

Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on June 16, 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 Lesnisk	Councilor
Mr. Howard Tupper	Councilor
Ms. Patricia Dickman	Councilor via video conference
Mr. Ronald Dudzinski	Councilor
Ms. Mary Frances Sabin	Deputy Supervisor
Mr. Claude Sykes	Supervisor

Also present:

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

Approve minutes of the 6/2/20 Regular Town Board Meeting:

092-20-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to approve the minutes of the 6/2/20 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

Approval for renewal of E-Code maintenance agreement at \$1,195.00:

Mr. Sykes said this is for General Code Publishers to maintain our Code online for viewing.

093-20-001.1 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Tupper, to approve the renewal of E-Code maintenance agreement at \$1,195.00.

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

Approval of trash hauler licenses:

Mr. Sykes said several applications came in this week and he would like to approve them as a block.

094-20-021 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water, to approve trash hauler licenses for: Chuck It Haulers, Butler Disposal, Syracuse Haulers, Dependable Disposal and Morgan Rubbish Removal.

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

Speed limit reduction request – Van Buren Road:

Mr. Sykes said this is a request from Mr. Weston, a resident on Van Buren Road, who sent an email and a map outlining how the speed limit changes 13 times. He sat in his yard for half an hour and did kind of a traffic study, unscientific he admits but he thinks with all these changes and truck traffic especially down in his area. He's south of Peck Road between there and Brickyard and he would like to see it reduced. He is the only area that is 55 mph. I talked with him outside the other day and I think it's valid and should be looked at. I know they've looked at other sections, I don't know if they've looked at this section of Van Buren Road but it might not hurt to have them.

095-20-046 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mr. Tupper, to submit a speed reduction request for Van Buren Road to the NYS Department of Transportation.

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

Mrs. Van Der Water said this is different than the last Board meeting when we had a speed reduction it is typically difficult to get these approved is that correct.

Mr. Sykes said some that we have put in we didn't think would get approved and they did and others we thought for sure they would lower and they didn't.

Mrs. Van Der Water asked if these residents know that.

Mr. Sykes said I told them it is out of our hands, it's not the town's decision it is State DOT and I told them some we thought were a slam dunk didn't get approved and others did.

Mrs. Van Der Water asked does it benefit the town at all, a reduction?

Mr. Sykes said other than if someone gets caught speeding our court may get some money.

Ms. Lesniak said with a change 13 times in a mile...

Mr. Tupper said that's what I looked at too and there is a school there.

Ms. Lesniak said and the truck traffic.

Mr. Tupper said I think it can be maintained at a lower speed and take a lot of the uncertainty out of it.

Mr. Dudzinski said the state and the county determine the new speed limit.

Mr. Sykes said the State will the County just has to sign off on it to allow the State to do the review. When you get to the Town of Camillus it's 35 all the way because they have a police department they can set their own speed limits. We don't so we have to go to the State.

Mrs. Van Der Water asked if there is ever a situation where we want to decline offering to send the request.

Mr. Sykes said I can remember a couple times since I've been here that we've said, look, we've tried before and there hasn't been anything new in the area so we're not gonna bother and they accepted it.

Mr. Tupper said the driveways are awful close together for 45 mph.

Mr. Sykes said there is an asphalt plant in the area now too and he's running up and down through there quite a bit.

Ms. Sabin said where it says 45 people are going 55 and where it says 35 going into Camillus you have to really slam on the brakes because they do patrol that area.

Mrs. Van Der Water said I'm all for the reduced speed just because of accidents and to be more careful.

Mr. Sykes said we can send it but that doesn't mean it will get approved.

Mr. Tupper said there is a lot of detail here.

Mrs. Van Der Water said yes, I appreciate that a lot, it's taken account that people are speeding, it's dangerous and they are bringing it to our attention.

Approval of renewal of annual software maintenance agreement with Business Automation Services for Clerk's software at \$1,830:

096-20-001.1 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve the renewal of annual software maintenance agreement with Business Automation Services for Clerk's software at \$1,830.00.

Mr. Tupper asked how close this figure is to what is in the budget.

Mrs. Precourt said it is the same, they give us the amount for the following year's budget in August.

Declare a junk Swingline shredder surplus in Justice Court:

097-20-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to declare a junk Swingline shredder, DX20-19, in the Justice Court surplus and dispose.

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

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments:

Ms. Sabin said she emailed FIOS rep doing the engineering for installation in Condo 2 and 3 and have not heard back. She said I will keep contacting them.

Ms. Sabin said June 4th the Land Use Committee met with Rich Andino from the law firm and went over his comments as compared to what we had in the draft, took some things out and rearranged some information. He is looking at one section to see if it should stay or go. I did send out a revised draft today with the changes made so we are moving along pretty well. It probably won't be too long before we can submit it as an introduction.

Mrs. Van Der Water asked who she sent the draft to.

Ms. Sabin said the Land Use Committee members.

Mrs. Van Der Water asked when will you send one to the Board.

Ms. Sabin said when the Land Use Committee says it's ready to go.

Mrs. Van Der Water said she wanted to give a shout out to the staff they did a great job with this whole Covid thing and trying to social distance and keeping the services running for the town. They did a great job and now we're back 100% and hopefully business as usual around here. Under your leadership Claude it was fantastic and the staff was great.

Mr. Sykes we're still going outside, I haven't seen anyone but the phone guy in the building. Everyone else has been meeting outside, Jason and I had a meeting outside last week with two guys. I had Jon bring down a couple picnic tables so we can have meetings out back if we need to while the weather's good. It has been working good and the employees have done well for us.

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Foster said some of you have noticed on Village Boulevard South from the circle to Rt. 48 we're doing work on both lanes replacing catch basins and cross culverts before paving. It will be a mess for a little bit but then should have a nice clean riding surface for many years to come. He said watch for the cones, be careful, take your time and we will hopefully have a new surface in a couple weeks.

Ms. Sabin asked if paving will be all the way to Rt. 48.

Mr. Foster said yes, both lanes. He said prices may not be at an all time low but we are taking advantage of the price.

Ms. Sabin asked if he will look at the catch basin right outside the parking lot of Pasta's that's flooded quite a few times.

Mr. Foster said there isn't one there. There's one in the yard. He said from the circle to Van Buren we have in for grant money. That's part of that drainage.

Ms. Dickman asked when the roads in Harbour Heights will be done and how long before you can drive on it.

Mr. Foster said that and Sun Meadows are both getting a micropave the vendor has not given a date yet but will probably be end of June, beginning of July. He said they should stick to that being the weather has been relatively decent. He said all residents will get a notice letting them know when it will be happening.

Ms. Dickman asked how long you have to stay off it.

Mr. Foster said micropave is one of the longer processes. It depends on the weather, a day like today would be three to four hours. A day that has more humidity or not as much sun it could be five to six hours.

Ms. Dickman said no overnight.

Mr. Foster said no, you can get on it the same day.

Ms. Dickman asked if our guys will be flagging.

Mr. Foster said no, this is a turnkey process and the vendor takes care of all of it.

Supervisor Comments:

Mr. Sykes said we are allowed 25 people now and the room tonight is set up for about as maximum amount as we can get it. We'll get back to a regular meeting next time and the public can come in.

Mr. Sykes said on June 23rd town operations at town hall will be closed. That's primary day and the Board of Elections is taking the building over and they're going to do all the disinfection. We felt it is in the best interest of the employees to not have the building open and be subjected to a trove of people coming in and the possible ramifications of that.

Mr. Sykes said he received the mini-bid this morning and ordered the truck this afternoon. The cost of the truck without the local items that will be added to it is \$26,571.30

Mr. Sykes said at the last meeting there was discussion about dark skies technology for Treymont's new street lights. I contacted National Grid and they have been using dark sky technology for several years now. All the ones they put in are dark sky technology.

Citizens Comments:

Mr. Andy Bowes thanked Mr. Sykes for checking on the lights. He said he does astronomy with his telescope and it's nice to know the new lights will be that way. I also support checking the speed limits on Van Buren.

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

098-20-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board meeting on July 7, 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 7:18 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt

Town Clerk, Dated: 6/17/20