

Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on May 17, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

Present:

Mr. Rick Zaccaria	Councilor
Ms. Darcie Lesniak	Councilor
Ms. Mary Frances Sabin	Councilor
Mr. Howard Tupper	Councilor
Mr. Ronald Dudzinski	Councilor
Ms. Patricia Dickman	Councilor
Mr. Claude Sykes	Supervisor
Mr. Kevin Gilligan	Town Attorney
Mr. Doug Foster	Highway Superintendent
Ms. Lynn Precourt	Town Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Citizens Comments: None

Approve minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on May 3, 2016:

101-16-000 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on May 3, 2016 as published.

Mr. Zaccaria – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Tupper – Yes, Mr. Dudzinski – Yes, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Sykes – Yes

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Codes Officer – Dave Pringle – Update on Code Enforcement schedule for 2016, reviews of 2016 building and energy code, updates/changes required in town zoning/codes:

Mr. Pringle told the Board his office has sent out 400 letters to pool owners with pool safety tips and residents who have wood stoves concerning the importance of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Mr. Pringle said New York State has decided to adopt the set of building standards endorsed by the International Code Council rather than updating the New York State building codes. He said this will bring New York State into compliance with all building and energy codes, electrical and plumbing regulations and goes into effect in October.

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He said New York State has kept money in the state budget for hardcover distribution of the nine volumes of new codes and it will also be available electronically. He said he may require new tools, like a smartphone and updated laptop or tablet to access those codes while on inspections.

Mr. Pringle said the new codes are mostly about energy efficiency and will make it much more difficult and costly to build a structure that meets the new codes. Some of the town codes will need to be updated. The Board will need to pass a local law adopting the new FEMA flood maps once they are approved for our area. He said this update was badly needed and the pictometry mapping that was done will be much more useful.

Mr. Pringle showed the Board the new smaller signs that will be placed on electrical boxes in new structures that will tell firefighters about the type of construction of the building. He said there will also be signs for buildings that have solar panels on the roof because of the danger they can pose. The large red square placards with the single or double line through it, which told firefighters about the integrity of a structure, will no longer be used. He said instead the 911 Center will have the information about whether a structure is vacant and will let responders know that information.

Mr. Pringle encouraged the Board to read a very good article on zombie properties and towns passing local laws to help hold the banks more accountable when they fall into disrepair that the Board may want to consider.

Mr. Pringle said the new codes will also make it necessary for the town to designate who will maintain sidewalks.

Mr. Pringle said the other big change is the addition of sprinkler systems in residential properties that if approved will go into the Code in 2018.

Mr. Pringle said this is a learning curve for all of us and he wanted the Board to be aware of the upcoming changes.

Consider approval of 284 Road Agreement with Highway Superintendent:

Mr. Sykes said the following roads will be repaired and improved using various treatments: East Dead Creek Road, Comstock, Hunter, Overlook and Cook Drive, Crego Road, Idlewood Boulevard (from Rt. 48 to Birchwood Blvd.), Connors Road, Haney Road, North Brickyard Road, Turner Road, Gallagher Road and Loveless Road.

Mr. Foster said most of the road work will not start until after school is out for the summer, but, the Comstock Tract roads will start in two to three weeks. He said North Brickyard Road will be closed May 18th for a repair. He said all emergency responders have been notified personally.

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102-16-024 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve the 284 Road Agreement with the Highway Superintendent.

Mr. Zaccaria – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Tupper – Yes, Mr. Dudzinski – Yes, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Sykes – Yes

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Assessor's Report:

Ms. Golden explained the STAR Changes:

The 2016 State budget has eliminated all new Star exemptions (Basic and Enhanced) starting with the 2016 assessment roll. Star exemptions are “grandfathered” for existing property owners with exemptions in place prior to 2016. New owners will register with DTF online or by phone for the Star Income Tax credit / check. Property owners will be required to pay their school bill in full and will receive the Star savings by check from DTF. The Assessor's office can no longer accept new Star applications. New property owners will be notified by mail, after the State has completed setup and testing of the online and phone systems.

Preliminary change of assessment notices were sent to 400 property owners in mid March. The assessor met with 25 property owners informally during March and April.

The Tentative Assessment roll for 2016 was filed on May 1st and an additional 200 change of assessment notices were sent to property owners.

The assessor will complete “sitting” with the Assessment roll on May 20th as required by RPTL.

Grievance Day is scheduled for May 24th. Paperwork has been submitted by 3 property owners and 2 appointments are scheduled to date.

The assessor's office has identified and removed all new Star exemptions appearing on the 2016 Tentative Assessment roll as required by the new legislation regarding STAR.

The assessor's office has relocated to the opposite end of the hall. Traded places with the supervisor.

The assessor will be at Canton Woods on Wednesday June 29th at 3:00 pm to provide information and answer questions regarding the 2016 Star changes.

Hire Buildings and Grounds seasonal employees Zachary Bulak and Mathew Klien, both at \$10.00 per hour:

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103-16-038 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to hire Zachary Bulak and Mathew Klien as Buildings and Grounds seasonal employees at \$10.00 per hour.

Mr. Zaccaria – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Tupper – Yes, Mr. Dudzinski – Yes, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Sykes – Yes

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Appointment of Amanda Weller and Dan Chapman as park attendants at \$9.50 an hour:

104-16-038 MOTION BY Mr. Zaccaria, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to appoint Amanda Weller and Dan Chapman park attendants at \$9.50 an hour.

Mr. Zaccaria – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Tupper – Yes, Mr. Dudzinski – Yes, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Sykes – Yes

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Acceptance of 18 basket Innova DisCatcher disc golf course installed in Van Buren Central Park as a gift from CNY Disc Golf Association with a value of \$7,650.00:

105-16-037 MOTION BY Mr. Tupper, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to accept an 18 basket Innova DisCatcher disc golf course installed in Van Buren Central Park as a gift from CNY Disc Golf Association with a value of \$7,650.00.

Mr. Zaccaria – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Tupper – Yes, Mr. Dudzinski – Yes, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Sykes – Yes

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize Engineer to issue an RFP for providing steel for 3417 Walters Road building with proposals due by 10:00 am June 3, 2016:

Mr. Hoy said this is to replace damaged panels on the front of the building.

106-16-026 MOTION BY Mr. Zaccaria, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to authorize the Engineer to issue an RFP for providing steel for 3417 Walters Road building with proposals due by 10:00 am June 3, 2016.

Mr. Zaccaria – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Tupper – Yes, Mr. Dudzinski – Yes, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Sykes – Yes

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize Engineer to issue RFP for installing steel at 3417 Walters Road building with proposals due by 10:00 am June 3, 2016:

107-16-026 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to authorize Engineer to issue RFP for installing steel at 3417 Walters Road building with proposals due by 10:00 am June 3, 2016.

Mr. Zaccaria – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Tupper – Yes, Mr. Dudzinski – Yes, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Sykes – Yes

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

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Councilor Committee Reports and Comments

Ms. Dickman said she and Mr. Tupper attended the 54th annual installation dinner for the GBAC. She said it was very enlightening to see how many people are involved and volunteer for them. She said they responded to 4000 calls in 2015.

Ms. Dickman said they are self-funding and she encouraged all residents to respond to their recent mailing for donations and said they are always looking for volunteers.

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Foster said the worst portion of East Dead Creek Road will not be repaired until next summer because the town needs to get a work permit from the NYSDOT.

Mr. Foster said North Brickyard Road between Connors Road and Turner Road will be closed May 18th for a repair. He said he personally notified emergency personnel.

Supervisor Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

108-16-000 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on June 7, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

Mr. Zaccaria – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Tupper – Yes, Mr. Dudzinski – Yes, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Sykes – Yes

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt
Town Clerk

Dated: 5/18/16