

Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on July 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

Present:

Ms. Wendy Van Der Water	Councilor
Ms. Darcie Lesniak	Councilor
Mr. Howard Tupper	Councilor
Ms. Patricia Dickman	Councilor
Mr. Ronald Dudzinski	Councilor
Ms. Mary Frances Sabin	Deputy Supervisor
Mr. Claude Sykes	Supervisor

Also present:

Mr. Kevin Gilligan	Town Attorney
Ms. Theresa Golden	Assessor
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 June 18, 2019:

144-19-000 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on June 18, 2019 as published.

Ms. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Mr. Tupper, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Dudzinski – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Sykes – Yes

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Assessor's Report:

Ms. Golden updated the Board on the following Basic STAR changes:

The income limit for the Basic Star exemption was reduced to 250,000 from 500,000 in the 2019 State budget. Property owners with income above 250,000 but under 500,000 can register with the state for the Star Credit check, as the income to qualify for the check remains at 500,000. The value of both the Basic and Enhanced Star exemption has been frozen at current levels. In future years the Star Credit Checks MAY increase by up to 2% but the exemptions will remain unchanged. Property owners may choose to renounce their exemption to receive the check instead.

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Ms. Golden said in mid March preliminary change of assessment notices were mailed to 2560 property owners.

She said informal meetings with the Assessor were scheduled during April, and 95 appointments were made by property owners.

The Tentative Assessment Roll was filed on May 1st, as required by law and an additional 191 tentative change of assessment notices were mailed.

Grievance Day was held on Tuesday May 28 with 43 appointments scheduled and 11 paperwork only.

Ms. Golden said the Final Assessment Roll has been filed with the County for printing. Star exemptions were removed as directed by the State for property owners with income above 250,000 or who renounced their exemption for the check instead.

The required Ethics course attended was very informative. The afternoon included a discussion of real life examples submitted by attendees.

Ms. Sabin asked how many changes were made to assessments after hearings on Grievance Day.

Ms. Golden said very few, about one of every 6 were changed.

Consider budget transfers per Comptroller's memo:

145-19-007 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Ms. Dickman, to approve the following budget transfers:

Budget Transfer

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	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
TO:	A.1110.0442	Court, Membership Dues	\$ 10
	A.1410.0443	Clerk, Printing and publications	\$ 500
	A.1950.0451	Property Taxes on Town Property	\$ 19
	A.5010.0442	Highway Admin-Membership dues	\$ 36
	A.7110.0420	Parks-Telephones	\$ 650
	A.7180.0200	Pool-equipment	\$ 1,550
FROM:	A.1110.0413	Court, Equipment Repairs	\$ 10
	A.1410.0444	Clerk, Printing of Tax Bills	\$ 500
	A.5010.0401	Highway Admin-Office Supplis	\$ 36
	A.1990.0400	Contingency	\$ 2,219

Explanation

1110, Justice Court: NYS Magistrate Association membership the for Judges are higher than budgeted

1410-Town Clerk: Law Book update cost exceeded the budgeted amount

5010-Highway Admin; The department had a credit card that required an annual membership. This card has been discontinued.

7110-Parks: The Town changed telephone systems/carriers in early 2019. For several months, the town was being billed from two carriers during the transition, which caused some departments to be over-budget.

7180-Swimming Pool: A galvanized fence had to be installed around the pool pump for safety

Budget Transfer

	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
TO:	B.3620.0406	Code Enforment-Uniforms	\$ 110
FROM:	B.3620.0443	Codes Enforcement-Codebook	\$ 110

Explanation

3620, Code Enforcement: The budget contained no amount for clothing as per the department head. However, clothing was purchased in 2019, which created the account to be over-budget.

Budget Amendment

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Increase: A.7180.0411	Pool Repairs	\$134,000
B.3620.0100	Code Enforcement Wages	\$ 41,000
B.9010.0800	NYS Retirement	\$ 6,150
B.9030.0800	Social Security	\$ 2,542
B.9035.0800	Medicare	\$ 60
B.9040.0800	Workmens Comp Insurance	\$ 4,100

Explanation

7180 Pool Repairs: The swimming pool was leaking water, and had to be fixed. After estimates were obtained, the cost, which was unplanned totaled \$134,000. New York State Law allows for amending the original the original budget when certain conditions are met. Additional appropriated fund balance is used to fund the increase in spending

B Fund: An additional code officer was hired and a full-time clerk was hired after the previous clerk left the employment of the Town. The new hires were not anticipated when the budget was adopted. New York State Law allows for amending the original the original budget when certain conditions are met. Additional appropriated fund balance is used to fund the increase in spending
Ms. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Mr. Tupper, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Dudzinski – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Sykes – Yes

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Approval of trash hauler licenses for Butler Disposal, Chuck It Haulers and Cleanouts, Morgan Trash Haulers and Dependable Disposal:

146-19-021 MOTION BY Mr. Tupper, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve issuance of trash hauler licenses for Butler Disposal, Chuck It Haulers and Cleanouts, Morgan Trash Haulers and Dependable Disposal.

Ms. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Mr. Tupper, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Dudzinski – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Sykes – Yes

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Consider approval of annual maintenance contract with General Code Publishers for E-Code 360 at \$1,195.00 as budgeted:

147-19-010 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to approve the annual maintenance contract with General Code Publishers for E-Code 360 at \$1,195.00 as budgeted. Ms. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Mr. Tupper, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Dudzinski – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Sykes – Yes

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize Supervisor to execute agreement between the town and Onondaga County for the Snowdale Drive Community Development Project:

148-19-023 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to authorize the Supervisor to execute agreement between the town and Onondaga County for the Snowdale Drive Community Development Project.

Ms. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Mr. Tupper, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Dudzinski – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Sykes – Yes

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Acceptance of application for amendment to PUD for Marion Meadows for Marion Gardens Townhouses set back requirements and refer to Planning Board:

Mr. Sykes said this is for a change to the PUD to allow for 73 townhouses rather than the three story apartment buildings that were originally proposed.

149-19-049 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to accept the application for amendment to PUD for Marion Meadows for Marion Gardens Townhouses set back requirements and refer to Planning Board.

Ms. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Mr. Tupper, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Dudzinski – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Sykes – Yes

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve Justice Van Der Water's attendance at training in Potsdam, NY July 15 – 17th:

150-19-027 MOTION BY Mr. Tupper, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to approve attendance by Justice Van Der Water at judicial training in Potsdam July 15 – 17th at a cost not to exceed \$525.00.

Ms. Van Der Water – Abstain, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Mr. Tupper, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Dudzinski – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Sykes – Yes

Motion Carried & Adopted

Appoint Alex Hiltbrand as lifeguard and set pay rate:

151-19-038 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water, to appoint Alex Hiltbrand as a lifeguard and set pay at \$11.25 an hour.

Ms. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Mr. Tupper, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Dudzinski – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Sykes – Yes

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments:

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Ms. Sabin said she has asked the engineering department at Verizon for a timeline of installation of FIOS in Condos 2 & 3 in Village Green that currently do not have this service. She will keep the residents updated on information as she receives it from Verizon.

Ms. Van Der Water wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July.

Ms. Dickman thanked Mr. Foster for the paving in Harbour Heights. She said she understands it was a new vendor this year that did the paving and they did a excellent job.

Ms. Dickman said she has seen many people using the new sidewalks on Downer Street and thanked former Senator DeFrancisco for the grant money that funding the project.

Ms. Dickman scheduled a Personnel Committee meeting on July 12, 2019 at 3:00 pm at the Town Hall. She said they are beginning the negotiations with the union representing the highway department employees.

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Foster said there is still some work to be done in Harbour Heights to finish up the paving project.

Mr. Foster said notices went out to residents in Village Green and Seneca Knolls whose roads will be resurfaced this summer. He said it is a two step process. First an emulsification and then stone will be put down and stones swept up about 14 days after. He said a cape seal will then be applied to the road. He said this is a very effective treatment, but does cause some inconvenience. He asked residents to be patient during the process as it is a good surface treatment for the roads.

Mr. Foster said all major road repairs should be completed by the end of July.

Supervisor Comments:

Mr. Sykes said he received a letter from DASNY that they will allow the town to reallocate the remaining \$25,000 from the playground equipment and Maple Road sidewalk grant money and allow it to be used for a sidewalk in Warners and the installation of a generator at the Highway Garage.

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

Citizen Comments: None

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152-19-000 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Ms. Van Der Water, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on July 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Ms. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Mr. Tupper, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Dudzinski – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Sykes – Yes

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 7:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt
Town Clerk

Dated: 7/3/19