

Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on February 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

Present:

Ms. Darcie Lesniak	Councilor
Mr. Howard Tupper	Councilor
Ms. Patricia Dickman	Councilor
Mr. Ronald Dudzinski	Councilor
Mr. Claude Sykes	Supervisor

Absent:

Mrs. Wendy Van Der Water, Councilor  
Ms. Mary Frances Sabin, Deputy Supervisor

Also present:

Ms. Nadine Bell	Town Attorney
Mr. Douglas Foster	Highway Superintendent
Mr. Jason Hoy	Town Engineer
Mr. Edward Van Der Water	Town Justice
Ms. Lynn Precourt	Town Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Approve minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on February 3, 2021:

031-21-000 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on February 3, 2021 as published.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Approval for Highway Supt, to order a 2021 Chevy Silverado 3500 Crew Cab 4 x 4 at a cost up to \$42,800 including accessories, purchase is via NYSOGS mini-bid 6308 and is subject to permissive referendum period since money coming from Highway Reserve Fund:

032-21-026 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to approve Highway Supt, to order a 2021 Chevy Silverado 3500 Crew Cab 4 x 4 at a cost up to \$42,800 including accessories, purchase is via NYSOGS mini-bid 6308 and is subject to permissive referendum period since money coming from Highway Reserve Fund

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Consider Memorandum of Understanding regarding pay rates for new hires with the IUOE:

Mr. Sykes said this is to modify new hire rates because our starting rate is too low to attract qualified candidates.

033-21-001.1 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Tupper, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding pay rates for new hires with the IUOE.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Consider purchase offer for land parcel # 036.-07-19.3 and authorize Supervisor to execute same:

Mr. Sykes said this a triangle shaped piece of land on the river that would be incorporated into the Crego Farm development should it be approved. The property has been appraised and the offer is for more than three times that appraisal.

034-21-048 MOTION BY Mr. Tupper, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to approve the purchase offer for land parcel 036.-07-19.3 and authorize the Supervisor to execute same.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Consider approval of 2021 Intermunicipal Wastewater Agreement with Onondaga WEP:

Mr. Sykes said there are two rate schedules attached to this agreement, one for those who are leasing and one for those who are not. He said the rates are nearly double for the municipalities that are not leasing.

Ms. Lesniak said the town should not be in the sewer business, this is the type of consolidation that makes sense.

035-21-045 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to approve the 2021 Intermunicipal Wastewater Agreement with Onondaga County WEP.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Approval for Patricia L. Maguire to be appointed as Court Clerk part-time at a rate of \$15.94 an hour effective 2/18/21:

036-21-038 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve Patricia L. Maguire as Court Clerk part time at a rate of \$15.94 an hour effective 2/18/21.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Acknowledge receipt of the Zone Change application from Brolex for change from R-40 to PUD for the Crego Farm Properties and send to Planning Board for review and recommendation:

Mr. Sykes said the town cannot deny an application for development. He said this is the first step in a long process of approvals from local, county, state and perhaps federal. He said the town's Planning Board will review the entire project before making a recommendation to the Town Board.

Ms. Lesniak said anyone with questions or concerns should direct them to the Planning Board so they are aware and can address them.

037-21-052 MOTION BY Mr. Tupper, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to acknowledge receipt of the Zone Change application from Brolex for change from R-40 to PUD for the Crego Farm Properties and send to Planning Board for review and recommendation.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Set March 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7:00 pm for dates of Public Information Meetings (not public hearings) via Zoom on the plans for the Crego Farm Development:

Mr. Sykes said most people are aware this property has been for sale for a very long time. He said this meeting will be to inform the public what is being proposed and take questions. He said the Planning Board Chairman and developer will be present. He said this is not a public hearing, just informational and will only be held via Zoom. The link will be available on the town's website closer to the meeting date.

Ms. Lesniak said due to the proximity to the river this will be a thorough review.

Ms. Bell said a project of this magnitude is a Type 1 project under the state Environmental Review and is much more in depth.

Mr. Sykes said the town will likely allow the Planning Board to take Lead Agency since they are better prepared to study this development. Mr. Sykes said they are proposing 124 homes and six apartment buildings with 36 units each.

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037-21-000 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to set March 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for the dates of Public Information Meetings (not public hearings) via Zoom on the plans for the Crego Farm Development.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments: None

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Foster asked everyone to please not park on the roads between 2:00 am and 6:00 am. He said snow plowing operations are safest and most efficient if there are no cars parked on the roads.

Supervisor Comments:

Mr. Sykes announced the next worksession on March 3<sup>rd</sup> will start at 5:30. He said Mark Procopio from the Baldwinsville Ambulance Corps will be here to talk to the Board at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Sykes said Assemblyman Magnarelli will hold a virtual town hall this year on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and the Zoom information can be found on the Assemblyman's website.

Citizens Comments: None

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

038-21-000 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on March 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

**\*\*Reminder\*\*** March 3<sup>rd</sup> Town Board worksession will start at 5:30 and the GBAC will have a presentation to the Board at 6:00pm with regular Town Board Meeting to follow at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt, Town Clerk, Dated: 2/18/21

