

Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on August 4, 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
Ms. Patricia Dickman Councilor via video conference
Mr. Ronald Dudzinski Councilor
Ms. Mary Frances Sabin Deputy Supervisor
Mr. Claude Sykes Supervisor

Absent: Mr. Howard Tupper, Councilor

Also present:

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Approve minutes of the 7/21/20 Regular Town Board Meeting:

105-20-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve the minutes of the 7/21/20 Regular Town Board meeting as published.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Consider resolution requesting expansion of the NYS Returnable Container Act (Bottle Bill) to include glass bottles:

106-20-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION URGING NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE
RECYCLING AND REDUCE MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT COSTS BY
EXPANDING THE NYS RETURNABLE CONTAINER ACT

WHEREAS, empty wine, spirit and beverage glass containers comprise an estimated 90,000 tone of curbside recyclables statewide, and

WHEREAS, such empty glass bottles are not economically viable to recycle as part of curbside recycling programs throughout New York State because the bottles break and become contaminated with paper, plastic and other non-glass materials at local recycling recovery and sorting facilities, and

WHEREAS, there are no economically viable markets to recycle this contaminated, broken glass material into new glass bottles and, therefore, the unwanted glass becomes a significant financial burden to New York State's local communities to sort, transport and properly dispose of, which totals millions of dollars statewide, and

WHEREAS, such broken glass ends up contaminating other recyclable materials such as paper and corrugated cardboard at local material recovery facilities, thereby diminishing the value and marketability of recovered paper products, and

WHEREAS, significant environmental benefits would be realized, including the avoidance of one ton of carbon dioxide for every six tons of container glass recycled if breaking and contaminating this glass could be prevented, and

WHEREAS, if this glass could be recovered for recycling it could be endlessly reprocessed into new glass containers with no loss in quality or purity, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Returnable Container Act, also known as the Bottle Bill, has proven to be the most effective method to reduce litter and increase the recovery and recycling of various glass beverage containers, including glass beer and soda bottles, and

WHEREAS, glass beverage containers with a deposit, such as beer and soda, have an economically viable market because they are source separated, and

WHEREAS, several other states recognize the environmental and economic benefits of including wine, spirit and other glass beverage containers in their respective Bottle Bill systems, including California, Hawaii, Iowa, Maine and Vermont, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Van Buren believes that expansion of the New York State Returnable Container Act to include wine, liquor and other glass beverage bottles will dramatically increase recycling of these other glass containers, create new recycling jobs for clean, uncontaminated glass, and reduce municipal costs to manage these materials as part of municipal curbside recycling collection programs, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Van Buren is committed to the New York State solid waste management hierarchy with emphasizes waste reduction, reuse and recycling first, all of which would be served by expanding the bottle deposit system to include these additional glass containers thereby creating more recycling of these containers and fewer trashed, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that The Town of Van Buren does hereby strongly urge the New York State Legislature to expand the Bottle Bill as outlined above to include wine, liquor and other glass drink containers as a means to reduce litter, increase recycling, create new recycling jobs, as well as reduce the significant financial burden such containers place on local municipalities as part of curbside recycling collection program. This Resolution shall be distributed to the appropriate state elected officials and shall take effect immediately.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Consider pay rate increase for Wayne Bailey and Kim Saxon to \$13.00 an hour for Park Attendant work retroactive to July 6, 2020:

107-20-038 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to approve the pay increase for Wayne Bailey and Kim Saxon to \$13.00 for Park Attendant work retroactive to July 6, 2020.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Consider addition of Upstate Electrical Inspection Agency to the Town of Van Buren Approved Inspection List:

108-20-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to add Upstate Electrical Inspection Agency to the Town of Van Buren Approved Inspection List.

Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – 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 the Land Use committee presented a powerpoint at tonight's worksession to discuss the revisions to Chapter 145, Property Maintenance. She said it will be introduced for public hearing at one of the next two meetings.

Ms. Sabin said once that is done the committee will meet to discuss farm animals and pets and food truck permits.

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Foster said they are working on drainage on Village Boulevard South and it should be paved next week. Harbour Heights and Sun Meadows was scheduled to be micro paved today but due to the rain that will be rescheduled.

Supervisor Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

109-20-000 MOTION BY Ms. Lesniak, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on August 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

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

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All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 7:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt, Town Clerk

Dated: 8/5/20