

Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on November 8, 2017 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

Also present:

Mr. Kevin Gilligan	Town Attorney
Mr. Jason Hoy	Town Engineer
Mr. Doug Foster	Highway Superintendent
Mr. Greg Maxwell	Comptroller
Ms. Lynn Precourt	Town Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Approve minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on October 17, 2017:

203-17-000 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on October 17, 2017 as published.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

7:30 pm Public Hearing on Local Law H-2017, speed limit on Interstate Island Road:

204-17-000 MOTION BY Mr. Zaccaria, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to recess the regular meeting, open the public hearing and waive reading the legal notice published in the *Post Standard* on October 19, 2017.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

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Mr. Tupper asked how this came about.

Mr. Foster said he received a phone call from someone who works at a company on the road and asked why there was no posted speed limit. He looked into it and no speed limit was ever established.

Mr. Sykes asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of this proposed local law.

Ms. Sabin said she drives this road frequently and 30 mph is appropriate.

Mr. Foster said he too agreed that the town should set the speed limit at 30 mph.

Mr. Sykes asked if there was anyone to speak against this proposed local law. No one spoke.

205-17-000 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting at 7:33 pm.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

7:30 pm Presentation and Public Hearing on 2018 Town Budgets and Special Districts Budgets:

Mr. Greg Maxwell gave the following presentation on the 2018 budget.

Mr. Maxwell said the budget is made up of various funds and depending on where you live and the services you receive, that is how your tax bill is calculated.

Mr. Maxwell said if you live in the Village of Baldwinsville you pay on the Whole Town or “A” Fund.

If you live outside the Village of Baldwinsville you pay on the Whole Town, Part Town, Highway and any Special Districts (i.e. street lights, drainage, sewer and water) that you have where you live.

Mr. Maxwell said the Whole Town fund encompasses the Town Board, Court, Comptroller, Assessor, Town Clerk, Records Management, Legal, Town Buildings including the Highway Garage, Dog Control, Highway Administration, Park & Recreation, Youth and Seniors, Historian, Landfill and Benefits.

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The General Part Town includes police, Code Enforcement, Planning and Zoning Boards, Pac-B.

Mr. Maxwell said the total town spending for 2018 is up \$90,500 dollars from last year or 1.91%. He said 51% is wages and benefits, 11% are capital costs, 33% are consumables (paper, electricity, etc.) and 5% is debt payment.

Mr. Maxwell said 2018 wages are up \$60,240. Most of the wage increases are negotiated through union contracts and all range between 0 and 5%.

Ms. Zaccaria noted that the Town Supervisor's salary has been capped at \$30,000 because that is the limit he can receive as a government retiree and this year that salary has been increased to previous Supervisor's level.

Mr. Maxwell said benefits are 46% of each payroll dollar. He noted that full time employees pay 25% of the health insurance premium and part time employees pay 50% of the premium.

Mr. Maxwell said Capital Projects for 2018 include \$375,000 for road repairs, \$43,300 for drainage improvements, \$31,530 for town hall drainage, \$17,450 for computers, \$17,040 to replace air conditioners in offices, \$23,000 Park & Rec. paving and \$12,580 for a new chlorine room at the pool.

Mr. Maxwell said consumables, anything that will last less than one year, like electricity, paper, insurance, professional fees, maintenance agreements, repairs and supplies are budgeted at \$10,201 less for 2018. Mr. Maxwell said the largest expenditure for consumables is road salt. The town will spend \$226,500 on road salt, \$187,800 on street lighting, \$87,750 for utilities, \$100,000 for road repairs, \$66,950 for the Canton Woods Senior Center, \$60,000 for legal fees, \$55,500 in diesel fuel, \$61,806 for sewer repairs, \$81,750 for drainage repairs, \$56,597 for insurance and \$75,900 for vehicle repairs.

Mr. Maxwell said the town's debt service or the amount we owe is \$266,454 and that is up \$27,820 or 11.66%. He said even though the town has money in reserves we still borrow for certain things. He said the town will borrow for renovation of a building purchased at a foreclosure sale for a new Highway Garage.

Mr. Maxwell said now that we have gone over all the expenditures, where does the money come from to pay for them?

Mr. Maxwell said the town does have non- property tax sources of revenue. The largest of these is \$290,522 for plowing County roads, \$177,001 in mortgage taxes, \$140,956 in cable franchise fees, \$136,050 in Park & Recreation fees, \$69,564 in shared services agreements with other towns, \$99,831 in State revenue Sharing, \$150,176 in Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)

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agreements, \$89,842 Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIP), \$70,000 in court fines, \$20,184 OCWA water lease, \$65,000 for building permits.

Mr. Maxwell said the town's Appropriated Fund Balance, or rainy day fund, is \$476,964.

Mr. Maxwell said this budget keeps the town under the tax cap by \$136,219. Taxpayers will receive a rebate from the State.

Mr. Maxwell said the assessed value in Van Buren has remained fairly flat. He said there is \$807 Million in Assessed Value in the town, \$144 Million of it is exempt from taxes, leaving \$663 Million in Taxable Assessed Value.

Mr. Maxwell said he has heard people say that neighboring town's tax rates are lower than ours. He said that is, in large part, because their taxable assessed value is much higher. He said Town of Lysander, for example, has over \$1 Billion in Taxable Assessed value.

Mr. Maxwell said under this proposed 2018 budget the owner of a home assessed at \$100,000 inside the Village of Baldwinsville will pay \$5.78 more in 2018.

Mr. Maxwell said the owner of a home assessed at \$100,000 outside the Village of Baldwinsville will see a reduction of \$1.15.

Mr. Maxwell said the special districts, lighting, sewer, drainage and water have seen some increases and some decreases in 2018 and depending on where you live and which of these apply to you they will factor into your bill as well.

Mr. Sykes thanked Mr. Maxwell for his presentation.

Public Hearing on 2018 Town Budgets and Special Districts Budgets:

206-17-000 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to recess the regular meeting, open the public hearing at 8:01 pm and waive reading the legal notice published in *The Messenger* on November 2, 2017.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Mr. Sykes asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of the proposed budgets. No one spoke.

Mr. Sykes asked if there was anyone to speak against the proposed budgets. No one spoke.

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207-17-000 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting at 8:03 pm.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Consider adoption of Local Law H-2017:

208-17-030 The following resolution was offered by Ms. Sabin, who moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski to wit:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law, proposed Local Law H-2017 a Local Law Amending Chapter 186-44 of the Code of the Town of Van Buren titled “Vehicles and Traffic”, to add an additional Speed Limit with regard to Interstate Island Road, was presented and introduced at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren held on October 17, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on said proposed Local Law No. H-2017 on November 8, 2017 by the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren and proof of publication of notice of such public hearing, as required by law, having been submitted and filed, and all persons desiring to be heard in connection with said proposed local law having been heard, and said proposed local law having been in the possession of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren in its final form in the manner required by Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, at its October 17, 2017 meeting the Town Board determined that this proposed legislation is a Type II action for purposes of SEQR, thus concluding the environmental review process; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest to enact said Proposed Local Law No. H-2017.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, Onondaga County, New York, does hereby enact Proposed Local Law No. H-2017 as Local Law No. 8-2017 as follows:

**TOWN OF VAN BUREN**

**LOCAL LAW NO. 8-2017**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 186-44 OF THE  
CODE OF THE TOWN OF VAN BUREN (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC)  
TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL SPEED LIMIT WITH REGARD  
TO INTERSTATE ISLAND ROAD**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, as follows:

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**SECTION 1. ARTICLE VII, SECTION 186-44 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF VAN BUREN IS AMENDED TO ADD THE FOLLOWING:**

<u>Street Name</u>	<u>Speed Limit</u>	<u>Location</u>
Interstate Island Road	30	Entire Length

**SECTION 2. WHEN EFFECTIVE**

This local law shall take effect upon its filing with the New York Secretary of State.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Consider adoption of 2018 Town and Special Districts Budgets:

209-17-007 MOTION BY Mr. Tupper, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to approve the 2018 Town and Special Districts Budgets.

Roll Call Votes: Mr. Zaccaria – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Mr. Tupper – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Dudzinski – Yes, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Sykes – Yes

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Ms. Dickman thanked everyone for working hard on keeping the budget in line.

Mr. Dudzinski thanked Mr. Foster for continuing to lower the rate in the Highway Department.

Mr. Tupper said all department heads did a great job keeping the tax rate stable.

Approval for Town Engineer to attend annual CNY Engineering Expo at the OnCenter 11/18/17 at a cost of \$120:

210-17-027 MOTION BY Mr. Zaccaria, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve the Town Engineer to attend the CNY Engineering Expo at the OnCenter 11/18/17 at a cost of \$120.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize Supervisor to execute Memorandum of Land Lease and Solar Easement and TP-584 for same project:

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Mr. Gilligan said the SEQRA for this project has been done and this document is necessary for filing in the County Clerk's Office.

211-17-048 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to authorize the Supervisor to execute the Memorandum of Land Lease and Solar Easement and TP-584 for same project.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize Supervisor to execute easement for National Grid to set poles to service Kingdom Road Solar Project:

212-17-048 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mr. Tupper, to authorize Supervisor to execute easement for National Grid to set poles to service Kingdom Road Solar Project.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Approval for Supervisor to execute Purchase Order and Proposal for pool work option "A" on quote provided by Leisure Craft Pools, Lancaster, NY:

213-17-037 MOTION BY Mr. Zaccaria, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to approve the Supervisor to execute Purchase Order and Proposal for pool work option "A" on quote provided by Leisure Craft Pools, Lancaster, NY.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize Supervisor to procure salt storage facility for Spring 2018 delivery/construction at a cost of \$97,343 for truss building from Clear Span Fabric Structures, NJPA contract and authorize Town Engineer to go to bid for concrete knee wall, estimated at \$100,000, both to be paid for by state grant:

Mr. Gilligan said the town has previously done the SEQR for this facility.

214-17-026 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to Authorize Supervisor to procure salt storage facility for Spring 2018 delivery/construction at a cost of \$97,343 for truss building from Clear Span Fabric Structures, NJPA contract and authorize Town Engineer to go to bid for concrete knee wall, estimated at \$100,000, both to be paid for by state grant.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Consider acceptance of 5.40 acre parcel of property, tax map #055.-04-02.9 as a gift to the town from Michael McConnell and acknowledge gift by issuance of a letter indicating an assessed and appraised value of \$100,000 by the Supervisor:

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Mr. Sykes said this will allow the town more room to store stone and millings at the new Highway Garage.

215-17-048 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Zaccaria, to declare the Town Board lead agency, with no other involved agencies, determine this a unlisted action and declare a negative declaration based on the short EAF form submitted under SEQRA and to therefore accept a 5.40 acre parcel of property, tax map number 055.-04-02.9 as a gift to the town from Michael McConnell and acknowledge gift by issuance of a letter indicating an assessed and appraised value of \$100,000 by the Supervisor.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Approval of change order to contract 1C – Highway Garage for \$450.00 to Nairy Mechanical, Inc:  
Mr. Hoy said this is for additional concrete work for the oil/water separator at the new Highway Garage to raise part of it up to help prevent clogs in the future.

216-17-026 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to approve change order to contract 1C-Highway Garage for \$450.00 to Nairy Mechanical, Inc.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Councilor Committee Reports & Comments:

Ms. Sabin said they are just about done with the franchise renewal for Charter and should be scheduling a public hearing in December. She said she has received notice from Verizon that we are now in the three year window to start re-negotiations for that franchise renewal. She said they will likely not start for another year or so.

Ms. Dickman thanked all the residents who voted yesterday.

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Foster asked the Board to approve a resolution approving the mechanic in the Highway Department to move to into the open position of MEO. There is no change in work schedule or hourly pay.

217-17-038 MOTION BY Ms. Lesniak, seconded by Mr. Zaccaria, to approve Darren Forbes job title change from heavy equipment mechanic to MEO effective 11/8/17 with a probationary period to end May 4, 2018.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Supervisor Comments:



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Mr. Sykes thanked everyone for voting yesterday and thanked the people of the town for having confidence in him and this Board. He said he appreciates the opportunity to serve the public.

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

218-17-000 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on November 21, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 8:23 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt  
Town Clerk

Dated: 11/9/17