

Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on October 18, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

Present:

Mr. Rick Zaccaria	Councilor
Ms. Mary Frances Sabin	Councilor
Mr. Howard Tupper	Councilor
Mr. Ronald Dudzinski	Councilor
Ms. Patricia Dickman	Councilor
Mr. Claude Sykes	Supervisor
Absent: Ms. Darcie Lesniak, Councilor	

Also present:

Mr. Kevin Gilligan	Town Attorney
Mr. Jason Hoy	Town Engineer
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 October 4, 2016:

Mr. Sykes had one correction, the last page in adjournment motion, it should read “adjourn to October 18, 2016” meeting.

210-16-000 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Tupper, to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on October 4, 2016 as amended.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Baldwinsville Central School District representatives to inform us on new transportation facility:

Mr. Dana Nelson and Mr. Jamie Rodems were present to address the Board.

Mr. Rodems said the voters in the district approved the purchase of land in Radisson at the corner of Brunda13010

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Ige and West Entry Road as the site of the new transportation facility.

He showed the Board the architect's rendition of the building and said it will be large enough for a wash bay, ten lifts with 12 bays for repairs and a compliant fueling station for diesel, gasoline and natural gas. The building will also have offices and the second story will have a space for training drivers and teachers.

He said they may be able to offer fleet maintenance to the adjacent towns and Village.

Mr. Rodems said the Village of Baldwinsville will continue to use them for their fuel and the Town of Lysander has indicated they may want to use the new facility as well.

Mr. Rodems said they will not begin disturbing the land until they are ready to break ground and they expect to have the new facility in operation in the next three years.

Ms. Dickman asked how much the district paid for the land and how much the facility will cost to build.

Mr. Rodems said the land purchase was \$210,000 for 29.8 acres. He said all utilities are nearby and the building itself is expected to cost around \$24 Million Dollars.

Mr. Rodems said they will re-purpose the existing transportation facility to house IT services, food service supplies and meeting rooms for families and district officials.

Mr. Sykes thanked them for coming and showing the Board their plans.

Introduction of Local Law G-2016 amending Chapter 186 of Town Code enacting parking limitation of Van Buren Road setting public hearing for November 1, 2016 at 7:32 pm:

Mr. Sykes said this is in response to the parking issues at Ray Middle School. He said presently when there is an event people park on both sides of Van Buren Road and it is creating a problem for passage of large vehicles and emergency vehicles.

211-16-039 MOTION - Mr. Zaccaria introduced proposed Local Law No. G-2016, to amend Chapter 186 of the Code of the Town of Van Buren titled "Vehicles and Traffic" with respect to Parking Limitations on Van Buren Road, and made the following motion, which was seconded by Mr. Dudzinski:

**WHEREAS**, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of a local law in the Town of Van Buren.

**NOW, THEREFORE, it is**

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) with respect to the

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proposed enactment of said Local Law, with the result that the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter; and it is further

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that the enactment of proposed Local Law No. G-2016 is a Type II action and therefore will have no significant effect on the environment, thus concluding environmental review under SEQR; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board shall conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law No. G-2016 at the Town Hall located at 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York on November 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Consider amendment to Local Law C-2016 to add DEC language to flood control law with Local Law H-2016:

212-16-039 MOTION – Councilor Dickman introduced proposed Local Law No. H-2016, “A Local Law Amending Chapter 117 of the Code of the Town of Van Buren to Add the following paragraphs to Chapter 117, Article 6, Section 117-22 titled “Conditions for Variances” which was seconded by Councilor Dudzinski.

**WHEREAS**, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of a local law in the Town of Van Buren.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) with respect to the proposed enactment of this Local Law, with the result that the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter, that the proposed local law is a Type II action in accordance with 6NYCRR Part 617(c)(19)(20) and (27) and will have no significant adverse impact on the environment for purposes of SEQR; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board shall conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law No. H-2016 at the Town Hall located at 7575 Van Buren Road in the Town on November 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Consider adoption of Town of Van Buren Employee Handbook as revised and dated 10/14/16:

Mr. Sykes said the labor committee has been working on this for several years and it is in its finalized version.

213-16-038 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Tupper, to adopt the Town of Van Buren Employee Handbook as revised and dated 10/14/16.

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Mr. Zaccaria – 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 said 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. All effected property owners have been notified by the Assessor's Office.

The State reports that 1502 additional checks have been mailed to property owners that initially received Basic Star, but were eligible for Enhanced Star. No word yet on what will happen with the Basic Star overpayments. (Received the full value not capped value of the Basic Star exemption.)

The deadline to register with DTF to receive a Star Check for the 2016-2017 School year is December 31, 2016.

She said the Assessor's office is continuing to notify all new property owners as deeds are received of the changes to the Star Program.

Enhanced Star, Senior Citizen, and Disability exemption renewals for 2017 were mailed in September and are being processed as received. The deadline for exemptions (renewals or new) is March 1<sup>st</sup>. All other renewals will be mailed in December.

Sales that occurred between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 have been reviewed and verified for valuation. A sales analysis will be completed by Town and then by neighborhood to determine reappraisal work for 2017.

Inventory changes for 2017 are being processed and valued, as building permits are completed. Field review for unfinished permits will occur prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>.(taxable status date.

Ms. Golden said she attended the One Day Seminar “Valuation of Solar Panels” in Watertown on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The seminar was well attended and very informative. Attached please see Recently Asked Questions on the Topic of Solar Energy Systems provided by NYSDTF Office of Counsel, which was included in our course materials.

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Approval of annual contract renewal with CNYSPCA for animal cruelty services for 2017 at \$1186.65:

214-16-010 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve the annual contract renewal with CNYSPCA for animal cruelty services for 2017 in the amount of \$1186.65 and authorize the Supervisor to execute the agreement.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments: None

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Foster said this Saturday his department is taking part in a plow pull as a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society with the employees volunteering their time.

Supervisor Comments:

Mr. Sykes said he received the new rates for the Municipal Energy Program for the next 36 months and it is \$.05592 per kilowatt hour. He would like to be authorized to sign the paperwork.

215-16-010 MOTION BY Mr. Zaccaria, seconded by Ms. Dickman, to authorize the Supervisor to execute the contract for the Municipal Energy Program at a rate of \$.05592 per kilowatt hour for 36 months.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Citizens Comments:

Mrs. Akers asked if Canton Woods Senior Center is doing okay financially. She said she has been asked by a few people.

Mr. Sykes said he can provide a copy of their budget. He said both Van Buren and Lysander are giving the same amount of money as this year for 2017. He said they do have a balance of \$7,700 in reserves in their budget line.

Engineer Comments:

Mr. Hoy said both the work in the Erie Canal Park and the Henderson Boulevard Drainage Project will be completed in the next couple weeks.

Attorney Comments: None

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216-16-000 MOTION BY Mr. Zaccaria, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on November 1, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 8:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt  
Town Clerk

Dated: 10/19/16