

Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on March 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

Present:

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

Also present:

Mr. Kevin Gilligan	Town Attorney
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 February 19, 2019:

059-19-000 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on February 19, 2019 as published.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Introduction of Local Law A-2019 regarding Waterfront overlay District:

Mr. Sykes asked the Board to consider tabling this proposed local law in order to make additional changes to protect riverfront views.

060-19-030 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to table the following resolution for Local Law A-2019 regarding Waterfront Overlay District.

WHEREAS, Volume 6 N.Y.C.R.R., Section 617 of the Regulations relating to Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, requires that as early as possible in the consideration of a proposed action, an involved agency shall make a determination whether the action is subject to the aforementioned law;

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, such 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 said Local Law, with the result that the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of said Local Law is a Type I action for purposes of environmental review under SEQRA and shall require the completion of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF).

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the enactment of proposed Local Law No. A-2019 is a Type I action, there are no other involved agencies and this Board shall act as lead agency in this matter for purposes of SEQRA review; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town Board shall conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law No. A-2019 at the Van Buren Town Offices located at 7575 Van Buren Road in the Town of Van Buren on ___ April 2, 2019 at 7:00 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. Lesniak – Yes, Mr. Tupper – Yes, Ms. Dickman – Yes, Mr. Dudzinski – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Sykes – Yes

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize Supervisor to execute sanitary sewer/pump station operation and maintenance agreement with Onondaga County Dept. of Environmental Protection for 2019 fiscal year:

Mr. Sykes said this is the same agreement the town has been signing for years and the rates are the same as they were in 2017. He said he expects a rate increase for next year.

061-19-045 MOTION BY Mr. Tupper, seconded by Ms. Dickman, to authorize the Supervisor to execute sanitary sewer/pump station operation and maintenance agreement with Onondaga County Dept. of Environmental Protection for 2019 fiscal year.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments:

Mr. Zaccaria said he submitted his resignation from the Board effective following this meeting. He said it has been a fun challenge and extends his best wishes to the Board members. He said he has three pieces of advice for the next Board member:

Have good attendance, decisions are made by those who show up

Ask questions and do your own research

Don't be afraid to vote "no" every once in a while

Ms. Dickman said she is disappointed to see him go but wishes him well.

Mr. Dudzinski thanked Mr. Zaccaria for his service.

Mr. Tupper wish Mr. Zaccaria goodbye and good luck.

Regular Town Board Meeting March 5, 2019

Mr. Tupper said he attended the legislative breakfast for first responders. He said there were several elected officials who spoke and pledged their support. But, he said there is little government can do for recruitment. He said these agencies have the fire stations and equipment but need volunteers. He said if anyone is interested to contact their local department.

Ms. Sabin told Mr. Zaccaria she will miss him and it has been fun working with you over the years.

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Foster asked residents to please not park on the roads so plow operations can be performed safely and efficiently.

Mr. Foster said when the weather breaks, as early as Friday, they will temporarily patch potholes.

Mr. Foster said lawn repairs will begin as soon as weather breaks for Spring, He asked residents to be patient as they do repairs one section at a time. He said if you have a problem and don't see anyone to contact the department.

Mr. Foster thanked Mr. Zaccaria for this expertise and integrity while on the Board.

Supervisor Comments:

Mr. Sykes said he received the dog shelter inspection report and it is satisfactory.

Mr. Sykes said there is an electronics recycling event March 30th from 9 am to Noon at the Fairgrounds, enter at Gate 6 and exit at Gate 2.

Mr. Sykes thanked Mr. Zaccaria for his service and said he made many contributions to the town and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments:

Mr. Gilligan said he enjoyed getting to know Mr. Zaccaria and wished him well.

Citizens Comments:

Mr. Andy Bowes thanked all the Board members for their service. He said it is too bad not more people come to the meetings and participate but it seems that this town is smoothly run.

Regular Town Board Meeting March 5, 2019

Mr. Zaccaria said this is due in large part to Mr. Sykes leadership.

Mr. Bowes asked about the waterfront overlay district and exactly what the town is looking to do with the code change.

Mr. Sykes said the town is looking to protect river views and the proposed change would prohibit the building of structures within 150 feet of the river.

Mr. Bowes asked if this will be published for the residents.

Mr. Sykes said yes, once it is introduced the town will publish a notice of public hearing and the information will be available to residents.

062-19-014 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to go into Executive Session to discuss a particular employee and current union negotiations at 7:20 pm.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

063-19-014 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to close the Executive Session and resume the Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:42 pm.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

064-19-000 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on March 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 7:42 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Precourt

Dated: 3/6/19