

6:30 PM Public Meeting with Javier Barrios on the Community Choice Aggregation Program

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

JANUARY 27, 2025

Please silence cell phones while the meeting is in progress.

Reports

Supervisor

- Update on the Request to Reduce Speed Limit on Deans Mill Road Between West Deans Mill Road and County Route 51
- Resolution to Amend Points for Parcels in Sewer District #1

County Legislator

Town Clerk

- January 1, 2025 Town Board Organizational Meeting
- January 13, 2025 Public Hearing on Local Law 1 of 2025
- January 13, 2025 Town Board Regular Meeting

Historian

Agriculture/AgFest (Member VanEtten)

Animal Control (Chair Kash, Member Sottolano)

Assessment (Chair Sottolano/Member Kash)

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)

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

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

Greene County Planning Board (Sottolano)

Highway (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

- Resolution to Authorize the Town of New Baltimore to Participate in County Highway Purchases

Insurance (Chair Ruso/Member Downes)

Personnel (Chair Ruso/Member VanEtten)

Planning Board (Chair Downes/Member Kash)

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)

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

Zoning Board of Appeals (Chair Sottolano/Member Kash)

Upcoming Meetings

- February 5, 2025 Zoning Board of Appeals at 7 PM
- February 10, 2025 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- February 13, 2025 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- February 23, 2025 Veterans Luncheon at Cornell Hook & Ladder Firehouse on Gill Road at 12 PM
- February 24, 2025 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 entrance 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. 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 and individuals attending the meeting 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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Supervisor Ruso opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending Councilmembers Downes, Kash, Sottolano, VanEtten; Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti; Town Clerk Finke; and 5 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Highway Superintendent VanWormer

Supervisor Jeff Ruso

The monthly financial reports for December have been sent out. These are important as they are the end of the year's material. That's not the official audited financials, but they've been forwarded and has everyone had a chance to review them?

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes to accept the monthly financial reports

AYES: Ruso, Downes, Kash, Sottolano, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Supervisor Ruso provided an update that the request to reduce the speed limit on Deans Mill Road between West Deans Mill and County Route 51 has been submitted to all parties and Greene County Highway sent it to the Department of Transportation.

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 46-2025
JANUARY 27, 2025

RESOLUTION TO AMEND POINTS FOR PARCELS IN SEWER DISTRICT #1

WHEREAS the data gathering for parcels in Sewer District # 1 indicated that there should be added points for a six parcels, and

WHEREAS upon outreach two parcel owners provided sufficient information that amended the number of points for their parcels,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that for Parcel 7.16-4-17.12 the points assessed be reduced to 10, and for parcel 7.16-3-5 the points assessed be reduced to 20.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes and Sottolano

Supervisor Ruso explained that they prompted a lot of folks to help with the information, property owners particularly, and this may not be the last one amended based upon more information and the Board has to start somewhere.

AYES: Ruso, Downes, Kash, Sottolano, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

County Legislator Pat Linger

We welcomed 2 new members to the Legislature at our Organizational meeting on January 7, 2025. Michael Lanuto (Catskill) and James O'Connell (Athens) were elected to the board in November, replacing Linda Overbaugh and Ed Bloomer. In our first official order of business, I was elected to serve as County Chairman for my third term. Matt Luvera (Catskill) and Harry Lennon (Cairo) were again elected to serve as Majority and Minority Leaders respectively. Committee appointments and Chairs were also announced at that time. The Times Union and the Mountain Eagle were named as the official newspapers. The following night, we hit the ground

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running with our first night of Committee meetings. In January, I also attended 8 committee meetings, one workshop, regular meeting #1, and multiple meetings with new leaders and committee chairs. It's our intent to finish our new 3-year term with some significant investments in place and others in process. We appointed Amanda Lyons as our new Human Services Director. Amanda initially requested that we look at moving Veteran Services under the Human Services committee as they provide many similar services to our residents. We have now done that, and Tyler Lynch has been appointed to lead the Veterans Services Agency under the Human Services umbrella. Several updates and programming changes are already being initiated in both departments to increase efficiency and improve services. We authorized the creation of a Debris Management plan for Emergency Services and the purchase of a canine to be trained in explosives detection and search and rescue. Deputy Haas will be retired at the end of the year at the age of ten. We heard a presentation regarding the Care Portal run through our DSS office. This portal is used to request needs in the county that may be filled through donations. We have several churches in the county who are participating and have provided over \$100,000 in donations to meet needs. If someone knows of a need, they should contact DSS directly and ask for the Care Portal contact. Design and right-of-way agreements are underway for the CR61 bridge replacement over the Cossackie Creek. That project is expected to begin this summer with an on-site detour allowing us to keep one lane open during construction. A second project to mitigate the two road slides north of Sickles Creek on CR61 is underway, with initial borings having taken place already. The engineers are working on a potential repair design now. This is one of four slides we have right now in the County. When we close the financial books for this year, we expect to put \$8 million into reserves for slide remediation. These projects are all locally funded. The Cohotate Preserve project has come in \$67k under budget. The Catskill Point shoreline project has come in under bid, saving taxpayers over \$130k. Part of our ARPA fund project for broadband and the gas line extension came in under bid, saving over \$320,000. We were able to get the unused funds re-allocated to the Justice Center project instead of having to return the money to the federal government. All ARPA funds needed to be allocated by December 31, 2024, which we have done. The new Tourism Center remodel is well underway at Exit 21. We are still in discussions with our EMS community regarding a true county wide service. These have been positive, but there are a lot of details to be worked out. We have asked Fitch & Associates to perform a secondary study to determine the value of existing assets for budgetary purposes. As of today, the Towns of Prattsville and Ashland disagree with respect to the cost of providing services. The worst thing that can happen is for no ambulance to show up when called. The County is committed to making sure that doesn't happen within our boundaries.

Supervisor Ruso questioned the last paragraph where 'the Towns of Prattsville and Ashland disagree with the respect to the cost of providing services' and nothing has been presented to the Town of New Baltimore to agree or disagree.

County Legislator Linger indicated that it is a contract between Prattsville and Ashland so it wouldn't come to the Town of New Baltimore. This is for Ashland to provide transport services.

Supervisor Ruso asked about their disagreement.

County Legislator Linger thought there were a couple issues. The overall price for Ashland to provide service into Prattsville is more than their budget will allow. Prattsville asked for supporting documentation as far as the financials from Ashland Ambulance and as of today they had not given them that. He believes Prattsville was just putting their foot down saying that if they won't show their numbers, then there is a real problem and it turns out it is a real problem because as of today they're not going to contract with Ashland.

Supervisor Ruso asked if New Baltimore has a role in this, the Town has been left out in the dark completely, and he is unaware of what is happening.

County Legislator Linger indicated that other than being invited to the meetings, he doesn't know if there is a role.

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Supervisor Ruso asked if they don't expect payment from the Town for some of this, that the Town was going to be asked to pay but that was just his opinion.

County Legislator Linger explained that they haven't gotten far enough to say here's what we want to do, what the system is, what we think the system will cost, and right now they are waiting to reschedule a meeting that was cancelled with the service providers to determine what they feel is going to be necessary to do a 24/7 service.

Supervisor Ruso added that the Town pays ambulance services to Coxsackie and Ravena.

County Legislator Linger noted also the paramedics.

Supervisor Ruso wondered if the County Legislator was suggesting the Town wouldn't have any costs.

County Legislator Linger wasn't sure and indicated they were not that far in the discussion.

Supervisor Ruso suggested that if the Town has costs then they should be in on the conversations. The Town and residents were offered to come and sit and watch, but we have no vote and no input.

County Legislator Linger noted there would not be a vote by any Town, there will be a vote by 14 legislators and if this winds up going to a County system, that's what takes the vote and where it will end up.

Supervisor Ruso pointed out that he trusted our County Legislator and that he will keep us in mind.

County Legislator Linger floated the idea of keeping everyone's contributions flat, no increases, and the County would take on any extra costs and that was shot down by most of the people at the meeting only because some Towns like Greenville and Prattsville this year are not going to be able to afford their increases and they don't want to cap it at something they can't afford and they are still discussing what sort of payment plan.

Supervisor Ruso reiterated that County Legislator Linger always has our back on these issues.

Councilmember Downes asked with the Town of New Baltimore and maybe up on the mountain where they are close to the border like Albany has it been thought about if we will still need to go with Ravena if we go Countywide.

County Legislator Linger suggested that if it goes Countywide we should not need to, the call volume was built into the model from Fitch & Associates as a Countywide system, it calls for Ravena, we're part of that, and a representative from Ravena has been at the meetings and is aware of what's going on.

Councilmember Downes said those side places have been taken into account whether it's Ulster or us.

Supervisor Ruso asked whether we will rely on out-of-county providers.

County Legislator answered not as a regular course of business, but may still depend on them for mutual aid when they are overwhelmed.

Supervisor Ruso noted that the hamlet area is Ravena and two-thirds of the Town is Coxsackie.

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County Legislator Linger suggested that if it's a countywide system we'll be able to move resources around on a daily basis wherever they're needed. One of the discussions they've had is they won't need to have housing for employees if they have a 12-hour shift so there's a cost-savings. He wasn't sure it was a good idea, but it is an option that's floated out there. There are options they they are looking at.

Harold Vadney asked about the care portal and that many residents don't know what it is.

County Legislator Linger responded that it was a Department of Social Services plan that works with local churches to provide wants and needs from around the County. He gave an example if a family is split up, that parents sometimes wind up in jail, family members need to take the kids, and the County had one family with three kids who were going to a grandparent's house, they didn't have a toddler bed, they didn't have a crib, so those were wants that were put out there and they were met relatively quickly. It goes through Social Services, Social Services has access to the portal, and they put the requests in and then the requests are met by whatever group wants to pick that request. So they wind up with a service that is provided at no cost to the taxpayers.

Town Clerk Barb Finke

5 Building Permits \$602.63, 4 CO Searches \$200, 1 EZ Pass Tag \$25, 2 Hunting & Fishing Licenses \$6.18, 9 Dog Licenses \$60, 1 Park Rental \$25, 1 Lot Line Adjustment \$50, 4 Certified Copies \$40, 8 Photo Copies \$2, 2 Recycle Fees \$20, Total State, County & Local Revenues \$1,147.63, \$11 to New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for the Spay/Neuter Program, \$105.82 to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses, Total to Supervisor \$1,030.81. Amanda and I attended the Columbia Greene Town Clerks' Association meeting which included election of officers, upcoming Town Clerk's annual conference attendance, reception, and ceremonies.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The January 1, 2025 Town Board Organizational Meeting Minutes 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, Downes, Kash, Sottolano, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

The January 13, 2025 Public Hearing on Local Law 1 of 2025 Minutes submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Moved by Supervisor Ruso and was seconded by Councilmember Downes. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Ruso, Downes, Kash, Sottolano, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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The January 13, 2025 Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes submitted by Town Clerk Finke, Moved by Supervisor Ruso and was seconded by Councilmember Downes. The adoption of the foregoing Motion was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Ruso, Downes, Kash, Sottolano, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Audit and Budget Committee

Councilmember Downes mentioned that two of four audits and three of the petty cash audits were scheduled for Wednesday and that the Town Clerk audits will be completed after taxes are collected.

Supervisor Ruso explained that all departments that receive funds from the public need to be audited annually, minimum of annually, and that process occurs every January.

Recycling Center Operator Kirk Trombley

January monthly report 12/28-1/27/25, 60-gallon bags of plastic 11, 6 Bundles of Magazines and Phone Books, 31 Bags and Bundles of Newspaper, 90 Boxes and Bundles of Cardboard

Code Enforcement Officer Allan Jourdin

Summarization of Code Enforcement Officer activities for January 2025, is as follows: Building Inspections: 19; Total New Building Permit Applications Received: 3; Total Building Permits Issued: 1; Certificates of Compliance Issued: 3; Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 2; Certificate of Occupancy Search Requests: 2; Residential Solar Permit Applications Received: 1; Building Permit Renewal Letters Sent: 7; Building Permit Renewals: 7; Complaint Forms Received: 1; Commercial Site Fire Inspections: 1; Open Building Permits: 216; Building Department Fees for January 2025: \$2,406.12; Total Fees for Year to Date: \$2,406.12

Supervisor Ruso pointed out that an email was sent on January 24 that a number of building permits were found to have been filed and were not taken off the list and during the last week the number of permits has been reduced by about 15%. They were found to be accomplished but didn't get moved from the active to the inactive list.

Councilmember Downes added that the Building/Planning/Zoning Clerk is doing a great job.

Greene County EMS Representative Nick Dellisanti

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. There were 19 EMS calls in December for a total of 243 for this year 2024. We had 171 calls for all of 2023, an increase of 72 calls. There were 94 Strokes and 55 overdoses for all of Greene County in 2024.

Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti confirmed that the numbers are all up across Greene County and not just New Baltimore.

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TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 47-2025
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE
AN AGREEMENT WITH GREENE COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC.**

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Baltimore hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute an agreement with Greene County Emergency Medical Systems, Inc. for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 for \$24,219.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Downes, Kash, Sottolano, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Highway Superintendent Alan VanWormer

December 24 light snow plowed and salted all roads. Repaired broken hydraulic fitting on 2013 International truck # 7. Shoveled salt load off of 1985 Oshkosh to replace broken conveyor chain. Replaced broken sander conveyor chain on 1985 Oshkosh truck #6. Mixed magic minus with road salt. Ordered and received 240 tons of road salt. Adjusted rear brakes on 1985 Oshkosh truck # 6. Put rebuilt turbo back on Case International tractor. 12/28 Called all in at 2:17am for ice storm, salted all roads. Washed all trucks. Dropped off 2023 Chevy 6500 at Denooyer Chevrolet for warranty work, check engine light came on due to faulty injector for the diesel exhaust fluid. Washed and greased John Deere Loader. Picked up trash from Town Hall as needed. Shoveled and salted Ramp and walks at Town Hall as needed. Tightened sander chain on 2012 International truck #13. Replaced broken Plow lights on 1997 International Plow truck #14. Cut and removed fallen tree on Sodom Road. Jan 2 heavy snow squall came through, salted all Roads in Western part of Town. Cut and trimmed trees on High Roack Road with Town of Athens bucket truck. Started picking up Christmas Trees in Hamlet as needed. January 9 all highway employees took annual workplace Violence, Sexual Harassment, Bloodborne Pathogens, and Diversity training. Cleaned inside if all trucks. January 21 7 below zero, check some roads for drifting and Ice. Salted where needed. January 22 warmed up a little, plowed slush off roads where we could. Hydraulic tank on 1997 International truck number 14 sprung a leak. We were not able to get the exact same replacement tank, so we purchased what we could fine that was close and with some cutting and welding and replumbing were able to make it work. Cut limbs along roads that were hitting plow trucks. Picked up 2023 Chevrolet from Denooyer Chevrolet, need new front tires that will be covered under the warranty. Out of Round. On Friday January 24 we received the work zone safety equipment that we were awarded as a work zone safety grant through Cornell Local Roads which included 20 orange road cones 6 roll up signs 2 road work ahead, 2 flagger ahead, and 2 one lane road ahead, 6 sign stands, 2 18 inch stop slow paddles, hard hats, safety vests, and traffic control whistles. Also included is a work zone safety workshop for all highway employees at no charge. The approximate cost of all this equipment is \$2600.00. This is the second time we have been awarded this.

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TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 48-2025
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RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE
TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNTY HIGHWAY PURCHASES

WHEREAS Greene County has contracted for certain highway materials, equipment and supplies for 2025 and has adopted Resolution 15-25 on January 15, 2025 authorizing municipalities to participate in County highway purchases.

WHEREAS the Highway Superintendent will continue to follow the Procurement Policy adopted on January 1, 2025.

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Highway Superintendent to purchase certain highway materials, equipment and supplies during the year 2025, subject to the rules heretofore and hereafter adopted by the County pursuant to Section 408-A of the County Law.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes

AYES: Ruso, Downes, Kash, Sottolano, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Planning Board Chair Rob VanEtten

The Planning Board met on January 9, 2025, in which the following business transacted:
...Gleda Baldini and her partner Ron came to the board for advisory on how to move forward with a lot line adjustment between her two adjoining properties. Wishing to encompass the pond located on one property fully to one parcel, allowing anyone who buys the property to walk freely around the entire pond without crossing the boundary line. The board advised her to fill out the lot line adjustment application and get the surveys and deeds that reflect the change in the property line. They will return to the Planning Board when they have all their paperwork completed. ...Randy Lent came to the Planning Board for a lot line adjustment between his and his sister's property. Mr. Lent previously had a variance granted to subdivide the original property. The board questioned if that variance would still apply to this new adjustment. The board suggested they wait for a reply from the town designated attorney before moving forward. The board informed Mr. Lent if he gets approval for his lot line adjustment, he still will have to return to the ZBA to request a new variance for the size of his proposed new house and garage.
...The board had a discussion and overview of the Land and Lakes Pine Haven Major Subdivision. They addressed the concerns of a citizen who was in attendance to hear about this project. The board expressed their concerns about the proximity of possible septic systems to the Cocksackie watershed, and if they were allowed to do so since the land is only being subdivided at the moment and not in the development process. The board concluded that they would wait for the town designated engineer to come back with her report and continue discussions at a later date. ...The board briefly discussed the Scheller Park Road division of a driveway from an existing non-conforming parcel. The board recognizes the subdivision is necessary for the applicant to own the access road to his land locked parcel in the Town of Cocksackie. The board expressed that the subdivision of said driveway should be documented on the deed as such and eventually should be joined to his land locked parcel and this should also reflect so on the deed.
...The board arose a question as to if the maps and deeds from a previous lot line adjustment had been properly filed with the county. The clerk told the board she had not heard anything further on that project and assumed everything had been filed properly by the lawyer handling the adjustment. ...Mistakes in the minutes were addressed, and approval of minutes were delayed until the next meeting when the corrections have been made.

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Town Court

The following is the Town of New Baltimore Court monthly report for December 2024.

- Total December monies received was \$11,771.00
 - Hon. James W. Huff \$ 4,394.00
 - Hon. Anthony C. Konsul \$7,377.00
- Total 2024 monies received (January-December) \$175,276.50
- Total new cases received 81

Veterans Committee

Councilmember VanEtten announced the Veterans luncheon on February 23 at noon at the Gill Road Firehouse and postcards were sent out in the last couple days.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Bill Boehlke

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in the month of January 2025.

Upcoming Meetings

- February 5, 2025 Zoning Board of Appeals at 7 PM
- February 10, 2025 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM
- February 13, 2025 Planning Board Meeting at 7 PM
- February 23, 2025 Veterans Luncheon at Cornell Hook & Ladder Firehouse on Gill Road at 12 PM
- February 24, 2025 Town Board Work Meeting at 7 PM

Public Comment

Harold Vadney commented that since the Minutes of the January 1 Organizational Meeting were approved, he wanted to comment liberally on two resolutions, 37 and 38, that were passed by all five Town Board members. Additionally, he felt they were in gross contradiction of legislative declarations and the Open Meetings Law and the Freedom of Information Law. He felt they were unnecessarily restricting of the public's participation in governmental operations and limiting their right to communicate their concerns at public meetings. He also felt the Board was misinformed, illegally and wrongfully public access to public records under the New York State Freedom on Information Law. He believed that neither of these resolutions were necessary nor justified and both were misguided. Referring to the Minutes, members of the Town Board were unprepared and ignorant of the law they were allegedly amending referring to Resolution 38 and the Town's Freedom on Information Law Policy in which you illegally amended a provision of the New York State Freedom on Information Law relating to charging fees for responding to lawful requests. He also stated that Resolution 38 was a complete travesty, the Councilmember Downes hadn't seen the section of the law that was being amended, Supervisor Ruso didn't know the difference between the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) and a record., Town Clerk Finke felt that a member of the public lawfully requesting public documents constituted harassment, and Councilmember Kash felt that requesting public records under the Freedom of Information Law disrupts Town operations. He felt that the Board totally ignored provisions of 21 NYCRR Part 1401.8 relating to fees and what you can charge for and the discussion was ridiculous. Further regarding the Public Comment Resolution 37, he complained that the Board was more interested in egg timers and timekeeping than the fact that residents might have serious concerns.

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TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE, COUNTY OF GREENE

RESOLUTION 49-2025
JANUARY 27, 2025

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 2025b-01-01 to 2025b-01-41, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2025b-01-01 to 2025b-01-41.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until February 28, 2025.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember Downes and VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Downes, Kash, Sottolano, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

General \$328,839.79, Highway \$1,321.36, Sewer 1 \$3,538.12, Sewer 2 \$980, Water 2 \$25,090.59, Ambulance 2 \$11,927.20, Total \$371,697.06.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Downes seconded by Councilmember VanEtten, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM

AYES: Ruso, Downes, Kash, Sottolano, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC CTO
Town Clerk

Supervisor Ruso thanked everyone for attending and wished them a good night.