

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

**DECEMBER 28, 2022**

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**Reports**

Supervisor

County Legislator

Town Clerk

- December 14, 2022 Town Board Regular Meeting

Historian

Agriculture/AgFest (Chair Boehlke/Member Irving)

Animal Control (Chair Irving, Member Ruso)

Assessment (Chair VanEtten/Member Ruso)

- Resolution Setting Public Hearing for a Proposed Local Law to Establish a New Schedule of Real Property Tax Exemptions for Persons Sixty-Five (65) Years of Age or Over and Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes

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)

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 Supervisor to Sign an Agreement for IT Services

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**

- January 1, 2023 Organizational Meeting at 2 PM
- January 2, 2023 Town Offices Closed for New Year's Day
- January 4, 2023 Zoning Board of Appeals at 7:30 PM (If Needed)
- January 9, 2023 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- January 12, 2023 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- January 16, 2023 Town Offices Closed to Observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 23, 2023 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 and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending Councilmembers Boehlke, Irving and VanEtten; Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti; County Legislator Linger; Town Clerk Finke; and 5 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Councilmember Downes and Highway Superintendent VanWormer

***Supervisor Jeff Ruso***

First and foremost November's financial reports were circulated. I hope you've all had a chance to read them.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes,

**Motion Carried**

**Supervisor Ruso:** Something I hope to arrange this month with Shelly's help, we had a Seniors luncheon on December 7th down at Pegasus. It was a revisal of something we haven't done in a couple years. It went out alright, I mean it was a little choppy in some places, but we had 48 people plus we had two guests from the Greene County Department of the Aging who brought forth a lot of information that there were certainly people that didn't know this and they didn't know that, there was a lot of people. For the last year-and-a-half I've been on the Advisory Committee, I was appointed to that a year-and-a-half ago. Since I've been retired I've been doing zoom meetings with them, but now I'm actually attending meetings for the past number of months and I must say that there hasn't been a lot of involvement with them with New Baltimore and, therefore, a lot of our folks didn't know that things were available and not on behalf of those who were in attendance at the luncheon, but so many came forward and said 'you know I know such and such down the road who can use this.' I just thought it was a good positive event and we plan on revising this permanently and a couple little things we have to set up like people just showing up.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** And we had to request that people make reservations, but people didn't.

**Supervisor Ruso:** The restaurant needs to know how many people and that kind of thing.

**Ellie Alfeld:** If you're going to limit it like you have to because of the money, you can't say 'oh well, here's another two or here's another four.'

**Supervisor Ruso:** It would be one thing if somebody else had to cancel at the last minute then you fit them in, but we ended up with three more than what we thought.

**Ellie Alfeld:** But if you were to check them as they came in the door then you know. I even used to check to make sure they were residents of New Baltimore because that's who we were trying to help.

**Supervisor Ruso:** There was a couple I didn't know at all whatsoever and I sat with them and I know where they live. They were New Baltimore just to assure you of...

**Ellie Alfeld:** I don't need the assurances.

**Town Clerk Finke:** I did check people as they came in and they were all residents.

**Supervisor Ruso:** The two I didn't know from Adam, they lived on Old State Road.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** There's always enough food they can absorb a couple extra.

**Ellie Alfeld:** It's just that sometimes it gets overwhelming.

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**Supervisor Ruso:** Anyway it all went well and we look forward to doing it some more. I know COVID shut a lot of that thing down.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** And we did get a lot of positive feedback that people really enjoyed it.

**Supervisor Ruso:** That was just something positive.

***County Legislator Pat Linger***

As we come to the end of 2022, I can say this has certainly been a challenging, yet successful year for me personally. Having started the year with emergency open-heart surgery and a month in the hospital, the finish is much stronger than the start, and much better than anticipated. I am grateful for the support I received from our community, the Town Board, and our Legislature. It's easy to stay motivated when good things are happening. Following required public hearings, increases in tax exemptions for seniors and persons with disabilities were approved. The Public hearing on Ag District 124 was also held. All parcels were approved with the exception of 2 parcels in Windham that needed further clarification. We hope to have some legal information clarified for a vote in January. The Cocksackie Transfer Station has reopened for full service on Plank Rd. Regular operating days are Tuesday through Saturday, 7:30am – 3:30pm. Preliminary design of the CR61 bridge over the Cocksackie Creek is underway. Depending on many factors, including other scheduled construction projects and contractor availability, this may be a 2024 project. GC Highway is still working with engineers to develop a solution to the road slide on CR61 near the Kreil Farm. Following last year's stable surface, significant movement was measured again this year. Sales tax is holding strong at a 7 percent increase over 2021. We approved the relevy of unpaid school and village taxes totaling just under \$9 million. We will not bond this cost, we have it set aside in unallocated fund balance. This saves us thousands of dollars in interest payments. Our Organizational meeting will be held Jan 4, 2023 at 6 pm, followed by standing committee meetings.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I think we can have a little dialogue you and I because we talked about this new law that was voted in just a couple weeks ago regarding the firemen's discount for lack of another term.

**County Legislator Linger:** I think it was December 7, December 9 it was signed into law.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I think jumping off of our conversation we've had I think it would probably be wise for the Town to kind of wait and see where the County is going to go with that because it's a complex mess.

**County Legislator Linger:** Very.

**Supervisor Ruso:** It is extremely complex.

**County Legislator Linger:** This actually was approved through session by the Legislature this past year so it was before the end of June that this was approved through their method. Then it was sent to the Governor. So we've been waiting to find out where this legislation was gonna wind up for that long since June and now we really only have three months to make sure everything's in place because your assessment rolls are going to be done in March so everything had to be done before that and that now includes villages, towns, the county, and school districts to see who's going to allow this what winds up of being a ten percent reduction in the Assessed valuation.

**Supervisor Ruso:** For those that are unaware, the governing body, the taxing jurisdiction whether it's county, state, or whatever or us we get to decide the criteria -- the Town Board gets to decide the criteria by whom is eligible or who is not. Do they have two years of service, do you have three years of service? The list goes on. With that we send that to the fire districts. They must report back to us with the list of everybody who is qualified based upon those standards. The problem is the Town of New Baltimore doesn't want to have a different standard than the County of Greene because you may say three years and we say two and now we're taking about a mess. The next part is it has to be determined first off it's a property tax reduction

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so if you rent property, you don't get it. If you live in a different District – let's say you live in Coeymans but you serve in New Baltimore which there are a couple members -- you don't get it.

**County Legislator Linger:** Unless your home town also...

**Supervisor Ruso:** Yeah, but service in New Baltimore doesn't count for Coeymans so you'd have to move to that fire district in order to get it and then we have to determine who does indeed end up with a discount -- and by the way it's for residences only, it's not for property, for your residence, doesn't matter if you own a piece of property on xyz -- then you determine how much the dollar figure of a deduction is, this is where it gets really choppy, and then you have to take all those dollars because it's a zero sum gain, and plug it back in to the taxing of the individual of everyone else who's not eligible. So you are going to pay \$1,000 Town tax. Somebody will get a rough discount of \$100 and then everybody else is going to have to make up for your \$100 except we're talking about two different fire companies here. Those that aren't eligible will have their taxes increased and those who are will have a decrease. It's a zero sum gain.

**Ellie Alfeld:** Similar to the Senior exemption.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Exactly and we follow the Seniors and those income guidelines that the County establishes.

**Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti:** It's my understanding that the firemen are also already getting a discount and they can't get both.

**Supervisor Ruso:** The firemen have a \$200 a year credit on their taxes, but if they get the property tax one, they don't get the other. You can't get both and the problem really is and I think we discussed this at length because the Town and County taxes are about 1/3 of the School taxes.

**County Legislator Linger:** They're far less than the \$200.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Certainly less than half and if the School District doesn't go in for it, it's possible because the County and Town say 'good let's do this,' that the individual would otherwise get \$200 off their income taxes may end up with less. They would end up with less.

**County Legislator Linger:** Without the School Tax exemption, they will get less. There's no question.

**Supervisor Ruso:** So I would have got \$200 but thank you Town of New Baltimore for doing this law and County of Greene.

**County Legislator Linger:** Well, this is what I call 'feel good legislation.' It sounds good, it looks good in the newspaper because our State Legislators 'supported the volunteer firemen.' The way they supported it was they have now allowed other tax districts to give the firemen a break, but they're putting it on the backs of the rest of the taxpayers to do it. The credit that we currently have for volunteer firefighters is actually an income tax credit, comes from the State. That's a gift from the State. Here's \$200, doesn't matter if you owe us taxes, it doesn't matter if we owe you, you're gonna get an extra \$200 applied and that's automatic. All you have to do is certify that you're a member and who you're a member with. They could have very easily just increased the amount of that credit, but if they did that then the State's responsible for the cost instead of the property taxpayers.

**Supervisor Ruso:** Just to follow up with a point that I made earlier then we'll have to move on, you said the County is going to have a committee meeting or subcommittee meeting on this topic and I think it's important for us to have the same criteria in terms of who's eligible, who's not and I don't want to be inconsistent. So when do you think, do you have any timetable?

**County Legislator Linger:** Our meetings will start in January and what we'll wind up doing if this is going to be something that we're gonna approve, we will schedule public hearings in

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January for February so that the middle of February we can then approve it and by the time that then becomes part of the law sent to the Department of State and all that, now it's March which is when the rolls have to be drawn up.

**Supervisor Ruso:** So if there's any assistance or any involvement that the Town could provide let me know.

**County Legislator Linger:** I don't know from my perspective as a Legislator I'm not sure that it's gonna matter too much if we approve it only because I think that anybody... If the School District do not, anybody that takes the property tax exemption is gonna be foolish to do it.

**Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti:** They lose money.

**County Legislator Linger:** So I don't think it will have that big of an effect for us to approve it...

**Supervisor Ruso:** A Town like New Baltimore has three School Districts, throw another little complex factor to it.

**County Legislator Linger:** This is actually a nightmare for your tax assessors, that is who it's gonna be a nightmare for.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I've further studied the law after we spoke and I said 'holly cow.'

**County Legislator Linger:** They could have done it very simply and they chose not. They also chose to put the cost on the property taxpayers rather than on the State. I'll keep you apprised as to where we are.

***Town Clerk Barb Finke***

4 Building Permits \$490, 1 New Septic System \$50, 5 Certificate of Occupancy Searches \$250, 1 EZ Pass Tag \$25, 11 Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$53.16, 17 Dog Licenses \$132, 4 Late Dog Licenses \$20, 3 Demolition Permits \$225, 19 Certified Copies \$190, 33 Photo Copies \$8.25, Recycle Fees \$24, State, County & Local Revenues \$2,352.25, to New York State Agriculture and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program \$27, to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$857.84, Total to Supervisor \$1,467.41.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The December 12, 2022 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: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

**Motion Carried**

***Assessment***

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

**RESOLUTION 168-2022**  
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**RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO  
ESTABLISH A NEW SCHEDULE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS  
FOR PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE OR OVER  
AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOMES**

***BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore will hold a Public Hearing on January 9, 2023 at 6:45 PM at the 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 proposed Local Law 1 of 2023, a Local Law to establish a new schedule of real property tax exemptions for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over and persons with disabilities and limited incomes.

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2023**

**A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH A NEW SCHEDULE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE OR OVER AND PESONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOMES**

***BE IT ENACTED*** by the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore, as follows:

SECTION 1. This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the authority of Real Property Tax §459© and §467. All definitions, terms and conditions of such statute shall apply to this Local Law and are incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. Local Law #1 of 2020 is HEREBY REPEALED.

SECTION 3. The Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore does hereby establish the following sliding scale of property tax exemptions for real property owned by persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over and for real property owned by a person with a disability whose income is limited by such disability, and used as the legal residence of such person, based on the income limits set forth below:

<u><b>Maximum Income Limit</b></u>	<u><b>Property Tax Exemption</b></u>
\$34,000.00	50%
\$34,000.01-\$34,999.99	45%
\$35,000.00-\$35,999.99	40%
\$36,000.00-\$36,999.99	35%
\$37,000.00-\$37,899.99	30%
\$37,900.00-\$38,799.99	25%
\$38,800.00-\$39,699.99	20%
\$39,700.00-\$40,599.99	15%
\$40,600.00-\$41,499.99	10%
\$41,500.00-\$42,399.99	5%

SECTION 4. Any person who qualifies for a property tax exemption as a person with a disability shall not be eligible for a property tax exemption as a person who is sixty-five (65) years of age or over.

SECTION 5. The maximum income limit set forth in Section 3 above shall be offset by medical and prescription drug expenses actually paid which are not reimbursed or paid for by insurance.

SECTION 6. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

**Motion Carried**

**Ellie Alfeld:** What I would like to ask and I don't know if the Board has the knowledge, when it comes to filing your income, the total income that you're using which is based on all of this, is the previous year's income as far as I can determine because March 1 is the deadline and yet you have until April 15 to file your taxes for the year.

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**Councilmember VanEtten:** I would think it would be your previous year's.

**Ellie Alfeld:** That's what I'm determining too, Shel, but I don't know for sure.

**Councilmember VanEtten:** I know that's what you do for a business, you use the previous year. I don't know about this for sure, but I would assume.

***Recycling Center Operator Kirk Trombley***

60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastics) 13, 23 Bundles of Magazines and Phone Books, 46 Bags and Bundles of Newspaper, 75 Boxes and Bundles of Cardboard

***Code Enforcement Officer Allan Jourdin***

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for November, 2022, is as follows: Building Inspections: 20; Building Permits Issued: 5; Building Permits Renewed: 1; Building Permit Renewal Letters Sent: 2 First Notice; 2 Second Notice; Certificates of Compliance Issued: 2; Certificate of Occupancy Search Requests: 4; Temporary Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 1; Commercial Permits Issued: 2; Demolition Permit Applications Received: 2; Demolition Permits Issued: 3; New Building Permit Applications Received: 6; Building Permit Applications Awaiting Permit Issuance: 15; Open Building Permits: 185; New Septic System Application: 1; Application Fees for November, 2022: \$590.00 ; Total Fees for Year to Date: \$90,261.56

***Greene County EMS Representative Nick Dellisanti***

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022. There were 15 EMS calls in November for a total of 154 for this year 2022. We had 110 calls for all of 2021.

**Nick Dellisanti:** So we are 44 calls ahead as of November, we still have December to get the count in, but all the other towns and villages are also going through the roof it's not just New Baltimore. The numbers are up about 1,000 calls extra this year. I don't know why. It's not COVID it's all disciplines it's not just one issue. I can see it if it was 2020 or 2021 with COVID, but it's not. We've had four overdoses in the last month, not in New Baltimore but in the County. The drug situation is extremely high right now.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** The other thing is I know two people that work in ERs and they're saying that the ERs are plugged up with that kind of thing and a lot of people are learning right now that if they want to go to the ER, they're gonna have preference if they go by ambulance rather than transport themselves. So a lot of people are learning this and that's what they're utilizing to not be stuck in the waiting room for four or five hours and I believe that's a factor, Nick.

***Highway Superintendent Alan VanWormer***

**Highway Report November 28 to December 26, 2022** Picked up bagged leaves in the Hamlet Took leaf box off 2006 F350; Replaced thermostat in 2006 F350; Put summer equipment away in back pole barn; Replaced cutting edge on 2002 International plow truck Unit #3; Removed shoulders and cleaned ditch on Reservoir Road; Cleaned leaves drain at sewer plant; Cut large dead hickory tree on Kreitmier Road, thank you to the Town of Athens for assisting with their Bucket truck; Patched holes with winter mix; Cleaned all stainless steel sanders and polished; Cleaned up fallen tree on New Baltimore Road; Cut low hanging limbs on Featherbed lane; Repaired hydraulic oil tank fill on 2011 International plow truck #13; Cleaned insides of all trucks and washed; Replaced batteries in John Deere Loader they were original from 2010; Sunday December 11 called all in at 12pm for snow, plowed and sanded all roads several times until 1:30am; Monday December 12 called all in at 5am to finish cleaning up from Storm; Adjusted brakes on 2011 International plow truck #13; Plowed and salted town hall, and cleaned ramp and steps; Repaired 4 wheel drive on 1997 International plow truck #14 Thank you to the mechanic from the Town of Coeymans for assisting us. Repaired flat tire on 1985 Oshkosh plow truck #6; Replaced blown headlight bulb on 2002 International plow truck #3; Friday December 16 called all in at 4am for snow, plowed and sanded all roads worked until 8pm; Saturday December 17 called all in at 4am finished cleaning up from storm; Repaired broken exhaust on 2011 F350 Unit #1; Picked up deer parts dumped on Scheller Park Road; Replaced cutting edge on 2011 F350 Unit #1; Replaced roof light on 2002 International plow truck Unit #3; Tuesday



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December 20 received 2 loads of salt and mixed with Magic Minus; Tuesday December 20 cable broke on overhead door, had to call C&R overhead door to repair; Took item 4 to Pine Grove Road f to fill in muddy spot, more work will have to be done there; Cut hanging tree limbs over roads, and picked up fallen branches; Replaced stolen Jennings Road sign; Friday December 23 called all in at 4am for ice sanded and salted all roads until 3pm; Friday December 23 called all back in at 5:30 pm to resand and salt all roads, until 8pm; Removed large fallen tree from Highmount Road; Saturday Called in 3 men at 8am, one salted icy spots and two repaired a very large washout on Staco Road. I would personally like to thank our Highway crew for putting in the extra effort during the previous storms, including our part timers. I would also like to thank the public, for all of your support and kind words. Good afternoon, I was just informed that our new 10 wheel haul truck has been built and is going through the pre delivery inspection after which it will be delivered to Viking to have the dump body installed, we are still on target for a February delivery. The first truck that we ordered which is the 4x4 plow truck has yet to be built, I'm being told that cummins is now having difficulty keeping up with the demand for engines, hopefully we will see it by next winter.

**Supervisor Ruso:** This is the truck that we're using the County ARPA funds for, \$100,000 to offset the rest of the cost.

**Councilmember Boehlke:** This is a tandem truck. So this is actually coming in before our original truck.

**Supervisor Ruso:** The first truck we ordered is a 4 x 4 plow truck which has yet to be built and the information is that Cummins who makes the engines is having difficulty keeping up with the demands and hopefully we'll have it by next winter. That's the intent of having a new plow isn't it?

***Planning Board Chair Rob VanEtten***

The Planning Board met on December 8, 2022, with the following business transacted: Public Hearing was held on the Marjorie McCoy Minor Subdivision Application submitted at October Meeting to correct the status of parcel owned on Medway-Earlton Road. In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed: ...McCoy Minor Subdivision was approved. Required maps and mylar approved for submission by applicant to the County Clerk's Office ...Held discussion with Teichos Energy representative and attorney regarding the renewal of the Site Plan for the Hannacroix Solar Project. At end of discussion, resolution was passed extending the Site Plan for another year expiring on December 8, 2023. ....Empire Solar Solutions, LLC representative presented Special Use Permit Application on behalf of John Fisher for a 16.56kW DC roof mount solar array to be placed on Mr. Fisher's home on Deans Mill Road. Being just over the allowable maximum capacity of 12 kW for expedited processing and a project that would not affect the health, safety and public welfare of the community, the Board waived the need for a Public Hearing on the Fisher Special Use Permit Application and moved forward with verbal approval of the application. Formal resolution will be presented at the January Planning Board Meeting.

***Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Pat Linger***

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet on December 7 since there were no applications to come before the Board.

**County Legislator Linger:** For the record, that makes a whole year with no meeting

**Supervisor Ruso:** They just don't refer anything to you?

**County Legislator Linger:** Haven't needed it. I think our Code is to a point where people are pretty satisfied with the way it's written and won't be applying for a variance.

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***Technology/Website***

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

**RESOLUTION 169-2022**  
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO SIGN  
AN AGREEMENT FOR IT SERVICES**

**WHEREAS** the Town of New Baltimore will be utilizing professional IT Services for 2023.

**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, 2022.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign an agreement with Intelligent Technology Solutions, Inc. for IT Services until December 31, 2023.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Boehlke

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

**Motion Carried**

***Town Court***

The following is the Town of New Baltimore Court monthly report for November 2022.

- Total November monies received was \$17,446
  - Judge Huff                      \$13,274
  - Judge Konsul                      \$ 4,172
  - State/County Share \$24,836      Town Share \$11,208
- Total 2022 (January-November) monies received \$
  - State/County Share \$      Town Share \$
- Total New Cases Received

**Town Clerk Finke:** I have some more information. I get the vouchers from the Office of the State Comptroller and I've used that so I can say up to October total received 2 Judge 212,955 20 State Town 79 That's as of October. So my numbers don't jive with theirs, but I have the reports from the Office of the State Comptroller.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- January 1, 2023 Organizational Meeting at 2 PM
- January 2, 2023 Town Offices Closed for New Year's Day
- January 4, 2023 Zoning Board of Appeals at 7:30 PM (If Needed)
- January 9, 2023 Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 1 of 2023 at 6:45 PM
- January 9, 2023 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- January 12, 2023 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- January 16, 2023 Town Offices Closed to Observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 23, 2023 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

**Public Comment**

**Eileen Vosburgh:** I just wanted to share an email that Sharon and Don Hillman had sent to me and it says 'we called the Highway Department several times over the years to pick up large items of garbage that are dumped along our road Scheller Park Road and they've always picked up the garbage for us in a very timely manner. Last week as my husband and I were walking along Scheller Park Road we came upon a disgusting site the skin and entrails of a deer that someone had butchered and dumped the remains along our road. We called the Highway crew and they picked it up in just an hour or so. A few days later last Saturday to be exact' this was

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on the 19<sup>th</sup> that she sent it to me ‘we walked again and another deer skin and entrail had been dumped. My husband called the Highway crew and left a message as it was Saturday. I had occasion to go out this morning before 10 and the deer mess had already been picked up. We can’t thank the Highway crew enough for their timely responses to our calls. They do a wonderful job and are so courteous to us on the phone. Sharon and Don Hillman’ Wonder what’s going on?

**Supervisor Ruso:** Isn’t that strange. Is that a dumping site?

**Ellie Alfeld:** This has been going on in New Baltimore for years dumping it on side roads.

**Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti:** Happens on my property all the time.

**Ellie Alfeld:** They skin them out in the field and leave it at the closest place.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I think she has one good part of luck is that this happened on a Town road because if you’re on a State road or County road you have to call the County. The State it might still be there just so you know. I’ve had the opportunity to have a carcass on my property that someone hit. I had to tie it to the back of my tractor and drag it way out in the back because they weren’t coming.

**Eileen Vosburgh:** Anyhow I was wondering if you had been able to reconsider reinstating retirees to the HRA?

**Supervisor Ruso:** We’re having some difficulty accomplishing that. Just to back up a little because it took me a few minutes. I was trying to recall and reflect upon certain things. I wish there was someone who had the Town health insurance for a good number of years. We used to have, don’t hold me to the sequence. We had Blue Cross and then we went to a CDPHP product and now we’re on an MVP product and we moved off of the Empire, Blue Cross Blue Shield, because they will not offer health insurance if there is an HRA. And then we went to CDPHP and they will not offer any longer health insurance if there is an HRA. And there are some restrictions with MVP with an HRA and I can tell you exactly one of them. Does everyone know what an HRA is?

**Councilmember VanEtten:** Yes.

**Supervisor Ruso:** In essence, we have a very nice policy. We really do, health care plan and we pay for it no trouble and there’s a certain percentage individuals pay. The cost for a family of two, for four it’s more by the way and single is less, we pay \$17,000 a year for each retiree. Some people have to pay 20 percent back, and some people pay 10 percent back based upon the years that they were hired so I don’t want to give an individual case and I think it goes to utilization. That’s what the insurance companies don’t like because it cost you absolutely zero because we have very low copayments and very low deductibles in our plan and when one goes to the doctor’s office and there’s a \$20 copay -- mine are typically higher -- you get to use a card and so the Town of New Baltimore employees have had relatively low cost or if not free, I mean once they hit a certain amount. Every time someone goes to a doctor’s office we get a bill, the Town of New Baltimore gets a bill. In essence they give a monthly report, it’s not every time one goes in. So anyway we’re paying \$17,000 a year for retirees right now and the HRA is another \$3,200 so that’s where we are right now. So I have been calling our insurance broker but they have not been available during the holidays because they have yet to return my call. So if anyone had a question from yourselves that would be the same answer I would give you guys.

**Ellie Alfeld:** I wanted to take the time and say the Highway Department I can attest to the times that those guys were on the road at 4:15 in the morning as I watched ‘em every one of those times and it really did a good job.

**Supervisor Ruso:** I saw them in the evenings too.

**Ellie Alfeld:** Going out in the evening is one thing, going out at 4 or 4:30 in the morning when it’s pitch black and you don’t know the road maybe it’s a little more difficult.

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**Town Clerk Finke:** I don't think anyone is saying they didn't.

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**RESOLUTION 170-2022**  
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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-12-01 to 2022b-12-31, it is

*RESOLVED* that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2022b-12-01 to 2022b-12-31.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until January 31, 2023.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

**Motion Carried**

General \$14,941.29, Highway \$6,269.81, Sewer 1 \$66.26, Sewer 2 \$281.52, Ambulance 1 \$4,248.72, Ambulance 2 \$2,495.28, Total \$28,302.88

Motion by Councilmember VanEtten seconded by Councilmember Boehlke to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes

**Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC  
Town Clerk