where we get 12 percent of it. There's one only for the Town, but the County deducts what we get from the one-time and I think they keep the difference right or is it shared between the County and Coxsackie-Athens?

County Legislator Linger: You know, I don't know for sure.

Supervisor Ruso: So next year's ongoing PILOT, they're going to deduct -- we would have gotten about \$3,000 I believe it is -- but now we won't get anything next year from the County one which gives us upfront money basically is what it does.

County Legislator Linger: So you're taking it up front.

Supervisor Ruso: We get upfront money, but when we negotiated \$20,000, we're really pulling in more money for Coxsackie-Athens because they share the difference and the County, but Coxsackie-Athens is getting the PILOT too. They're working on it. So that's for informational purposes only.

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Councilmember Boehlke: The Community Host Agreement is separate from the PILOT.

Supervisor Ruso: Yeah, but the County made a law that says they'll deduct what the regular PILOT will be based upon what we bring. That was added earlier this year.

Ellie Alfeld: Could you refresh me as to why Coxsackie-Athens gets part of this?

Supervisor Ruso: I don't think I could refresh you because I don't know what they really... They're a taxing authority other than that I don't want to...

Councilmember Downes: Isn't it because it sits on Coxsackie-Athens property?

Ellie Alfeld: Does it?

Supervisor Ruso: It does now. It does now.

Councilmember Downes: Because if it was RCS, if it was out toward me it would be Greenville.

Supervisor Ruso: I believe it used to be RCS until a couple years ago. Why and how it changed I don't know. I really don't know and that's only with the overall documents I don't have all that stuff in front of me. But it was in RCS District and now it's Coxsackie. I didn't change it.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: The monthly financial reports for October have been sent out. I hope you've all read them. It gets more important as the year goes along and I know they were forwarded to all Members. Have you had a chance to review them? I'm going to make a Motion to accept the October financials.

Councilmember VanEtten: I'll second.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 152-2022
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RESOLUTION TO CLOSE OUT TWO UNUSED BANK ACCOUNTS

WHEREAS there exist two bank accounts that have been unused for a number of years that are recommended that the Town close out;

WHEREAS one of the accounts, titled "Bristol Manor – William Brandt Escrow" has for many years continued to exist with a balance of 1 cent, and;

WHEREAS the other account, titled "Health Reimbursement Account" has continued to exist for years with a zero balance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore authorized the Town Supervisor to close out said bank accounts.

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Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

Supervisor Ruso: Bristol Manor why there's a penny left in the account after they closed out the escrow I cannot say, but we have been getting bank statements with a one cent balance for as long as I know, as long as I've been here.

Ellie Alfeld: What bank?

Supervisor Ruso: The Bank of Greene County. They don't charge us a fee thankfully, but it's just more paperwork, more mail, more filings and of the like. In the second one was a HRA account that the Town had set up when we had a different health insurance and I believe it goes back to 2006-07 in that range and since I've been the Supervisor it's had a \$0 balance and yet we get a bank statement every month that says a \$0 balance, but at least Bristol Manor had something in it, but this one has \$0. So anyway it's in essence the accounts have been in defunct and de facto for all these years, but this is just official to get rid of the paperwork unless you have any thoughts or questions.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYUS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION 153-2022

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RESOLUTION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS INTO THE SEWER DISTRICT #1 REPAIR RESERVE FUND

WHEREAS the Town Board adopted the final town budget for 2023, and;

WHEREAS it was determined that a portion of the excess funds in the unallocated sewer district fund balance would be deposited in the Sewer District # 1 Repair Reserve fund \$116,500 which together with the existing balance of \$34,908 would bring the total balance in the Sewer District # 1 Repair Reserve fund to \$151,408, an amount approximating one full year of operations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approves the deposit of \$116,500 into the Sewer District # 1 Repair Reserve fund from Account # SS200.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

Supervisor Ruso: This particular concept was discussed during our budget hearings about the extra money. Something else that I have been doing in the recent weeks, I have been calling both of our two depository banks – Bank of Greene County and National Bank of Coxsackie. This fund is in the National Bank of Coxsackie and they've been giving us .25 of a percent interest rate as well as with our other Reserves – Highway Reserve, Park Reserve. So in conversations with them and a couple meetings, well one really, a couple meetings with the other one, they're raising our interest rates that the Town is going to get interest payments of 1.5 percent. So we're really increasing it by six times and it comes to about \$13,000 Townwide sprinkled under this account and that account. It doesn't take effect, that 1.5 percent, until we actually make a deposit. You're next deposit we will start giving you a 1.5 in which case I decided we're going to let's not wait until the end of year, let's get something into the Reserves, get that 1.5 percent going.

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AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION 154-2022
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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DEPOSITS INTO TOWN RESERVE ACCOUNT

WHEREAS the Town Supervisor has been in negotiations with each of the town's two banking institutions, and;

WHEREAS it was that an increase in the interest rates for each of the town's 4 existing reserve funds will each be increased to 1.5% beginning with the next deposit into each account,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore approves the following deposits into the town reserve accounts:

Parks Reserve	\$10,000
Building Reserve	\$10,000
Highway Reserve	\$10,000

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

Supervisor Ruso: The concept behind this is exactly the same. Our final amount we'll put in the Reserves is yet to be determined. We'd like to see the end of the year as we close out the year what the balances are, but we thought we'd get the 1.5 percent kicking into action and as a last-minute point these are what they call savings accounts. Our checking accounts are with the Bank of Greene County and the Bank of Greene County has been giving us a percentage rate of .10 of 1%. The Bank of Greene County has effective immediately now given us .4 of one percent which in essence is a four-times increase in what we've been getting in interest income. We have at times especially when taxes come in, we have a great deal money in there in that month and want to get interest on it.

Councilmember Downes: You said Greene County's was the checking account?

Supervisor Ruso: Yes.

Councilmember Downes: You're never gonna make the same interest rate on a checking account.

Supervisor Ruso: No, we understand that.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

County Legislator Linger

As far as schedules go, this has been one of my busiest months since elected in November 2015. As Legislative Chairman, I have many balls being juggled right now, all in preparation of large projects to be undertaken in the near future. I'll start with a few announcements of upcoming Public Hearings. First, Ag District No. 124 2022 annual review Public Hearing will be held on December 14th, 2022 at 6:15 PM in the Legislative Chambers. Second, the Senior Citizen Tax exemption Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 14th, 2022 at 6:20 p.m. Third, the Exemption From Real Property Taxes Of Property Owned By Persons With Disabilities And

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Limited Incomes Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 14th, 2022 at 6:25 p.m. The two property tax exemptions are set by State Legislative approval, and neither has been changed in the last 2 years. This month, we reappointed Jonathan Palmer as County Historian, and Michelle Deyo as Veteran Services Director. The most important job as Legislator is the development of the County Budget. In NYS, mandates from the State and Federal governments continuously challenge our ability to stay within cap limits, with each one funding less of their mandated services. This month, we adopted the 2023 County Budget at \$27,404,370. This holds the levy at the same level as 2022, and NB taxpayers will see reduction of 2.3%, or \$0.15, per thousand. We have been working for nearly 2 years to develop a comprehensive broadband expansion plan. Working with ECC Technologies, we did surveys and questionnaires, and we performed site visits where necessary. We believe the “last mile” has been identified. In what will certainly be one of the most significant resolutions of my tenure, we approved the award of roughly \$2.2 million in ARPA funds to 3 ISP’s to complete fiber optic broadband installation to the remaining unserved addresses in the county. This is a unique public/private partnership that will bring fiber to nearly every address that currently has access to electricity. I would like to thank the Economic Development team and the Office of Real Property Services for their excellent work, and the Legislature for their commitment. Our maps have been described as some of the most useful tools seen in the industry. While there is much work to do before lines are strung, Greene County is years ahead of NYS in accomplishing this lofty goal.

County Legislator Linger: So you should see a 2.3 percent was from \$6.06 per thousand last year. It will drop to \$5.91 per thousand this year. Just for reference we could have stayed within the tax cap, we could have added \$958,000 to the budget. We did not.

Supervisor Ruso: Was it possible New Baltimore was in the last mile?

County Legislator Linger: It is possible. There are places in New Baltimore that are in that last mile.

Ellie Alfeld: East Honey Hollow and all up in there.

Councilmember Downes: So did part of this money go to the small town like State Tel?

County Legislator Linger: It was by a bid so it was the lowest bidders for whichever blocks were set out. This wound up going to MidHudson Cablevision I think got the largest chunk, Charter Communications and Margaretville Telephone I believe were the three that were the low bidders. So you have some small, some big. It’s difficult because you’re asking people with proprietary information to lay their cards in the table. So it’s kind of hard to get that relationship established. We did that with the state grants that were out and State Tel at that point got almost \$10 million in grant funding through the state. The problem was the state and federal programs did census blocks and if one house in a block of 100 was served, they considered that block served. It still left the other 99 homes with nothing. So this one dug right to the house level on every street in the County and I believe it’s anyone within 200 feet of a pole, they’re gonna connect to. So if you’ve got a 700 foot driveway or something then it will be a cost to it, but the rest of them will be put up.

Ellie Alfeld: Pat, do you have any knowledge or information about the completion of the New Baltimore rest area?

County Legislator Linger: I do not.

Ellie Alfeld: This thing is taking longer than anything and it doesn’t even look like it meets or even is equal to the one that was put on the east side of the Thruway. I mean this looks like a tin shed with nothing to really speak out to expect you to really want to go there as opposed to the millions that they put into the one on the east side and they made that very public.

County Legislator Linger: Yes, they did and it was very expensive.

Ellie Alfeld: Yes, it was.

Councilmember Downes: That was a state thing; this one is the Thruway.

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County Legislator Linger: That's a Taste of New York center that's supposed to showcase local goods.

Ellie Alfeld: Oh, yeah, I know. We can't get over there.

County Legislator Linger: Yeah, we can't get there.

Supervisor Ruso: There's not many local goods there.

County Legislator Linger: There are and they change them. They do change them.

Supervisor Ruso: Last time I checked I didn't see any.

Ellie Alfeld: Jourdin's maple syrup.

County Legislator Linger: There are quite a few actually from Greene County that have stuff there.

Ellie Alfeld: Well, it's still like an improvement in our Town.

County Legislator Linger: No, I don't have any information on it. Like I said the last I heard was a completion date of next spring.

Jeff Etu: Those rest stops are going to be scaled down too and that was in the (unable to understand.). The one they built up by Syracuse, the bathrooms and everything are being scaled down. They're only getting certain things in certain areas.

County Legislator Linger: The other ones that I've seen along the Thruway route are in similar conditions.

Councilmember Downes: Yeah, I think they just did a whole circle.

County Legislator Linger: I don't know that it's just this one, it's the whole program whatever it was got held up.

Jeff Etu: The one farther south on the left-hand side is even worse than the one that we have here. It doesn't look like nothing's being done.

Town Clerk Barb Finke

7 Building Permits \$2,167, 3 Certificate of Occupancy Searches \$150, 7 Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$25.28, 13 Dog Licenses \$84, 1 Exempt Dog, 1 Late Dog License \$5, 1 Junkyard Permit \$100, 2 Marriage Licenses \$35, 1 Demolition Permit \$75, 6 Minor Subdivisions \$450, 1 Solar Commercial \$61,513.20, 1 Solar Residential \$176, 17 Certified Copies \$170, 3 Photo Copies \$0.75, Recycle Fees \$16, State, County & Local Revenues \$65,420.95, to New York State Agriculture and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program \$15, to New York State Department of Health for Marriages \$45, to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$393.72, Total to Supervisor \$64,967.23.

Supervisor Ruso: I think you all did hear that right, a \$61,000 building permit for the Solar Generation Incorporated, the one that got the PILOT.

Building Grounds and Recycling Operator Kirk Trombley

6 Tires Up To and Including 16" Without Rim \$24, 60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastics) 10, 19 Bundles of Magazines and Phone Books, 58 Bags and Bundles of Newspaper, 96 Boxes and Bundles of Cardboard, One Washer and One Dryer on November 5 and 1 Small Refrigerator and 1 Stove on November 19, Total Income \$24.

Code Enforcement Officer Allan Jourdin

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for October 2022, is as follows: Building Inspections: 23, Building Permits Issued: 7, Building Permits Renewed: 3, Building Permit

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Renewal Letter Sent: 6 First Notices, Certificates of Compliance Issued: 9, Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 3, Certificate of Occupancy Search Requests: 3, Temporary Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 1, Commercial Permits Issued: 1, Orders to Remedy: 1, Demolition Permit Applications Received: 2, Demolition Permits Issued: 1, Total New Permit Applications Received: 9, Total New Permit Applications Awaiting Permit Issuance: 14, Open Building Permits: 186. New Septic System Permits Issued: 1, Application Fees for October, 2022: \$63,931.20, Total Fees for Year to Date \$89,671.67

Greene County EMS Representative Nick Dellisanti

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022. There were 20 EMS calls in October for a total of 139 for this year 2022. We had 110 calls for all of 2021.

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: So we are way up this year.

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RESOLUTION 155-2022
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH GREENE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC.

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute an agreement with Greene County Emergency Medical Systems, Inc. for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 for \$20,231.00.

Supervisor Ruso: And that's an increase of \$410 from the previous year.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Highway Superintendent Alan VanWormer

Highway Report October 24th to November 28th 2022 Finished mowing along Roads, Mowed drainage ditch on Gill Road, Patched holes with winter mix, Took measurements at District 3 park, Borrowed small excavator from Village of Coxsackie to dig form honches for concession stand at district 3 park, Picked up forms borrowed from Rob VanEtten, Set forms for concession stand at District 3 park, Picked up reinforcement wire for concrete pour for concession stand, Covered hole in drainage on Washington Ave, Called sewer plant to mark sewer lines on Main Street for County Highway, Repaired damaged storm grate on Carhart Road, Wednesday October 26th met with outlaws baseball club, Checked blocked culvert on Featherbed Lane, needs replacing, Replaced two broken rocker bridges on 1985 International dump truck, Called Main Care about our winter diesel fuel, we will be adding our own additional additive to it for the winter as Kerosene is not available, Removed large rock from ditch on New Baltimore Road, Put rebuilt lift cylinder back in 1996 International Dump truck, Repaired knocked over sign on Circle Drive, Picked up bagged leaves in Hamlet on Monday Mornings, Took excavator back to Village of Coxsackie, Brought our excavator and skid steer back to garage from District 3 park, Marked Reservoir Road for ditch cleaning and contacted dig safe NY, Repaired broken Road edge on Washington Ave, Finished retaining wall work on New Street, Patched East Honey Hollow and Honey Hollow Roads with Blacktop, Vacuumed leaves from ditches in Hamlet Picked up garbage at Town Hall, Put plows wings and sanders on winter trucks, Repaired starting problem on 1993 International plow truck, Tuesday November 15 ordered and received 70 tons salt, Wednesday November 16 light snow at night checked roads at 3am all just wet, 1991 International dump truck caught on fire from an electrical short in the battery box, minor damage was able to be repaired in house, Winterized bomag roller, Replaced air governor on 1991 International dump truck, Mixed magic minus additive with salt, Replaced leaking fuel

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tank on 1993 International plow truck, new tank was \$1800.00 after searching the internet I was able to find a used one in excellent condition for \$600.00, Picked up couch dumped on Paradise Hill Road, Built retaining wall on Shady Lane where hillside gave way, received many compliments from residents in that area on job well done, Replaced broken universal Joint on 1985 International Dump truck, Changed flat tire on Equipment trailer, a local person donated 8 new tires and rims for our trailer so we didn't have to buy a replacement, Replaced batteries in 1991 International after fire, Took leaf box off 2006 F-350 and prep for winter

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: One of the employees that I spoke about earlier has an interview on Thursday of this week with CSX and that's one of them we had talked about before.

Councilmember Downes: This International, that was the one that was coming back from Catskill?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Yeah.

Councilmember Downes: What were we doing in Catskill?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: The Town of Catskill used our excavator. They had a fire down on...

Supervisor Ruso: So they called our Highway Department?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Yeah. Their excavator was in Halcott. The County called. They wanted one from the County. Their's was in Halcott so the County called and asked about ours so we sent our's down to help them and they went down to pick it up and as soon as they got there, smoke was coming out all over and one of the batteries had shifted in the battery box and shorted out and burnt the wiring, some of the wires and the wiring going to the (unable to understand). It was an easy fix.

Supervisor Ruso: Yeah, but the towing was \$500. The diesel mix, you get it at the truck stop or something like that?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: No, I order it from one of our vendors. It comes in gallon jugs. The gallon treats 1,000 gallons of oil, fuel, diesel because they usually mix it, it's usually 60/40 mix in winter, kerosene fuel, but now they can't get kerosene. So rather than take a chance, we're just putting our own additive in.

Councilmember Boehlke: A cheaper thing to do anyway, Alan.

Supervisor Ruso: I bought that stuff myself when I had #2 fuel oil. I don't think I paid more than \$60 for a gallon.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: A lot of people are doing that at home now because people that normally burn kerosene can't so they're doing the same thing in their own tank.

Ellie Alfeld: They told me then at least two months ago they couldn't get kerosene.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: If you can get kerosene it's like \$9 a gallon.

Supervisor Ruso: So I'm just gonna follow up what you said to Kelly it was the Village of Coxsackie or the Town of Coxsackie called you? Catskill I meant to say.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Greene County 911 called Greene County Highway for the excavator to bring to the Town of Catskill. Theirs was in Halcott and wasn't available. Jim Wilson called and asked about ours and ours was at the Garage on the trailer already.

Supervisor Ruso: It seems like a lot of calls.

Town Clerk Finke: There should be a policy.

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Planning Board Chair Rob VanEtten

The Planning Board met on November 10, 2022, with the following business transacted: ...Public Hearing was held on the Minor Subdivision Application that had been submitted by Gertjan Meijer & Pim Philip Zeegers for a three-lot subdivision of property owned at 1838 River Road. In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed: ...The Meijer and Zeegers Minor Subdivision was approved. ...Discussion was held on request received from Hannacroix Solar for a one-year extension of their Site Plan approved in December of 2021. Prior to granting this extension, the Board has requested more information be provided, namely the reason(s) as to why the project has not been started or at least the Building Permit obtained. Upon receipt of this information, the Board will again take up consideration of the extension at the December 8 Meeting. ...Discussed with Town residents their desire to combine the two parcels of land they purchased from the Karazim four-lot minor subdivision approved in 2019. The Board has contacted the Attorney for the Town requesting the proper procedure for the handling of this request and/or whether the Board needs to be involved at all in the merger of these parcels.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Pat Linger

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet on November 2, 2022, since there were no applications to come before the Board.

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RESOLUTION 156-2022
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR A COMPUTER LEASE FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

WHEREAS Intelligent Technology Solutions, Inc. submitted a quote for a five-year lease to replace the obsolete computer at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Quote #JW004893 v1.

RESOLVED the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute an agreement with Intelligent Technology Solutions, Inc. for an AIO computer at a one-time cost of \$574.95 for Hardware and Configuration and \$105 per month.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Irving

Ellie Alfeld: Some of the money that you had left over from the sewer budget and you put in reserve funds or what have you, can that not offset this \$500 expense?

Supervisor Ruso: We'll have enough money absolutely. There's still an unallocated fund balance of probably at least \$90,000 at this moment. So that will be plenty.

Councilmember Downes: Is this a different kind of computer that isn't just like a Hewlett Packard or...?

Supervisor Ruso: This is another brand.

Town Clerk Finke: All in one.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION 157-2022
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND COMPUTER LEASE FOR THE HIGHWAY GARAGE, TOWN CLERK COUNTER, PLANNING BOARD CLERK, TOWN SUPERVISOR, AND TAX OFFICE

WHEREAS Intelligent Technology Solutions, Inc. submitted a quote for a two-year extension for the Highway Garage AIO (Quote #JW004892 v1), Town Clerk Counter AIO (Quote #JW004891 v1), Planning Board Clerk AIO (Quote #JW004890 v1), Town Supervisor AIO (Quote #JW004889 v1), and Tax Office Laptop (Quote #JW004888 v1).

RESOLVED the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute an agreement with Intelligent Technology Solutions, Inc. for \$105 per month for the Highway Garage, Town Clerk Counter, Planning Board Clerk, Town Supervisor, and \$135 for the Tax Office.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Upcoming Meetings

- December 7, 2022 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM if Needed
- December 7, 2022 Senior Luncheon at Pegasus Restaurant at 12 PM
- December 8, 2022 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- December 12, 2022 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- December 26, 2022 Town Offices Closed, Happy Holiday
- December 28, 2022 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

Supervisor Ruso: We do have one issue that came or was finalized with the Town. Information that is just this afternoon or today earlier actually this morning a conversation with our Highway Superintendent so I'm gonna do Public Comment Period now and then we go into Executive Session to discuss that matter.

Public Comment

Eilleen Vosburgh: HRA, what was that account used for?

Supervisor Ruso: That was back when we had a different insurance company all together and it was funded in there -- I wasn't on the Board back then so I can't speak exactly of the wording, I think it was from '06, '07 in that range -- it was basically to do the job of an HRA that we have now. The HRA we have now is managed by the insurance company not by the Town. I don't think they every really jumped into that because what it required in those days was that the Town Supervisor was to review every bill. Now you bought a prescription or a whatever it might be -- which I'm glad that they dissolved that function a long time ago because I don't want to see everybody's bills. So I think that it's been \$0 for a number of years and I can't even tell you what year.

Eilleen Vosburgh: But we still have an HRA.

Supervisor Ruso: Oh yeah, that's still there. That is managed by MVP and so we don't even have to deal with that. They do that as part of and we fund it at the front end of the year. That's pretty much that. Your question about PILOT?

Eilleen Vosburgh: Explain that again. Is that \$20,000 that's it?

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Supervisor Ruso: That's it, yeah.

Ellie Alfeld: That's what he said.

Eilleen Vosburgh: For how long?

Supervisor Ruso: One year. One-time shot.

Eilleen Vosburgh: Okay, they give us \$20,000, but how long do they not pay the taxes?

Supervisor Ruso: I believe it's 25 years. Is it 20 or 25 I can't recall?

County Legislator Linger: The exemption is normally 15-year exemption.

Supervisor Ruso: Fifteen, thank you, yes. That PILOT you're talking about was done by the County, not by the Town.

Ellie Alfeld: Each segment is a little different.

Supervisor Ruso: There's the grant PILOT that's paid every year and I believe that was at about \$8,000 per kilowatt which comes to \$40,000 a year and so what we have is a Community Host Agreement ostensibly because it is the Town who does all the work -- permits and all that jazz -- so that's what that's all about. So it's a one-time shot for the Town. I'd love it to be ongoing, but the chance of that is...

Eilleen Vosburgh: No, I was just concerned that's all we got. The other thing is Shelly, I don't know if Bill mentioned to you about looking into doing a pickleball court in District 1 park.

Councilmember VanEtten: No, Billy hasn't said anything to me. I don't know what's involved, I've never played, but I know that we have already allocated the grant money and already spent most of it so we'll have to see. I don't know, Billy, you'll have to tell me what you found out.

Eilleen Vosburgh: From what I understand you can easily change a basketball court to a pickleball.

Councilmember VanEtten: Change so there would be no more basketball court?

Eilleen Vosburgh: No, no, I think that they can play at the same time, but do you realize those basketball hoops are like not on the long end but on the short end. Why would that be?

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: Because of the size of the court. Basketball is longer than it is wider.

Eilleen Vosburgh: Exactly.

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: That's where they are.

Eilleen Vosburgh: No, they're in the middle. They're not at the ends.

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: They are at the end.

Councilmember VanEtten: Anyway, Billy, let me know what you find out about pickleball.

Town Clerk Finke: It's expensive I do know that.

Eilleen Vosburgh: I understood that it's a matter of netting and drawing the lines.

Supervisor Ruso: Looked to me when I saw a picture was like badmitten. It almost looked like a badmitten thing.

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Town Clerk Finke: Do you want to chase a ball in the woods? It's gotta have a fence.

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti: It's got to have fencing around.

Supervisor Ruso: What we're going to do at this particular moment, I'm going to make a Motion to go into an Executive Session to discuss issues involving 'the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person.' So I made that Motion, do I have a second?

Councilmembers Downes and VanEtten: Second.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

The Town Board entered Executive Session at 7:46 PM.

Motion by Councilmember VanEtten seconded by Councilmember Downes to resume the Work Meeting at 8:02 PM.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: As a result of our Executive Session, I have Resolution 158.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 158-2022

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**RESOLUTION APPOINTING FULL-TIME
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE**

RESOLVED that Mark Petermann is appointed as a Full-Time Heavy Motor Equipment Operator at a salary of \$18.31 per hour for a probationary period of six months.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmembers Downes and VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 159-2022

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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 2022b-11-01 to 2022b-11-29, it is

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RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2022b-11-01 to 2022b-11-29.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until December 31, 2022.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

General \$40,146.67, Highway \$32,164.60, Sewer 1 \$2,673.63, Sewer 2 \$341.51, Total \$75,326.41

Motion by Councilmember Downes seconded by Councilmember VanEtten to adjourn the Work Meeting at 8:04 PM.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke, RMC
Town Clerk