

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

MAY 12, 2025

Please silence cell phones while the meeting is in progress.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period

Upcoming Meetings

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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 and may not yield any remaining time to another speaker. They must address their remarks to the Board as a body and not to any member thereof and not to other members of the audience in the form of a debate.
4. Speakers should present their remarks in a courteous manner and may not make disparaging remarks or personal comments about public officials, town residents, or others. All speakers will observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity, and good taste with no cursing, swearing, clapping, booing, finger pointing, bullying, whispering, or talking that disrupts the proceedings of the business of the Town Board.
5. Any speaker who disregards the directives of the presiding officer in enforcing the rules, disturbs the peace at a meeting, makes impertinent or slanderous remarks, or generally conducts themselves in an inappropriate manner shall be barred from further participation and will forfeit any balance of time remaining for their comments.
6. After a final warning, if a speaker willfully refuses to step down, the Town Supervisor shall contact the appropriate authorities to remove the speaker from the meeting room and to restore order.
7. The Town Supervisor, or in their absence the Deputy Supervisor, shall ensure compliance with these rules.

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Supervisor Ruso opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending Councilmembers Sottolano and VanEtten; Deputy Supervisor Dellisanti; Town Clerk Finke; and 7 members of the public who signed the attendance book. Absent: Councilmembers Downes and Kash, Highway Superintendent VanWormer

Public Comment

Nicola Crimeni stated that he has been trying to get a CO for his house since 2016-17. He believes that he has done everything that needs to be done and beyond including the leach field, put the house for sale, and the same day of the closing the buyer walked out because the Inspector didn't show the Certificate of Occupancy. The Code Enforcement Officer wrote down what needed to be done to get the Certificate of Occupancy, Mr. Crimeni did that and paid the contractor to meet with him, had two more buyers on the house and they walked away because he refused to give the Certificate of Occupancy. Mr. Crimeni handed the documents to Supervisor Ruso for review including information from the Engineer who designed the leach field. Mr. Crimeni explained that he had a meeting with the Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor, and his brother.

Supervisor Ruso indicated it was two years ago.

Nicola Crimeni believed that after the leach field is finished that there would be something else, that this was not about a building code, it was a personal vendetta.

Supervisor Ruso cautioned that he didn't want to get into accusations and didn't think it was appropriate.

Nicola Crimeni added that he is paying taxes and can't rent the house, can't sell the house, and he can't live in the house.

Supervisor Ruso noted that he would talk to the Code Enforcement Officer, he talks to him regularly, and asked Mr. Crimeni if he requested a final inspection for the Certificate of Occupancy.

Nicola Crimeni replied that they did, he paid the \$150 for the contractor and he still doesn't have it.

Supervisor Ruso encouraged Mr. Crimeni to bring it to him and thought the Code Enforcement Officer would schedule to get a final inspection and he remembered there were issues with the septic. He believes it is a simple process of final inspection and getting that scheduled, he doesn't see it anymore complicated than that, and doesn't think there is a personal vendetta. The Supervisor indicated the Code Enforcement Officer follows everything right down the line and he's not going to be doing special favors for different people.

Supervisor Ruso noted that within the past couple weeks he sent to the Town Board a copy of the proposed Decommissioning Plan for the Lodestar solar project on 9W. That has been sent to the Engineers as well as to the Town Attorney for their input and he hoped to have it on the next agenda. He has a meeting with Bellamy Construction and Delaware Engineering on the final issues with Water District #2. The prices have gone up for labor which he was informed of today. The Town received ARPA funds of \$330,000 for the entire Town, none was spent on behalf of the Town, the entire amount is going to the 33 people who live in Water District #2. The Town held meetings in the Park because meetings couldn't be held at Town Hall due to COVID. The section of the 120 year old pipe that went under the Thruway and failed was repaired in the initial bond issue, but the remainder of the pipe from 9W to the Thruway and from the Thruway into the Water District is still the 100 year old pipe. That is about to start, roughly an estimated start date by the end of June. There will be public notices as there may be some disruptions in water during the construction. He will also be having a meeting with Senator Hinchey's office about another potential grant that is at the discussion stage.

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RESOLUTION 93-2025
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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 2025-05-01 to 2025-05-32, it is

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay claims 2025-05-01 to 2025-05-32.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will prepare an abstract and hold it for public review until June 30, 2025.

Motion by Supervisor Ruso seconded by Councilmember VanEtten

AYES: Ruso, Sottolano, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes, Kash

General \$14,925.51, Highway \$12,136.63, Sewer 1 \$2,093.25, Sewer 2 \$43.41, Street Lighting 1 \$1,788.06, Street Lighting 2 \$217.63, Total \$31,204.49

Supervisor Ruso added that he noticed that the street lighting bills are substantially lower and the Town will end up with a decent surplus in lighting and since the conversion to LED the first half of 2024, the difference in electricity is going down and those residents that live in the Lighting District will save a few dollars.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember VanEtten seconded by Councilmember Sottolano, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM

AYES: Ruso, Sottolano, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downes, Kash

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke RMC CTO
Town Clerk

Supervisor Ruso thanked everyone for attending and wished them a great evening.