

Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on July 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

Present:

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

Also present:

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| Ms. Kevin Gilligan | Town Attorney |
| Mr. Jason Hoy | Town Engineer |
| Mr. Doug Foster | Highway Superintendent |
| Ms. Kathryn Halleron | Deputy Town Clerk |

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Approve minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on July 7, 2020:

101-20-000 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to approve minutes to the July 7, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting as published.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Resolution opposing the New York State Thruway Authority’s plan to remove the Canton Street Bridge

MOTION BY Ms. Van Der Water seconded by Mr. Tupper, to approve the resolution opposing the New York State Thruway Authority’ plan to remove the Canton Street Bridge.

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

Resolution Opposing the Removal of the Canton Street Bridge over the Thruway

WHEREAS: The concept for the New York State Thruway began in the 1940s; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Thruway opened the Central New York Section of the Thruway in 1954; and

WHEREAS: the planners, engineers and designers of the Thruway recognized the need for maintaining connectivity for communities located along the Thruway corridor, at that time, for social, economic, agricultural, industrial, educational and future growth and expansion; and

WHEREAS: the New York State Thruway Authority constructed the Canton Street Thruway overpass bridge to achieve and sustain these needs; and

WHEREAS: the Canton Street Bridge has played an integral role in the maintenance and expansion of this “connectivity” since the 1950s; and

WHEREAS: the residents, commercial, educational and industrial users in the immediate community and the fire and emergency services agencies have become totally dependent on this crossover bridge to provide public safety services, not only to the community but also to the users of the New York State Thruway; and

WHEREAS: the New York State Thruway Authority has now proposed to remove the Canton Street Bridge, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Town of Van Buren does hereby oppose the removal of the Canton Street Bridge; and further be it

RESOLVED: That the Town of Van Buren considers the proposed removal project to be environmentally, socially and economically short-sighted as well as detrimental to public safety and established vehicle and pedestrian traffic for the walking residents, students and school buses; and further be it

RESOLVED: That the Town of Van Buren considers the proposed removal project to be injurious to the property values within the hamlet of Warners as well as the negative impacts for commercial and industrial businesses; and further be it

RESOLVED: That the Town of Van Buren strongly opposes the removal of the Canton Street Bridge; and further be it

RESOLVED: That the Town of Van Buren strongly encourages the Thruway Authority to consider a replacement or rehabilitation project for the Canton Street Bridge, which the Town of Van Buren will fully support; and further be it

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RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Mathew J. Driscoll, Executive Director of the New York State Thruway Authority, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Congressman John Katko and Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli

This resolution presented to and approved by the Town of Van Buren Town Board, on this the 21st day of July, in the year 2020.

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments:

Ms. Sabin stated that the next Land Use Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 28, 2020 at 5:30PM. The latest draft of the Property Maintenance law is now with the attorneys. There is no date from FIOS as to when they will be installing fiber optic cables to Condos 2, 3, and 4.

Ms. Dickman wishes everyone to stay safe.

Highway Superintendent Comments: Work continues on Village Blvd South. The highway department will be finishing a project in Harbour Heights and will then go back to finish paving.

Supervisor Comments: Town Hall is open but residents need to go to the Clerk's Window and the Clerk's Office will notify the office that the resident needs and they will meet with the person outside.

Parks are open to run, walk, fish, and play tennis, or disc golf. Playgrounds will remain closed because the Town does not have the capability to maintenance and cleaning of the equipment. Restrooms are not open, no day camps, pool is closed, and no pavilions. This applies to all Town parks.

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

102-20-000 MOTION BY Ms. Van Der Water, seconded by Mrs. Lesniak, to recess the regular meeting and go in to Executive Session to discuss two contract agreements and seek Counsel's advice.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

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103-20-000 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mrs. Sabin, to close the Executive Session and return to regular session at 8:01PM.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

104-20-000 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mrs. Sabin, to adjourn to the next regular Town Board meeting on August 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Mr. Tupper – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes, Mr. Sykes – Yes

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Halleron
Deputy Town Clerk

Dated: 7/22/20