

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

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2021
AGENDA**

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reports

Supervisor

County Legislator

Town Clerk

- September 13, 2021 Town Board Regular Meeting
- Resolution to Increase Rate of Pay for Records Management Clerk

Tax Collector

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)

- Distribution of 2022 Tentative Budget
- Motion to Schedule a Budget Workshop and Presentation of the 2022 Tentative Budget on October 13, 2021 at 7PM

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

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

- Update on Opportunities Development Storage Building Project Expansion

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

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

- Notice of Public Hearing by the Greene County Industrial Development Agency on the Champlain Hudson Power Express

Greene County Planning Board (Boehlke)

Highway (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

- Resolution to Authorize the Highway Superintendent to Purchase Abrasives (Dry Screened and Washed) Used in Snow and Ice Control Until September 19, 2022
- Resolution Appointing Full-Time Highway Department Employee
- Resolution to Purchase 2023 HV507 SFA

Insurance (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member VanEtten)

- Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

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

Seniors (Chair VanEtten/Member Downes)

Technology/Website (Chair Downes/Member Boehlke)

Town Courts (Chair VanEtten/Member Ruso)

- Resolution Authorizing Court Grant Application Submission

Veterans and Memorials (Chair VanEtten/Member Irving)

Wastewater Treatment (Chair Irving/Member Boehlke)

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

Upcoming Meetings

- September 29, 2021 Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM
- October 13, 2021 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- October 14, 2021 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- October 25, 2021 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

Public Comment Period/Community Events

Audit of Claims

****** 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; Town Clerk Finke; Highway Superintendent VanWormer; and 6 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti and Tax Collector Jordan

Supervisor Jeff Ruso

Supervisor Ruso: Let's just go to my report first. It's really about the August financials which are very important because it helps in the development of our budget which has started, preparation. Anyway, the monthly financials for August have been sent out to everybody, I trust you have all read them. I will make a Motion to accept those August financial reports.

Councilmember Downes: I'll second.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

County Legislator Pat Linger

I'm happy to report that we have finally received the final approvals to populate the new jail. We are still short on staffing for all 3 pods, but were able to move our 29 male inmates into the new facility on September 9, and successfully perform 2 new intakes on that day for a total of 31. Given the fact that we lost 2 Corrections exams last year due to Covid, it wasn't a surprise to not open the female pod at this time. We'll continue to house the 3-5 female inmates in other county jails until we are at full staffing levels, which is expected shortly. The male inmates have already tested the plumbing vacuum system by trying to flood cells. The expected supply cutoff worked, preventing any damage or maintenance needs. We will be purchasing a scanner for the intake room, much like the TSA uses, to detect any foreign objects or contraband prior to entry into the facility. Contraband is dangerous to both officers and inmates, and the thermal scanner included allows us to use ARPA funding for the purchase. So far, the building is operating as designed, with very few issues. Work has begun on CR17 in Jewett. This road was washed out in the Christmas 2020 storm and has been closed since that time. We received a \$400k grant from GC Soil and Water to help fund the \$1.5 million project. This will not only rebuild the road, but also re-establish the streambed that caused the damage to begin with. The DEC deadline for working in the water is September 30, and I had to contact the Congressman's office to push the Army Corps permit so we could begin. We got all permits in hand 2 days before the pre-construction meeting, and received an extension through October 15 to be in the water. While the entire project may not be complete this year, we do expect to re-establish the stream, shore up the bank, and re-open the road before winter. Paving continues across the county, weather permitting. Shoulder stabilization and striping will be done when paving is completed. I've also asked that the ditches on CR54 in the area of Jennings Road be looked at before winter. The county is not immune to the employment issues that every business is experiencing. We have several openings in multiple departments, including Highway. Please be patient, they're working as fast as possible. We announced a water/sewer extension in Cairo that will establish an industrial park along SR23. This is a similar investment that was used to establish the Kalkberg Park in Cossackie, and will use reimbursement ARPA funds to complete. Recent discussions of ARPA funding include the potential to collaborate with our GC towns to complete projects. If there is a project that the Town of New Baltimore is considering, but needs help in funding, please submit a letter explaining the project and the level of funding needed. Nothing is guaranteed yet, but the working theory is to make a set dollar amount per resident available. Within the guidelines for ARPA funding, we are evaluating moving our Mental Health operations to the IDA property on the west side of 23B in Leeds, rather than 9W in Cossackie. This would be in conjunction with another developing project on the same land, and allow us to extend the natural gas line to that property using ARPA funds, rather than property taxes. The NYS Thruway is now ready to move forward with acquisition of 2 +/- acres of property surrounding the former Quality Inn site at the Catskill Thruway exit on the east side of 23B. This will allow us to move forward with Stewarts purchasing one plot of that property where our Tourism office sits, and leave 2 or 3 additional plots for IDA development. We would then receive the current Stewarts building as part of that

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contract once environmental assessments are satisfied. We have already set funds aside to remodel that building for our use. Sales tax remains strong for Greene County, and is trending 25-30 percent higher than estimates. At our budget workshop last week, we've made the commitment to maintain a \$0 levy increase again for the 2022 budget. To accomplish this, we will put additional sales tax revenue in the budget, rather than increase taxes, to cover increased costs. This increased sales tax revenue will also allow us to pay off the debt for the community college capital improvements a year early, saving interest on roughly \$2 million. We plan to maintain all current services, get the County workforce back to full strength, and continue to set funds aside for highway and solid waste upgrades. The 2021 budget was approved with a \$2.5 million use of Sales Tax reserve funds. That decision was based on all projections of sales tax reductions throughout the pandemic for this year. Thankfully, those projections did not come to fruition, and we expect to not only add that \$2.5 million back, but an additional \$2.5 million to reach our goal of \$10 million in sales tax reserves. When, not if, the next economic downturn occurs we'll be in a far better place than we were in 2008. In 2023 we will retire approximately \$1.3 million of annual debt, setting the stage to replace Mental Health, Records Management, and build a facility on the old jail site, with no impact to the County budget. That's a very good, and very unique, situation to be in. I was able to attend the 3rd annual farm tour hosted by Assemblyman Tague on September 22. We had over 50 State Legislative members on the tour, and finished the day at Honey Hollow Brewery where they grow their own hops for production. Several downstate members were in attendance who gained valuable knowledge from each owner as to the effects of State legislation on their businesses. I attended the Federation of Sportsman's Youth pheasant hunt on Saturday, where 15 GC youth were guided and taught safe practices. I've been invited to speak October 4 at the Senior Center in Coxsackie regarding available programs to help seniors. This month, I presented two Speenburgh grants. The first went to the RC Sportsman's Club to assist their Youth Archery class. This successful venture has gone from it's initial 26 kids to over 75 kids and multiple age groups in the last 4 years. The second went to the Cornell Hook & Ladder Fire Company to assist with their fire prevention efforts. I also presented a commendation to the fire company at the GC Volunteer Firefighters Convention, for 125 years of volunteer service to our community.

County Legislator Linger: So that's the basics, it's a little longer than it normally is and that's kind of why I had to kind of stop where I was, but if anybody has any questions?

Councilmember Boehlke: Do we have a figure, rough ballpark figure like so what we're gonna save once the jail is up and running in both departments, male and female inmates and everything when it's full throttle, at this present rate what will we save housing them rather than having outsourced this service?

County Legislator Linger: I don't know that you'll see a savings to it. It's a statutory requirement that we have it so when the old jail...

Councilmember Boehlke: I'm saying so what was the County spending outsourcing this, you know having inmates in various other County jails? We were paying for transportation and things like that of that nature weren't we?

County Legislator Linger: Yes, we transported everybody, we took care of medical all of that and we were paying roughly \$75 a day per inmate. It was a little bit different depending on whether they were in Albany, Columbia, or Ulster, but it was close to that \$75 number. I'd have to get you a total for the year, but I don't expect we'll show a savings from that because we're running a complete operation and employees and backup to 34 staff.

Councilmember Boehlke: Well, I'm not saying so much as compared to what we're running now, but I mean that money that we were spending before is going to be going into our own facility with our own employees.

County Legislator Linger: Correct. When we looked at building the jail and this, again, was about two and a-half years ago we were spending \$1.1-\$1.2 million housing inmates out.

Councilmember Boehlke: A year?

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County Legislator Linger: A year. That didn't include the transportation and the ancillary things that we do.

Councilmember Boehlke: That's substantial.

County Legislator Linger: Part of that \$2.1 million bond cost is certainly saved by not having to drive them all over, but statutorily we're now in compliance with what we're required to do according to New York State.

Councilmember Irving: Pat, it wouldn't be unreasonable to believe that in the future that those fees for outsourcing could increase also.

County Legislator Linger: You mean for us to take inmates in?

Councilmember Irving: If we had to outsource inmates if we didn't have a jail.

Councilmember Boehlke: If we were still operating without the jail he's saying.

County Legislator Linger: Sure the costs would increase. I think everybody's costs have increased over the last year to begin with. Our population numbers, they're down a little bit from where they were three years ago but not significantly and we moved 31 males in the day we opened up. That number even in the last three or four months has fluctuated up as high as about 44. So it goes up and down and then if we have people who have been convicted that are being moved over into State prisons, we house them until the State comes and picks them up. Sometimes that's months depending on where they're going and what the availability is on the State system.

Councilmember Downes: But also, the size of the jail, we're going to be able to intake from different Counties.

County Legislator Linger: We could, I don't know if I foresee that happening because there's space in most of the Counties around us so I'm not sure I see that unless I think Columbia County probably has some significant structural issues with theirs. So it's conceivable to maybe revisit how both Counties operate it in the future.

Councilmember Downes: The Tourism office is that going to go into the old Stewart's building?

County Legislator Linger: That's the plan. In the meantime we may take that office because Stewart's is chomping at the bit to move across the road. They want a bigger piece of property with more parking, more gas pumps. So they're chomping at the bit to get across the road now. In the meantime we may move our Tourism office right to 351 Mansion where we just moved all the Jail and Sheriffs' operations out of because right now that building is dark. So it'll more than likely go on the market, but we may use it temporarily until we can get the Stewart's building retrofitted for us.

Councilmember Downes: Up and running, is there something else that's gonna go in there or is that just Tourism?

County Legislator Linger: The theory is, I'd really like to hang onto it for a little bit to see if a hotel could come in. We had a developer for a hotel that was ready to go then COVID hit and they pulled back just saying they had too much out at this point. I think if we could hold out for a year or two, that this economy kind of rolls back. We're seeing the need already for more hotel rooms. So we're hoping that that would be one pad, the other pad would be some sort of retail. There's nobody that they're looking at yet and depending on how things wind up being laid out there could be a fourth pad there. That's what's expected to go there. The other side across from Anthony's, where the IDA property is, is where we're looking to probably move the Mental

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Health building to. And then, hopefully, relatively soon they'll have an announcement for the partners that will develop that property with a medical facility.

Councilmember Boehlke: That's good news about taking the sales and putting it toward the expenses and not raising taxes.

County Legislator Linger: It was a shock to us. We're pretty comfortable right now with saying that we're gonna have a \$10-11 million surplus this year on sales tax. I don't know that that holds forever, but we're gonna do both things, we'll take some of it and pay off current expenses and we'll take the rest and we'll put it aside and avoid bonding in the future

Councilmember Boehlke: We were down in Catskill the other day shopping and it was like Albany. I mean it was mobbed.

County Legislator Linger: Our internet sales tax has actually risen to No. 4 now for Greene County. It was about No. 14; now it's at No. 4. So I think people got kind of comfortable with ordering and getting things delivered at home during the pandemic and they've kind of kept that up.

Supervisor Ruso: The medical facility that you speak of there down by 23B, I know we had conversations a couple weeks ago, that's somewhat related to the medical facility planned or considered for New Baltimore.

County Legislator Linger: I don't know what the relationship there is, it's not our announcement to make so it's not something that I'm really at liberty...

Supervisor Ruso: So it's coming up, but not final

County Legislator Linger: Right and we have a verbal that they're moving ahead, but until I hear it from their Board in writing, we'll hold off.

Councilmember VanEtten: The ARPA funding for the Towns, the same restrictions on that as on the original grant? It has to be...

County Legislator Linger: I think it will run the same, it depends on which way we will be able to use the funds. If we can use reimbursement funds, then no. I'm not sure where they fall yet. Right now we're planning to take roughly \$2 million in reimbursement funds for both 2020, 2021 and now we can go out to 2024. The reimbursement funds don't have restrictions to them because they replace money that you had to spend for expenses related to COVID so depending on where all the funding falls,

Supervisor Ruso: So it looks like some of the expenses is lost revenue.

County Legislator Linger: Lost revenue right. So we showed an increase in sales tax, but we did lose revenue in a lot of other areas. So we're able to claim those.

Supervisor Ruso: That's \$2 million?

County Legislator Linger: So my point in sharing this with Towns is you guys receive significantly less funding, but we don't do water, we don't do sewer and those sort of things that if a municipality is able to increase those services, that benefits economic development all around.

Supervisor Ruso: So you haven't come up with a dollar figure per resident as of yet, bouncing it around.

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County Legislator Linger: We haven't yet, I mean we've discussed roughly \$20-\$25 per resident. So like I said there's a lot of different ideas that are floated out now.

Supervisor Ruso: That's about \$80,000 for us.

County Legislator Linger: Somewhere between \$60,000 and \$80,000 would be the potential.

Supervisor Ruso: We'll put a new sewer line in with that money.

County Legislator Linger: I don't know how far you'll get with that. That's kind of the thought and it doesn't have to be water or sewer, but just those are things that generally municipalities have to handle on their own and they're special tax districts and all of that and if we can help with that, I think it's a good use of the ARPA funding.

Ellie Alfeld: You've mentioned a development on 23, commercial development. Can you tell me approximately where on 23 are we talking about?

County Legislator Linger: Roughly across from where McDonald's is in Cairo, across 23. Water and sewer does not go under 23 to get to that side of the road. There's about 140 acres over there. That's good property close to the Thruway, it's level, it's buildable.

Ellie Alfeld: The other question I had since the hot shops, the rest area, whatever you want to put a name to it, has been gone now for some time. Are you seeing an impact for the County because we were a major sales tax collector?

County Legislator Linger: The good news is the fuel is still open.

Ellie Alfeld: It is.

County Legislator Linger: The fuel is still open there so that's probably our biggest sales tax draw at that center so that remains open.

Ellie Alfeld: See I don't think that was ever announced as such. All we knew is that it was going to be no longer in operation for future development and improvement.

County Legislator Linger: They're actually quite a bit further down on the list as far as the standing Countywide goes. Yes, they draw in a lot, but with the gas, gas is generally No. 1 or No. 2 so that is still operating down there.

Eileen Vosburgh: Where in Greene County can you get a COVID test?

County Legislator Linger: COVID tests right now are being done through the pharmacies.

Councilmember VanEtten: Greenville, Kelly's.

County Legislator Linger: I know Kelly's has them, I think they actually do both rapid and pcr's or do they just do rapid?

Councilmember VanEtten: You can go right online and sign up and get it probably the same day. They have a lot of openings.

County Legislator Linger: There are a couple doctor's offices that do them, EmUrgent Care does them, but I know EmUrgent Care's had an issue getting supplies as well so some days they have, some days they don't.

Eileen Vosburgh: Is the County doing any?

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County Legislator Linger: No, we're kind of past the emergency state of this.

Ellie Alfeld: But, the pharmacies are working out really well. I was amazed. I signed up yesterday and I had an appointment today.

Councilmember VanEtten: She's taking for a test though not a...

Ellie Alfeld: No, I know, but I'm talking about the whole procedure.

Councilmember VanEtten: Kelly's was very organized, the people get right in and right out. They come out to the car.

Town Clerk Barb Finke

6 Building Permits \$2,252, 10 CO Searches \$150, 4 EZ Pass Tags \$100, 11 Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$60.38, 25 Dog Licenses \$162, 6 Late Dog Licenses \$30, 2 Marriage Licenses \$35, 3 Beer Permits \$60, 6 Park Rentals \$150, 18 Certified Copies \$180, 3 Genealogical Copies \$66, Recycle Fees \$38, State, County & Local Revenues \$4,591, to New York State Agriculture and Markets for Spay/Neuter Program \$29, to New York State Department of Health for Marriages \$45, to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses \$1,233.62, Total to Supervisor \$3,283.38. There were two FOILS in August for a total of 17 for 2021. We did not possess any information for the first and we have contacted the second for the amount of payment due. I attended a meeting of the Columbia-Greene Town Clerks Association on Thursday, August 26 at Hagar's Harbor. This was the first time we had seen each other since our Christmas Party in 2019.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The September 13, 2021 Town Board Regular Meeting submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Moved by Supervisor Ruso and was seconded by Councilmember VanEtten. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 144-2021
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RESOLUTION TO INCREASE RATE OF PAY FOR
RECORDS MANAGEMENT CLERK

RESOLVED the rate of pay for Diane Jordan, Records Management Clerk, will be \$17 per hour while working in that capacity.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

Councilmember Downes: Just a quick question, I thought she retired.

Councilmember VanEtten: In January.

Supervisor Ruso: In January, December 31.

Town Clerk Finke: At the end of the year. I still have \$900 I haven't used.

Supervisor Ruso: We have a fund for Records Management. Diane is willing to accomplish that task. She is retiring.

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AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Historian Ted Hilscher

I have spoken, and exchanged several emails, with a woman who is researching the use of hay barges on the river in Mid-19th century, and in particular a hay barge she believes was built at the Baldwin Shipyard. I have spoken, and exchanged emails, with a woman researching the Requa family and the Requa cemetery at the north end of the hamlet on Route 144. I met with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walsh of Austin, Texas. Tom is the descendant of Mary McNeil Alexander and William Alexander, who lived on Dean's Mill Road circa 1838-1844. William ran a tannery on the small creek that runs alongside the original Rocky Store. I went to the county clerk's office and researched the related deeds. I learned of this "tan works" for the first time through a study of the deed made at the time William Alexander sold the property after the death of Mary and their newborn due to child birth. Through information from Mrs. Frances Dietz in the 1976 Heritage Book it is known that there is a small Alexander graveyard on the site of the Rocky Store property. I contacted Mr. and Mrs. Preston Lambert the present owners who then found the grave yard. Mr. and Mrs. Lambert and their daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Walsh and I met at Mary Alexander's graveside. The Lamberts and the Walshes were very enthusiastic about uncovering this piece of history. I met with Mr. and Mrs. Walsh both mornings of their stay at the Holiday Inn and reviewed their activities and gave them sight seeing recommendations. They also visited the Dutch Reformed Church in Claverack where Mary and William were married. I also sold them a Heritage book. With the discovery of the Alexander tan works, I have learned within the past twelve months of two early 19th century industrial sites within one mile of each other – the other being an early mill site between West Dean's Mill Road and Dean's Mill Road. As always, more research and field work is yet to be done.

Audit and Budget

Supervisor Ruso: I would like to make a Motion for the Budget Workshop and Presentation for the 2022 Tentative Budget at the Regular Board work Meeting on October 13. That's a Wednesday. We moved our Board meeting from the 11th, that being Columbus Day, to the Wednesday at 7PM. Do I have a second to move it to that date?

Councilmember VanEtten: I'll second.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso: What's being passed around is the Tentative Budget. It's the first of three submissions. And just to make sure everyone knows it's not set in stone like dinosaurs. The Tentative Budget must be filed with the Town Clerk's Office by September 30 and presented to the Board. That's why it's being done here on the 27th. And we have to do a presentation of it's contents and the Budget Workshop is going to be on the 13th where we'll have more detailed discussion and based upon the input from our Board, we're gonna file a Preliminary Budget and then we have another Public Hearing on October 25 and we're gonna adopt the final budget on November 8. So that's our calendar for all of this coming up. It happens every year so that's kind of what we have going. So I think I would like to have the Board have a chance to review this and we'll have lots of discussions on the 13th. I know that Councilwoman Downes and I have been working on it a great deal and trying to sort out things. We do have some things that we're going to do here. We are going to have, I'm willing go out on a limb here on the 27th of September, and we are going to have a surplus this year and I don't see any reason that we couldn't possibly unless something dramatic happens. Those kind of things only Alan VanWormer can present to us, but there must be one of those Armageddon-type snowstorms or

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something, but certainly we would cover those costs. Having said that please be prepared and you can call me and ask me questions along the way, too. You all have my phone number.

Supervisor Ruso: I would like to make a Motion to schedule a Budget Workshop and Presentation of the 2022 Tentative Budget at the Town Board Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 13, at 7PM. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Downes: I'll second.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Building and Grounds/Recycling Coordinator Kirk Trombley

August 25-September 27 60 Gallon Bags of Plastic (No Hard Plastics) 8, 12 Bundles of Magazines & Phone Books, 48 Bags & Bundles of Newspaper, August 28 and September 25 2 Microwave Ovens.

Supervisor Ruso: We received a check from Baroni Recycling. They're the ones who own the metal bin, we throw our metal in there, whatever, and the most recent check \$179-and-some-odd-cents We get it about three to four of those checks a year.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Alan Jourdin

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for August, 2021, is as follows: Building Inspections: 24, Building Permits (Miscellaneous) Issued: 3, Building Permits Renewed: 2, Certificates of Compliance Issued: 6, Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 1, Certificate of Occupancy Search Requests: 10, New Building Permit Applications Received: 11, New Building Permit Applications Awaiting Permit Issuance: 9, Open Building Permits: 172, Outside Boiler/Woodstoves, etc. Permits Issued: 1, Pool Permit Applications Received: 2, Pool Permits Issued: 1, New Septic System Applications: 2, New Septic System Permits Issued: 1, Sign Permits Issued: 1, Application Fees for August, 2021: \$2,252.00, Total Fees for Year to Date: \$133,143.92

Update on Opportunities Development Storage Building Project Expansion

Code Enforcement Officer Jourdin: Good Evening. I am currently the part-time Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of New Baltimore. I have been a resident of this Town my entire life and a small business owner for the past 22 years. I take great pride in living in this Town, it's resources offered, and great folks that reside here along with me. It's diversity of historic hamlet, the commercially-zoned regions along with beautiful rural agricultural and right-to-farm makes this a unique special place to live and raise a family. I've come here today before the Town Board to respond to Mr. Orlando's comments from the August 9, 2021 Town Board Meeting regarding my Code interpretations of his proposed storage unit project. For the record, my Code determinations were not made in haste. I was surprised at first when I first performed my Code review. I went back to the original previous installed storage unit documents and noticed that there was no firewall separation. The original storage units permit was issued by Mr. Albert Gasparini. This is the previous units that were installed by Mr. Orlando which then was taken over by Mr. Elliott Fishman who we had for a short period of time. He was a Professional Engineer who then transferred the file to me when I had just started working with the Town. I only performed the final inspection since all previous inspections had been made by the previous Code enforcers. I cannot state or speak on behalf of previous Code Enforcement officials of why certain requirements were not applied. I did, however, take it upon myself to personally speak to Mr. Shawn Decker who is a Professional Engineer on June 28th of 2021 who is a licensed Engineer for Trachte Building Systems. Trachte is the manufacturer for Mr. Orlando's proposed storage units who actually designed his structure. Mr. Decker agreed with my interpretation and stated that it was required. And for the record that would be fire separation, extinguishers, and ADA-compliant units. The Regional Salesman, Mr. Mike Larsen, understood this and wanted me to accept the changes that have apparently been made in the 2021 IBC Code which stands for the International Building Code. I also called and spoke to Mr. Elliott Fishman who was the

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previous Code Enforcement and CEO of the prior project which was 2017-47 was the building permit. He reviewed my Code interpretation and agreed that the three-hour fire wall and fire extinguishers are required by Code. When asked about the previous permit, Mr. Fishman stated he could not go back and perform a Code review since the permit was already issued by Mr. Gasparini who was a certified Code Enforcement Officer at that time. Furthermore, New York State has currently adopted the 2020 Building and Fire Prevention Codes. Yes, apparently the 2021 IBC does change this requirement as Mr. Lawson and Mr. Orlando would want me to accept, but New York State has not adopted the 2021 IBC Code. New York State is generally several years behind in adoption of Codes. For example and to date, recently we've had the 2015, the 2018, and now the 2020. So you can see there's several years of gaps. Code officials as governed by New York State Department of State cannot pick and choose Codes not already or have been previously adopted to better suit a condition. The Codes adopted by the governing agency set forth the date as the official rule. Variances or later amendments to the Code can only be made by the State and then can be enforced by Code officials. To date there has been no change to this sprinkler/separation requirement for S-1 occupancies with storage units falling under that use. So basically he has a storage unit. It falls under an S occupancy. Because of what he stores in it, it is an S-1. That's found in §311.2 under Moderate Hazard Storage. The Fire Code of New York State §903.2.9 under group S-1, says 'an automatic sprinkler systems shall be provided throughout all buildings containing a group 1 occupancy, which is what his occupancy is, 'where one of the following conditions exist...' Now I won't read all of these conditions, but the last conditions says 'a group S-1 occupancy used for the storage of upholstered furniture or mattresses exceeds 2,500 square feet' basically §903.2.9 means that if you're building's over 2,500 square feet, you'll need to sprinkler the building or add firewalls. The firewalls will have to be a three-hour drywall or concrete block. Please note this is not specifically an upholstered furniture or mattress storage, but the storage of upholstered furniture or mattresses as stated by Mr. Orlando to me during our phone conversation. As Mr. Orlando stated, 'this is the majority of items stored in our facility.' Let it be known that I am not calling this project an upholstered furniture as I said before. As indicated under the S-1 occupancy, I am also not designating this an S-1 occupancy. The design documents submitted and the type of stored materials for this proposed project is making it an S-1 occupancy and my Code review is based off of that information. There is no separate code section just outlining storage units or ministorage units. Items stored fall under the S-1, S-2 which is less moderate, or more stringent H occupancies which is your hazardous. Regardless just because it's now present in other facilities does not make it correct or that I am wrong with my interpretation. I am, however, offering a possible solution to this. If Trachte Building Systems will be willing to provide a letter, stamped and signed by one of their New York State licensed professional, to the Town of New Baltimore Building Department that the items listed specifically fire extinguishers and firewalls are not required in the proposed storage units, then that would suffice Building Department and free the Town and myself of any liabilities.

Supervisor Ruso: If I may ask what liabilities do you foresee?

Code Enforcement Officer Jourdin: Well, if I don't do my job or if I miss something and a hazard did happen, you know what I'm saying? So if I don't implement the Code and ensure that these requirements are instituted in the project, yeah, people can be liable. At a day and age when Code officials can go to prison.

Supervisor Ruso: And when people sue people all the time.

Code Enforcement Officer Jourdin: And when people sue people, right. So my main priority is the Town. I'd like to address certain statements during the August 9th Town Board meeting. I know Mr. Orlando stated 'I've talked to multiple people who said I can't remember the last time I've been to a fire. The Chief included of a storage facility or when there was one locally.' That's not the point of fire protection or safety. All required safeguards are implemented per the Code to help alleviate instances and protect the health and safety of the public and the property. I quote the August 9th meeting Minutes, but I won't get into specifics of Mr. Orlando's closing arguments, but I will state this: it does say in our Town guidelines for public contact during a Town Board meeting that '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.' I believe Mr. Orlando's final remarks are disparaging.

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Supervisor Ruso: I don't remember the specific words.

Code Enforcement Officer Jourdin: Well, there was something along the lines that 'he's not doing his job that benefits the Town, he's heard other stories,' there's things like that. Mr. Orlando also stated that 'I just don't get it. I tried to have a conversation with him when he told me about this and it was just like that's the way it is and he issued the permit and took my \$1,500, kind of knew I was involved already and starting the construction process. I did not anticipate these specific things.' For the record there was nothing further to discuss and I was not involved or provided any documents of Mr. Orlando's intentions when following variances and approvals through the Planning Board. There's no courteous documents, nothing was given to me. I had no idea. This was the first time seeing these documents. I felt I had already gone above and beyond looking into this and pretty much the Engineer at Trachte agreed with my interpretation which I felt was the final requirement. I also did not take Mr. Orlando's \$1,500. Fees are based off our schedule and monies collected by the Town and documented. I have no involvement receiving or collecting of fees.

Supervisor Ruso: And neither did we suspect you did.

Code Enforcement Officer Jourdin: Right. Well, I just wanted to clear it up and for the record. ADA units are required by Code. There's no if, ands, or buts about it. He says it's special locks and special handles. I mean it's more than that. ADA units allow access to folks who have disabilities or in wheelchair. It's required by law that units be made available for everybody. Access is recessed and pitched so that means the floor has to be pitched to a 1 on 12 which is ADA-compliant and you have to have a special entry handles and locks for folks who require this. In closing I would never intentionally make anyone so anything that was not required. I have nothing to gain by doing so. Yes, Codes can be confusing and interpreted differently or not described as well as they should be. I try to perform my job to the best of my abilities keeping the Town's best interests as my first priority. I've also worked with several of the members present tonight on the Town Board who currently have open building permits. I ask have you ever found me to be difficult to work with or making you perform unnecessary work? Have I ever displayed any unprofessional character to either you, Mr. Boehlke, or you, Mr. Irving?

Councilmember Irving: No.

Councilmember Boehlke: Not personally.

Code Enforcement Officer Jourdin: So I thank you and if you have any questions.

Supervisor Ruso: I do have one because I'm not certain about this process. You made mention of the adoption by the State of the current APA, API?

Code Enforcement Officer Jourdin: IBC, International Building Codes. This is a commercial building so we follow the IBC.

Supervisor Ruso: But the State follows the IBC, but there's a lag is basically what you're saying.

Code Enforcement Officer Jourdin: Well, technically right now we don't even have the IBC. We have the implements, but we follow the 2020 New York State Code. New York State currently has their own set of Codes which pretty much mirrors the International Building and Residential Codes. Right now we have adopted the 2020 Building Codes for New York State. So, yes, 2021 I hear they have eased back on some of these restrictions, but New York State has not adopted 'em. We are only under the 2020 and as I stated previously we've adopted Codes from 2015, 2018. So there's lags in between before we adopt the Codes.

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Councilmember Downes: So, Allan, you had said that you had talked to the people who build...

Code Enforcement Officer Jourdin: Yeah, who actually are designing his building.

Councilmember Downes: And they were willing to sign a letter.

Code Enforcement Officer Jourdin: I don't know. So with all of this, and we've gone back and forth, I understand his frustration, Mr. Orlando and all of this. So I thought the best and easiest way to resolve this is to get a letter from the manufacturer and they're licensed Engineers. A lot of my interpretation and the reason I did enforce these requirements was because I had a conversation with Mr. Orlando's Engineer who designed his building who stated these are required. So I mean to me that was black and white.

Councilmember Downes: But if we got that letter then this...

Code Enforcement Officer Jourdin: I would say the liability would be off the Building Department, off the Town. The liability then goes onto the Engineer.

Councilmember Downes: And is Mr. Orlando aware of that?

Code Enforcement Officer Jourdin: Yes, Jeff was the only one I really copied and Nick, but we've had conversations back and forth extensively through email and I thought this would be the easiest quickest, inexpensive resolution.

Councilmember VanEtten: And when did he become aware of this, to get this letter? When did you tell him?

Code Enforcement Officer Jourdin: That was through the emails, you know what I should have wrote that date down, but it was this week, as of this week.

Councilmember VanEtten: This week so he just got that.

Code Enforcement Officer Jourdin: I would say maybe three-four days ago.

Supervisor Ruso: So at this moment we're awaiting their response. Is that correct?

Code Enforcement Officer Jourdin: I'm waiting to see what direction Mr. Orlando would like to take. That was in an email.

Supervisor Ruso: Or from the Engineer who manufactures, one of the two.

Code Enforcement Officer Jourdin: Yes, and I figured like I said that would be the most easiest and quickest and inexpensive resolution to all of this.

Supervisor Ruso: We'll see where that goes then. Anybody else have questions? Alright thank you for your time.

Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement

County Legislator Linger: We do have a fairly significant issue that's going on and it's not just here, it's the whole region. We're finding that ambulance transport times right now in Greene County are upwards of four hours. Staffing at hospitals is down. We have several cases within the last couple weeks here where ambulances were actually sitting in the parking lots at hospitals waiting to transfer care to the hospital for two hours.

Supervisor Ruso: So they won't let them unload.

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County Legislator Linger: I would just caution people to keep the ambulance transports to emergencies. When you have a previous or nonrecent injury to a foot or leg, it's not something that should be transported by ambulance and whatever we can do to help alleviate this situation will certainly be helpful for everybody.

Supervisor Ruso: Because it is something that I happen to know, someone has cold symptoms they call the ambulance.

Ellie Alfeld: Horror stories up in Ravena. They need transportation to Albany so they call the ambulance.

County Legislator Linger: It's significant right now.

Ellie Alfeld: And that's nationwide because I saw a couple of reports about it.

Supervisor Ruso: I think we need to be careful because it's a scarce resource and careful for people who really need it. Hope nobody gets affected by that.

Greene County EMS Representative Nick Dellisanti

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021. There were 6 EMS calls in August for a total of 69 for his year, 2021. We had 89 calls for all of 2020.

Supervisor Ruso: So we're coming in about where we were give or take a little. We do have five months left though because this is August.

Grants/Promotions/Economic Development

Greene County Industrial Development Agency 'Re: Champlain Hudson Power Express Deviation Notice Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing pursuant to Section 859-a of the New York State General Municipal Law, as amended, will be held by the Greene County Industrial Development Agency (GCIDA) on the 13th day of October of 2021 at 6:00 PM local time via Zoom in connection with the following matter: **Meeting Information:** (link can also be found on our website: www.greeneida.com)
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85808195312?pwd=QzNwSytOekdKQkU1bzZkU1RWSmJPZ09>
Meeting ID: 858 0819 5312 Passcode: 429416 On December 17, 2020, the GCIDA accepted an application from Champlain Hudson Power Express LLC (CHPE) requesting the GCIDA undertake a certain project to assist CHPE in the development of a 1000-megawatt high voltage direct current electric transmission line that will transport renewable energy from the US-Canada border to Astoria, New York, In connection with the project CHPE requested that the GCIDA provide an exemption from Mortgage Recording Tax, exemption from Sales & Use Tax and a reduction in applicable property taxes in the form of a PILOT. The incentives contemplated by the GCIDA are deviation from the GCIDA's Uniform Tax Exempt Policy Guidelines. The application and relevant supporting documents submitted by CHPE to the GCIDA in connection with the Project may be reviewed by the public on our website at www.greeneida.com. Inquiries about the Project and GCIDA assistance should be directed to Rene VanSchaack, Executive Director. The GCIDA will at the above stated time and place hear all persons with views in favor or opposition to rendering of financial assistance by the GCIDA for the Project. Minutes of the hearing will be made available to the public and members of the GCIDA. Attached, is a draft Statement of Findings prepared by the GCIDA which sets forth the proposed incentives to be offered as well as all of the factors the GCIDA is bound to consider under our Uniform Tax Exempt Policy. Additionally, under the Uniform Tax Policy Guidelines, the Company shall be responsible to pay all the special district charges without abatement. You are also encouraged to attend the Public Hearing via the Zoom link or provide the GCIDA with written comments that will be considered in the final Statement of Findings. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me at any time to discuss this Project.'

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Greene County Planning Board Representative Jean Horn

September 15 1. Town of Catskill. Root Step Farms, Special use permit and site plan review for multiple family development, agricultural use, processing farm goods, retail sales. Approved
2. Town of Windham, Rt 296, Prominence Restaurant, Expansion of existing restaurant formerly Chalet Fondue. Site plan review. Approved

Highway Superintendent Alan VanWormer

Cleaned up debris from heavy rain storms several times; Put notification signs on roads to be paved; Checked dirt roads for washouts, Tuesday August 24th, paved Jennings Road; Wednesday August 25 paved Sodom Road and one mile of Old kings road; Mowed Town Hall, highway garage, and district 2 and 3 parks; Thursday August 26 sent one to Town of Coxsackie to help with chip seal; Picked up dead deer on Alcove Road; Backed up driveways on Roads that we paved; Picked up garbage dumped on North Ridge Road; Mowed district one park and Cornell; Loosened stuck brakes on 1997 International plow truck, Truck number 14; Checked over other plow trucks; Changed oil and filter on 2012 F350; Placed large rocks on grass near parking lot; Picked up garbage at Town Hall; Mowed along roads; Picked up dead skunk on Rt. 144 in front of church; Picked up two tires dumped on Scheller Park Road; York raked Haas Hill Road and prepared for chip seal; cleaned debris from culvert pipe on West Deans Mill Road; Cleaned clogged ditch on High Mount Road; Swept Highmount Road, Shady Lane, and Gedney Hill Roads prepared for chip seal; Got trucks ready for chip seal; Put up fresh oil and loose stone signs; Thursday September 16 Chip sealed Shady Lane, Gedney Hill Road, Highmount Road, and School Hill Road; Friday September 17 finished chip sealing Haas Hill Road, and Pine Grove Road; Cleaned ditch on New Baltimore Road; Replaced cracked arm on roadside boom mover with parts from a parts mower we purchased from Greene County Highway; Took down yard sale signs, Cut fallen tree on Alcove Road; Cleaned ditches on School Hill Road and installed 60' of 15" culvert pipe to eliminate flooding issue.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Again, I gotta thank the Town of Coxsackie, the Town of Cairo, Village of Ravena, Town of Coeymans, and Greene County Highway for their help on our chip seal projects. It would have taken us forever without those extra trucks. So, again, great the way we all work together. I will be leaving tomorrow afternoon to go to Saratoga for the rest of the week for a New York State Highway conference. I'm going on a scholarship. I got a scholarship to go, it's all paid for. So I'm going to that for the rest of the week. If anybody has any issues, give the Garage a call or give Scott a call and he'll take care of it.

Supervisor Ruso: I shouldn't ask you here, I could have asked when we talked earlier today, you're working four days a week or five?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: We're back working five. It started last week.

Supervisor Ruso: I meant to ask you and we talked a few times.

Highway Supervisor VanWormer: This is our second week back on five days.

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RESOLUTION 145-2021
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RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE ABRASIVES (DRY SCREENED AND WASHED) USED IN SNOW AND ICE CONTROL PER GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION 231-21

RESOLVED the Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to purchase Abrasives (Dry Screened and Washed) used in Snow and Ice Control per Greene County Resolution 231-21 until September 19, 2022. The Highway Superintendent will inform the Town Board of cumulative expenditures and unused balance for this product.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

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AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 146-2021
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RESOLUTION APPOINTING FULL-TIME
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE

WHEREAS the Town of New Baltimore advertised for a Highway Department position in the *Daily Mail* for one week.

RESOLVED that William J. Spurdis Jr. is appointed as a Full-Time Heavy Motor Equipment Operator at a salary of \$18.31 per hour and will have a probationary period of six months.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

Councilmember Boehlke: So he's got thirteen years with Greene County?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: He worked for the County and he was offered a job making more money with a private contractor. He made more money, but he also worked twice as many hours to do it. So he didn't want to work all those hours so...

Councilmember Boehlke: So you're looking to bring him up to full rate outside of the probation period.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: He'll still do the probationary period, he'll start at \$18.31.

Supervisor Ruso: We still have to evaluate him and his worthiness to the job or attendance and whatever behavioral aspects.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 147-2021
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RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE 2023 HV507 SFA

WHEREAS the Town of New Baltimore Highway equipment has continued to age beyond the expected life of the vehicles, and the last major Plow Truck purchase occurred in 2012;

WHEREAS the Town of New Baltimore therefore wishes to purchase a 2023 HV502 SFA Truck with Related Plow and Sanding Equipment from HL Gage.

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WHEREAS the Town of New Baltimore is authorized under the General Municipal Law to purchase goods and/or services under an Onondaga County contract, Bid Ref. #8996, expiring June 23, 2023, for a Heavy Duty Class 8 Truck.

WHEREAS the Town of New Baltimore will apply the existing Town Highway reserve account, currently having \$95,268 toward the purchase and apply for a 5 year Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) to pay the balance of the purchase;

FURTHERMORE the estimated receipt of the 2023 HV507 SFA Truck will occur in approximately one year, all payments will be rendered at or near the time of delivery;

RESOLVED the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign an agreement with Navistar Inc., Purchase Order #H-2021-152, for \$208,936.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

Councilmember Boehlke: So where's these funds gonna be coming from?

Supervisor Ruso: Right now in our Reserve Account we have \$95,000 at this moment. So let's just talk about what's existing. We have an existing BAN. The last payment is in 2022 and that is for the backhoe right?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Excavator.

Supervisor Ruso: And that purchase was about \$125,000-\$130,000 five years ago. The last payment, of course, as I said is in April. Nevertheless, our payment is \$23,000 a year.

Councilmember Boehlke: So once the excavator's paid off this is, this will be our only outstanding...?

Supervisor Ruso: Then we'll have another payment to replace the old payment. Now, as it stands right now, we're going to have to finance about \$115,000 give or take a couple dollars. So the old bond anticipation note was for \$125,000. This one will be for about \$115,000. So I actually anticipate not knowing exactly what the interest rates will be, but will be a comparable replacement for the other one. Although I do have some other things that will happen, I'm anticipating that will further erode that bonded amount. At this particular moment based upon our perceived surplus at the end of the year, I'm actually anticipating putting about \$50,000 additional funds into the Highway Reserve.

Councilmember Boehlke: Well, we had some additional funding coming through this infrastructure stimulus.

Supervisor Ruso: No, it's not related to that, what funds we will probably have. The ARPA money has a particular focus so we can't use that.

Councilmember Boehlke: Indirectly.

Councilmember VanEtten: ARPA funds can't be used for that.

Supervisor Ruso: There are other things that have happened in the Town and plus Alan needs to save some money so we have the money left over. Nevertheless, I'm anticipating putting \$50,000 in based upon what I see today.

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Just so you know, we did use comparisons. We did the International and also got price quotes from Freightliner and Western Star and one was \$20,000 more and one was \$25,000 more.

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Supervisor Ruso: Well, we're following the purchase procurement policy. Nevertheless, so I think we'll even erode the amount of bond that we'll have to have. We'll see. I note that just for everyone else's sake perhaps we'll be seeing before long, at this moment our Town revenues are up by \$255,000 above what we budgeted; \$166,000 of that is ARPA funds which are restricted. So it's about \$116,000 in more revenues that we anticipated. So that's what I'm coming up with in my head \$50,000; we know that there is remaining a few months of the year and surprises sometimes happen. So that's in anticipation. So we never know, I expect we'll be bonding less. I also want to add another point. I'm really not a big fan of using every last dollar in the Reserve Account. If I add \$50,000, but we only change it to \$125,000 instead of \$145,000, we'll still have \$20,000 in there.

Councilmember Downes: I just was looking at the documentation and everything is dated for the 18th on the proposal and referred to pricing pages. Do we need to get that updated for this year? I know that in the special conditions it says five years, '18-'23, but I didn't know if we needed to get that second page updated as a 2020 or 2021, but they're already agreed to this price right?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Right, that's the Onondaga County contract price for five years.

Councilmember Downes: I just didn't know if they needed to sign-off on that again when we actually required something. That was my question.

Supervisor Ruso: The date of the bid for Onondaga County is 2018. However, it does say award period shall be for five years from 2018 through June 23, 2023.

Councilmember Downes: I just wanted to make sure we had all our ducks in a row. That was all. I didn't know if you look on that second page, it just says per spec sheet.

Supervisor Ruso: I saw it and that's where I made my inquiry.

Councilmember Irving: Alan, we've updated our new excavator, got a skid steerer, the shed's in good shape, this will be a new truck. What's next in line just out of curiosity?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Probably another pickup. My pickup that I drive is just getting bad, I'll get as long as I can out of it. It's starting to rust pretty bad, the engine's started making noise, 2012. I've put 110,000 miles on it, drag it out as long as I can.

Councilmember Irving: Would you be willing to look at an electric vehicle, Ford?

Highway Superintendent VanWormer: Probably not. I can't see that working when you're plowing snow.

Councilmember Irving: I wasn't joking, I was just putting that out there to ask.

Councilmember Boehlke: Well, I just want to add in light of the fact that Alan and these guys do a lot of shop work in this facility here, they do save us a lot of money and that does steer me in a favorable direction with this. I mean it's questionable whether we should be outlaying this level of money right now, but I'd like to say that in consideration because I know what we save not outsourcing a lot of this work that could have been easily outsourced.

Supervisor Ruso: Well, keep in mind everybody that the newest truck we have is a 2012. That's nine years old.

Councilmember Downes: We have to start replacing.

Supervisor Ruso: We have the one truck that's older than three of our employees.

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Highway Superintendent VanWormer: We also recently spoke with the new maintenance guy at the County Highway Garage and he told us if we need anything call us we're here. They have a computer system that they can take our trucks. We took one of them down there, we had the mechanic look at it, he thought the injectors were going bad, we were going to spend \$4,000 on injectors. We took it down there and they plugged it in and it was running on low voltage and it had a bad battery and for \$40 we fixed it.

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Insurance

Supervisor Ruso: I will have insurance proposals for you at the next meeting, this is the health insurance for the employees.

Personnel

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 148-2021

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STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION

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

Title	Name	Social Security No. (Last 4 Digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hours/Day)	Term Begins/ Ends	Participates In Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/ Month (Based on Record of Activities)
APPOINTED OFFICIAL							
Code Enforcement Officer	Allan Jourdin			6.5	01/01/21 12/31/21	Y	14.15

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Planning Board Chair Rob VanEtten

The Planning Board met on September 9 with the following business transacted: ...Discussed with hamlet resident proposed altered lot line adjustment between he and his neighbor and the steps necessary to bring this about. ...Discussed with Director of Real Estate Development for LeChase Development Services, LLC proposed plans for a Medical Office Building to be located on Route 9W in the Development/Multi-Family Residential (DMR) Zone. Since this type of development is not a permitted use in the DMR Zone, submitted Site Plan Application was denied and applicant referred to Zoning Board of Appeals for a Use Variance. ...Discussed with

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Town Property owners' attorney, the steps needing to be completed to bring their two non-conforming parcels into compliance before property sale

Ellie Alfeld: That medical thing, I think his name is Chase, it was the funiest Board meeting we had. The man was actually making jokes saying this is the first time he's ever come to a Board like this in order to get denied.

Supervisor Ruso: For those that don't know, this project is, if you know where the old TFR Restaurant or various names right there by the Thruway overpass on 9W across from the Antique Center, that's where the proposed site is.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Pat Linger

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet on September 1 since there were no applications to come before the Board. Please take note that the Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting on September 29 rather than October 6. The Board will be back on its usual first Wednesday of the month schedule in November.

Town Court

The following is the Town of New Baltimore Court monthly report for August 2021.

- Total August monies received was \$50,863.00
 - Judge Melewski \$24,344.00
 - Judge Huff \$26,519.00
 - State/County Share \$35,431.00 Town Share \$15,432.00
- Total 2021 (January-August) monies received \$239,334.00
 - State/County Share \$154,906.00 Town Share \$84,428.00
- Total New Cases Received 219

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 149-2021
SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COURT GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION

WHEREAS the New Baltimore Justice Court wishes to submit a grant application seeking funding for office furniture in the Town of New Baltimore Justice Court and

WHEREAS authorization is needed from the Town of New Baltimore Town Board for grant application preparation and submission.

WHEREAS the Court has procured three quotes for desks, office chairs, lateral file cabinet, storage cabinet, knockdown/remove old furniture, and delivery/installation of new furniture for under \$6,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore authorizes the Town of New Baltimore Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2021-22 grant cycle up to \$30,000.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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Audit of Claims

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 150-2021
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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 2021b-09-01 to 2021b-09-23, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2021b-09-01 to 2021b-09-23.

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

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmembers Downes and VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

General \$52,158.40, Highway \$200,964.05, Sewer 1 \$2,965.83, Total \$256,088.28

Upcoming Meetings

- September 29, 2021 Board of Appeals Meeting at 7:30 PM
- October 13, 2021 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- October 14, 2021 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- October 25, 2021 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

Public Comment Period/Community Events

Ellie Alfeld: What I want to know is now that Barbara's gonna have a new Deputy Clerk, I'm asking the Board to consider enlarging on the calendar that's on the computer more information other than just tonight's meeting and then we skip until the next Board meeting. We had things going on in this Town, I mean if we could add some things to the calendar...

Supervisor Ruso: You're referring to the website?

Ellie Alfeld: Yes. It would help some people know more about what's going on in the Town instead of being so limited.

Town Clerk Finke: Well, I don't think it's limited, I think it's what is required of us is what's on there right now. I think we do more than that. But you've got to come up with a procedure because there's so many different organizations.

Supervisor Ruso: So you're taking about other organizations, The Friends of the XYZ or the...

Ellie Alfeld: What I'm talking about is to acknowledge that they had the New Baltimore Firemen's Convention. That would have been appealing to anybody that might not know about it say out in the second or third district if they look at the calendar. More things are going on in the Town.

Town Clerk Finke: I agree with you because roads were closed and the Fire Company did not share with us any information nor ask us to be in the parade until the Wednesday before and they didn't give us the information. They didn't give us any information.

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Ellie Alfeld: I'm not asking for the whole calendar, but some things are more important than others.

Supervisor Ruso: There are organizations, I mean we're not gonna put down every Sunday Church service, that kind of thing.

Ellie Alfeld: No, no, I'm not asking for that.

Town Clerk Finke: But I think we do what's required because it's a Town website.

Supervisor Ruso: I was just worrying that if we're not going to do the Churches who would want to have an interest in, then they might complain that we did somebody else.

Town Clerk Finke: You can't make everyone happy.

Ellie Alfeld: And I know that Barbara has a full schedule, but I thought now would be the time to mention this.

Supervisor Ruso: I'll tell you what, I'll poke around and look at some other Town websites and see what kind of postings they put up. I'll look around.

Councilmember VanEtten: That's a good idea.

Town Clerk Finke: But I would have done that had I been given the information, I wasn't given the information. I did get the calls screaming at us because we closed roads. We had nothing to do with that and we didn't even know the roads that were closed. I had to ask the person screaming at me and the times.

Motion by Councilmember Downes seconded by Councilmember VanEtten to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM

AYES: Ruso, Boehlke, Downes, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC
Town Clerk