

6:30 PM Public Meeting with Javier Barrios from Good Energy on Community Choice Aggregation

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

DECEMBER 23, 2024

Please silence cell phones while the meeting is in progress.

Reports

Supervisor

- Resolution to Rescind and Re-Award Bid for Scheller Park Water Main Replacement
- Resolution to Reduce Speed Limit on West Deans Mill Road

County Legislator

Town Clerk

- November 13, 2024 Town Board Regular Meeting
- November 25, 2024 Town Board Work Meeting
- December 9, 2024 Town Board Regular Meeting

Historian

Agriculture/AgFest (Member VanEtten)

Animal Control (Chair Kash, Member Sottolano)

- Resolution Authorizing Supervisor to Execute Agreement with Columbia-Greene Humane Society

Assessment (Chair Sottolano/Member Kash)

- 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 Downes/Member VanEtten)

Code Enforcement Officer (Chair Downes/Member Ruso)

Fire, EMS & Law Enforcement (Member Dellisanti)

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

- Resolution Authorizing Councilmember VanEtten and Supervisor Ruso to Apply for 2025 Bank of Greene County Veterans and Seniors Grant

Greene County Planning Board (Sottolano)

Highway (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

- Resolution to Transfer Funds from the Highway Reserve to Highway Contractual Account

Insurance (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member VanEtten)

Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals (Chair Downes/Member Kash)

- Motion to Accept the Resignation of Planning Board Members

Seniors (Chair VanEtten/Member Ruso)

Technology/Website (Chair Downes/Member VanEtten)

Town Courts (Chair Kash/Member Sottolano)

Veterans and Memorials (Chair VanEtten/Member Downes)

Wastewater Treatment (Chair Sottolano/Member Kash)

- Resolution to Transfer Insurance Costs to the Sewer Account

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

Zoning Board of Appeals (Chair Sottolano/Member Kash)

Upcoming Meetings

- January 1, 2025 Town Offices Closed for New Year's Day
- January 1, 2025 Town Board Organizational Meeting at 2 PM
- January 8, 2024 Zoning Board of Appeals at 7 PM
- January 9, 2024 Planning Board at 7 PM
- January 13, 2024 Town Board Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- January 20, 2024 Town Offices Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 27, 2024 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.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 159-2024

DECEMBER 23, 2024

**RESOLUTION TO RESCIND AND RE-AWARD BID FOR
SCHELLER PARK WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of New Baltimore on behalf of Water District #2 (Scheller Park) directed Delaware Engineering, DPC to prepare plans and bid documents for the construction of new HDPE watermain to replace existing aging water main that serves Scheller Park; and

WHEREAS, Delaware Engineering, DPC prepare plans and bid documents, and is conducting regulatory review and permitting for the water main replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Baltimore intends to commit American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the water main replacement project to eliminate the burden of the water main replacement on the property owners in Water District #2 who are already burdened with excessive debt from an emergency water main replacement project conducted in 2020; and,

WHEREAS, sealed bids for the water main replacement were received by the Town on November 13, 2024 from ten contractors; and,

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2024, the Town Board resolved to award the bid to Bellamy Construction as the lowest responsible bidder with modifications to the bid amount; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of New Baltimore subsequently received additional documentation and recommendation to award from Delaware Engineering, DPC; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby rescinds the resolution to award the bid for the Scheller Park Water Main Replacement to Bellamy Construction with modifications to the bid amount; and
2. The Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby awards the bid for the Scheller Park Water Main Replacement to Bellamy Construction in the amount of the Base Bid of \$246,805.
3. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to take whatever actions are necessary to carry out the award of the bid including but not limited to executing the construction contract with Bellamy Construction.
4. This resolution hereby commits the Town of New Baltimore to expend \$xxxxxx of ARPA funds to conduct the Scheller Park water line replacement project.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

**RESOLUTION 160-2024
JANUARY 22, 2024**

RESOLUTION TO REDUCE SPEED LIMIT ON DEANS MILL ROAD

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore has been requested by the residents of Deans Mill Road, a town owned and maintained road in the Town of New Baltimore to lower the speed limit on said road, and

WHEREAS the Town Board supports this safety concern for the residents on said road,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the reduction of the speed limit on Deans Mill Road from 40 miles an hour to 35 miles an hour, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to both the Highway Superintendent for the Town of New Baltimore for the acquisition of appropriate signs and posts, and to the Greene County Highway Superintendent for his submission to the New York State Department of Transportation for their approval.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

**RESOLUTION 161-2024
DECEMBER 9, 2024**

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to execute an agreement with the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA for the period January 1-December 31, 2025 for shelter services at a rate of \$40 per dog per day for the first ten days of housing and \$350 will be added on the eleventh day where the dog will become the responsibility of the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

**RESOLUTION 162-2024
DECEMBER 23, 2024**

**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 13, 2025 at 6:45 PM at the Town Hall, 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, New York to hear those members of the public who wish to be heard regarding proposed Local Law 1 of 2025, 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 #5 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**

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 #5 of 2023 is HEREBY REPEALED.

SECTION 3. The Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore will follow the Greene County Senior Citizen Tax Exemption and hereby establishes 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>Maximum Income Limit</u>	<u>Property Tax Exemption</u>
\$36,000.00	50%
\$36,000.01-\$36,999.99	45%
\$37,000.00-\$37,999.99	40%
\$38,000.00-\$38,999.99	35%
\$39,000.00-\$39,899.99	30%
\$39,900.00-\$40,799.99	25%
\$40,800.00-\$41,699.99	20%

\$41,700.00-\$42,599.99	15%
\$42,600.00-\$43,499.99	10%
\$43,500.00-\$44,399.99	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.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 163-2024

DECEMBER 23, 2024

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNCILMEMBER VANETTEN AND
SUPERVISOR RUSO TO APPLY FOR 2025 BANK OF GREENE COUNTY
VETERANS AND SENIORS GRANT**

RESOLVED that Councilmember Shelly VanEtten and Supervisor Jeffrey Ruso, Chair and Member of the Youth, Parks and Recreation Committee and the Grants/Promotions/Economic Development Committee, are authorized to apply for a 2025 Bank of Greene County Veterans and Seniors Grant.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 164-2024

DECEMBER 23, 2024

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE HIGHWAY RESERVE TO
HIGHWAY CONTRACTUAL ACCOUNT**

WHEREAS the Town Board authorizes the transfer of up to \$170,709.25 from the Highway Reserve Account to cover the following expenses:

2023 Chevy Silverado	\$ 94,500.00
Plow and Sander	17,000.00
Engineering Report	24,209.25
Truck Repairs	35,000.00

WHEREAS the amount of funds currently in the New Baltimore Highway Department is low, and will be restored upon receipt of the 2023 CHIPS funds,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the use of the Highway Reserve account to pay the bill for the F350 for \$49,000, and upon receipt of the CHIPS reimbursement the \$49,000 will be restored into the Reserve Account

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

**RESOLUTION 165-2024
DECEMBER 23, 2024**

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 2023b-12-01 to 2023b-12-, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2023b-12-01 to 2023b-12-.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until January 31, 2025.