

Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on September 19, 2017 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
Ms. Patricia Dickman	Councilor
Mr. Claude Sykes	Supervisor

Absent: Ms. Darcie Lesniak, Councilor and Mr. Ronald Dudzinski, 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 September 5, 2017:

175-17-000 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Zaccaria, to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on September 5, 2017 as published.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Assessor's Report:

Ms. Golden said the 2016 state budget eliminated all new STAR exemptions 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 tax bill in full and will receive the STAR savings by check from DTF. The Assessor’s Office can no longer accept new STAR applications.

Ms. Golden said an updated spreadsheet for Floral Park owners has been completed and sent to ORPTS and the information will assist in processing STAR credit checks.

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Ms. Golden said the town received no small claims or certiorari filings for 2017.

The County Clerk's office has updated to a new program which will effect deed processing by tax mapping and the Assessor's Office. She said the final deeds recorded under the old system are in the pipeline and the switch to the new system will begin shortly.

The State ORPTS is developing a new computer program to replace RPS V-4 and it is being tested at locations across the state. No date has been set for a conversion at this time.

Ms. Golden said she worked with the Clerk/Tax Receiver's office to plan and implement mailing the STAR exemption renewals with the school tax bills. It was extra work for staff in both offices but will result in cost savings to the taxpayers.

Ms. Golden said she attended a week long training course in East Syracuse on Commercial/Industrial appraisal. The course was very informative and will count as 2 years of continuing education credit.

Set November 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm as the first Town Board Meeting in November and set public hearing to hear comments on the 2018 Town Budget and Special Districts Budgets for 7:32 pm on November 8, 2017:

176-17-007 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Tupper, to reaffirm November 8, 2017 as the first meeting in November and set public hearing to hear comments on the 2018 Town Budget and Special Districts Budgets for 7:32 pm on November 8, 2017.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Announce budget work sessions:

177-17-007 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Zaccaria, to approve the following 2018 budget work session schedule:

October 3, 2017:

6:30 pm Codes
6:40 pm Engineer
6:50 pm Town Clerk/Receiver of Taxes

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+/- 8:00 pm Parks & Recreation

8:45 pm Bldgs & Grounds

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October 10, 2017:

6:45 pm Justice
7:00 pm Highway

October 17, 2017:

5:30 pm Assessor
5:50 pm General Review, Special Districts, Supervisor, Town Board, Comptroller,
Senior Center, Other

November 8, 2017:

7:32 pm Budget Public Hearing and Special District Budgets
Mr. Zaccaria – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Tupper – Yes, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Sykes -Yes
Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize Engineer to go out to bid for Hosmer Drive drainage with bid opening date of October 16, 2017 at 10:00 am:

Mr. Hoy said the town has received Community Development money to complete drainage improvements in Seneca Knolls and was \$40,000 under budget last year once the Henderson Blvd. project was complete. He said the town did request to roll those funds over to use on the Hosmer Drive improvements. He said we hadn't heard from them so assumed our request was denied. But, this week received a call that we need to spend that money by the end of this Fall.

178-17-013 MOTION BY Mr. Zaccaria, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to authorize the Engineer to go out to bid for Hosmer Drive drainage with bid opening date of October 16, 2017 at 10:00 am.

Mr. Zaccaria – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Tupper – Yes, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Sykes -Yes
Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize the Engineer to contract for topographic survey at new Highway Garage for salt shed:

Mr. Sykes said the town has received a \$300,000 grant to build a salt shed at the new Highway Garage. He said we need a topographic survey and soil borings to determine the best location.

Mr. Sykes said Mr. Hoy contacted both surveyors in town and received a quote from one in the amount of \$1,740. The other surveyor suggested using CNY Land Surveying since that company has existing records.

179-17-026 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Zaccaria, to approve a topographic survey at the new Highway Garage to be completed by CNY Land Surveying in the amount of \$1,740.

Mr. Zaccaria – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Tupper – Yes, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Sykes -Yes
Motion Carried & Adopted

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Authorize the Engineer to solicit quotes for soil borings at new Highway Garage:

180-17-026 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to authorize the Engineer to solicit quotes for soil boring at the new Highway Garage to aid in location of salt shed.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments:

Ms. Sabin said the language the attorneys are requesting to be included in the cable TV franchise agreement with Charter Communications will require a new franchise renewal process. She said it will delay the agreement a bit, but, the language is needed in the contract.

Ms. Sabin said PAC-B has not been on the air for Charter customers for a week. She is contacting them to expedite a repair.

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Foster said he has been working with Chief Knowlton to fix a drainage problem at the Memphis Fire House.

Supervisor Comments:

Mr. Sykes said the solar company that wanted to construct a solar farm on Pottery Road contacted the town and said they are no longer pursuing the project. He said this was dependent on a grant and their extension request was denied. He said they have asked for their building permit money to be refunded. He said it is unfortunate that this will not be constructed, but, he knows some neighbors will be happy.

Citizens Comments: None

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

181-17-014 MOTION BY Mr. Zaccaria, seconded Ms. Dickman, to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at 7:46 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

182-17-000 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Zaccaria, to close the Executive Session and resume the regular meeting at 8:22 pm.

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

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Motion Carried & Adopted

183-17-000 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Zaccaria, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board meeting on October 3, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 8:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt

Town Clerk

Dated: 9/20/17