

Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on November 21, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

Present:

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| 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:

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| 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.

Approve minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on November 8, 2017:

219-17-000 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on November 8, 2017 as published.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Approval of Town Clerk to attend NYSTCA meeting on 12/4/17 at the Syracuse Marriott at a cost of \$35.00 plus mileage and parking which is budgeted:

220-17-027 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve the Town Clerk to attend the NYSTCA meeting on 12/4/17 at the Syracuse Marriott at a cost of \$35.00 plus mileage and parking which is budgeted.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Approval for Town Engineer to attend training sessions sponsored by Everett Prescott, Inc. 1/10/18, 1/27/18 and 2/21/18 all here in Syracuse at a cost of \$30.00 plus mileage:

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221-17-027 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mr. Tupper, to approve the Town Engineer to attend training sessions sponsored by Everett Prescott, Inc. 1/10/18, 1/27/18 and 2/21/18 all here in Syracuse at a cost of \$30.00 plus mileage.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Award of quotes for soil boring test for salt shed facility:

Mr. Hoy said he received three quotes ranging from \$3900.00 to \$10,000.00. He said the lowest quote was submitted by a local company we have worked with in the past.

222-17-026 MOTION BY Mr. Zaccaria, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to award soil boring test for salt shed facility to Kenney Geotechnical in the amount of \$3,900.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Approval for Comptroller to attend GFOA meeting December 7th in Syracuse at a cost of \$65.00 plus mileage:

223-17-027 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to approve the comptroller to attend the GFOA meeting on December 7th in Syracuse at a cost of \$65.00 plus mileage.

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:

Ms. Sabin said she is ready to schedule the public hearing to hear comments on the Charter Communications franchise renewal.

224-17-009 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Zaccaria, to schedule a public hearing on December 5, 2017 at 7:31 pm to hear comments on the Charter Communications franchise renewal.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Ms. Dickman wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Foster said we have had our first snowfall this season and the plows have been out. He reminded residents that there is no on street parking between 2:00 am and 6:00 am. He asked that everyone comply with this as it makes snowplow operations safer for everyone and allows his employees to get the streets clear in time for people to get to school and work.

Supervisor Comments:

Mr. Sykes asked for an Executive Session following this meeting.

Mr. Sykes said the Department of Transportation has denied a speed limit reduction request for East Sorrell Hill Road. He said they did remark that warning signs for curves in the road along with grinding marks in the center line should be considered.

Mr. Sykes read the following email sent to Ryan McMahon, Chairman of the Onondaga County Legislature concerning the old Syroco building:

Dear Ryan:

This is a thank you letter from Alex and me for your extraordinary attentiveness and support for a project that has a deep personal meaning for us, the clean-up of the SYROCO property. Let me explain.

Alex's grandfather, Adolph Holstein, was the founder and owner of SYROCO, established on S. Clinton St. in Syracuse in 1890. As SYROCO grew and next generations joined the manufacturing company, they decided to leave downtown and build a modern facility in the Town of Van Buren. Alex was responsible for that move and the design and structure of the buildings. After the Holstein family sold the business in the late '60's, there were several owners from various countries. We no longer had a stake in the current operations but the place remained special to us. We were mortified, embarrassed and chagrined to find how badly that the final owner had let it deteriorate.

Today, at age 93 Alex is ashamed of what has happened to the administrative and factory building. We recently drove out to the site and found ourselves in deep sadness by what we saw. Just seeing the SYROCO sign on the run-down building had us almost in tears. **His concern is his desire is to leave a clean legacy attached to his grandfather's name and the SYROCO name.**

We understand from Roland Beck, President of Tessy Plastics and the recent Post Standard article by Rick Moriarty that you have been instrumental in working with the Supervisor and other cooperative officials in the Town of Van Buren to assure the site is cleaned up and green space once again.

So, this is our thank you letter to let you know how much it means to us that you are giving this matter your attention and to thank you for your efforts.

Best wishes, Ryan, and keep up the good work.

Chuckie and Alex Holstein

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

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225-17-014 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to recess the Regular Meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss a specific personnel matter at 7:40 pm.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

226-17-000 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mr. Zaccaria, to close the Executive Session and resume the Regular Meeting at 8:42 pm.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

227-17-000 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mr. Zaccaria, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on December 5, 2017 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 8:42 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt

Town Clerk

Dated: 11/22/17

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