

Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on March 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

Present:

Mrs. 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:

Ms. Kevin Gilligan	Town Attorney
Mr. Jason Hoy	Town Engineer
Ms. Theresa Golden	Assessor
Ms. Lynn Precourt	Town Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Approve minutes of the February 18, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting:

MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting as published.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Assessor's Report:

Ms. Golden said there is a proposed change to the Basic STAR income requirement that would change the income limit from \$250,000 to \$200,000. She said property owners above the income limit would be denied the exemption and receive the check instead. The check limit remains at \$500,000.

Ms. Golden said postcards were mailed to over 200 property owners who the state identified as qualified for the senior citizen exemption based on their adjusted gross income. She said the income amount to qualify is actually gross income, not adjusted. She said the office has fielded many questions and reviewed income and a few new seniors were signed up.

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Ms. Golden said reminder post cards and phone calls were made to seniors who had not renewed their exemptions.

Ms. Golden said the reappraisal review/plan was sent to ORPTS prior to the February 1st deadline. The sale time adjustments for Van Buren for 2020 are residential/+4%, commercial/+4% and vacant/+7%.

She said reappraisal work will include eight residential neighborhood, 64 commercial properties and all vacant land. In addition, seven residential neighborhoods will be trended up.

Ms. Golden said final open permit inspections will be completed the first two weeks in March as weather permits.

Ms. Golden said preliminary assessment notices will be mailed March 13th and informal meetings will start March 23rd.

Ms. Golden noted she has provided the Board with a new flyer, “The Town Assessor – What You Need to Know” provided by NYSAA.

Mrs. Van Der Water asked what “trending” means.

Ms. Golden said all properties will be reassessed, trended up, in neighborhoods that fall outside of the 5% tolerance based on sales between July 1, 2018 and July 1, 2019.

Ms. Lesniak asked what the sales times adjustments are based on that give Van Buren a +4% increase in residential property.

Ms. Golden said the state looks at sales year to year and determines the percentage that sales are going either up or down or remaining flat and that analysis determines the adjustments.

Ms. Dickman asked if seller concessions are factored into assessments on recently transferred property.

Ms. Golden said no, because the property often appraises at the sales amount with the concessions.

Approval for energy conservation projects for Town Hall and Park Office of \$3,647.24 and \$1,428.34 respectively with Lime Energy Services Company and National Grid and authorize Supervisor to execute proposals:

MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to approve energy conservation projects for Town Hall and Park Office in amount of \$3,647.24 and \$1,428.34 respectively with Lime Energy Services Company and National Grid and authorize the Supervisor to execute proposals. The Board also declares the a Type II action under NYS SEQRA Section 617.5 (1 and 2) with no significant adverse environmental impact.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Make SEQRA determination for Village Blvd. Rehabilitation Project:

Mr. Hoy said this is for paving Village Boulevard from Van Buren Road to the traffic circle, about 1200 linear feet.

MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to declare the Village Boulevard Rehabilitation Project a type II action under NYS SEQRA II accordance with Section 617.5 (4) with no adverse environmental impact due to the re-paving project.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Set public hearing for March 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm to hear comments on 2020 Community Development application and five year plan:

MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to set public hearing for March 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm to hear comments on 2020 Community Development application and five year plan.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve training for Code Enforcement Officer:

MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to approve Code Enforcement Officer to attend Flood Plain Management Training at State Preparedness Center in Oriskany, NY March 30 – April 2nd with up to \$125.00 allowance for meals.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

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Councilor Committee Reports and Comments:

Ms. Sabin said the Land Use Committee met and discussed the latest draft of the property maintenance law. She said the attorneys have also reviewed and she will incorporate all the changes and they will meet again next month.

Mrs. Van Der Water said there is a Park & Recreation meeting March 6th at 2 pm at the Park Office.

Mr. Tupper attended a legislative breakfast with fire and emergency responders and he said their concerns are preservation of capacity, budgets and the lack of support from the state. Mr. Tupper said he got a chance to speak with Chief Perkins and they discussed sharing of equipment as a way to ease the burden on budgets. He said he will be scheduling a Public Safety meeting here in town and inviting emergency responders and that could be a main subject of discussion .

Highway Superintendent Comments: None

Supervisor Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Engineer Comments:

Mr. Hoy said Mr. Foster will be attending Advocacy Day in Albany tomorrow to ask the preservation of CHIPS funding for local roads.

Attorney Comments: None

MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board meeting on March 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Mrs. Van Der Water – 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 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt

Town Clerk, Dated 3/4/20

