

Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on June 16, 2021 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:

Mr. Douglas Foster	Highway Superintendent
Ms. Lynn Precourt	Town Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 2, 2021:

101-21-000 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to approve minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on June 2, 2021 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 preliminary notices were mailed to 3705 property owners on March 12th with informal meetings by phone with the Assessor scheduled the week of March 22 and the week of April 5 and 19. Informal meetings by phone with the Assessor totaled 100.

An additional 82 Tentative Change of Assessment Notices were mailed the first week in May. The Assessor “sat” with the Tentative Assessment Roll for 2 full days during normal office hours. Non office hours included 2 hours after 6pm, and 2 hours on Saturday. This was not required, as the Governor’s Executive Order from 2020 suspending the requirement of sitting with the roll still applied.

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Ms. Golden said Grievance Day was held on May 25 by appointment only, property owners were given a choice of appointment type in person or by phone. Paperwork only was also an option. NO ZOOM!! A total of 38 Grievances were filed in 2021.

The County will complete next year processing on July 2. This makes the 2021 Roll final/ prior year and 2022 becomes the current year roll. This allows work to begin for 2022.

The spreadsheet of Floral Park current owners was completed by the Assessor and forwarded to the ORPTS in Albany on April 21. This information is required by the State in the delivery of Star Credit checks to Floral Park residents.

The State has provided a Tentative Roll Corrections Report to update Star exemption changes prior to Final Roll.

Ms. Golden said a possible change to the Enhanced Star Exemption program was included in the 2021 State budget. If passed it would require new Enhanced exemptions to switch to the Check program for the additional savings over Basic Star. This would apply to property owners with the Basic Star Exemption who age or income into the requirements for the Enhanced Star exemption. This has not passed.

Ms. Sabin asked how many assessments were changed during informal discussions and Grievance Day.

Ms. Golden said 13 out of 38 grievances were changed and about half the assessments from informal meetings were changed.

Wage rate adjustments for Kim Saxon and Wayne Bailey from \$13.50 to \$13.70 per hour per Park Director's memo retroactive to 6/2/21:

102-21-038 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to adjust the wages of Kim Saxon and Wayne Bailey from \$13.50 to \$13.70 per hour per Park Director's memo retroactive to 6/2/21.

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

Amend budget per Comptroller's memo to cover tennis court capital repairs:

103-21-007 MOTION BY Mr. Tupper, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water, to make the following budget modification to cover tennis court capital repairs:

Increase	A.7110.0411	Park Repairs	\$15,850
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Increase A.0000.0910 Appropriated Fund Balance \$15,850

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 the following trash hauler licenses:

104-21-021 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski to approve the following trash hauler licenses: Chuck It Haulers, LLC, Dependable Disposal, Morgan Rubbish Removal, Butler Disposal and Syracuse Haulers.

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 part time park and recreation positions and hourly wages

105-21-038 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Tupper to approve the following employees in the Park & Recreation Department and approve their hourly wages:

Lynn Pinard, Park Attendant, \$13.50/hour

Garrett Petrelli, Recreation Aide, \$12.90/hour

Katherine Peters, Recreation Aide, \$12.90/hour

Caleb Butchko, Recreation Leader, \$13.75/hour

Alicia Montague, Playground Coordinator, \$15.80/hour

Jared McMonagle, Recreation Aide, \$12.80/hour

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: None

Highway Superintendent Comments: None

Supervisor Comments:

Mr. Sykes said Senator Mannion has asked the town to provide projects that could be funded through a State Aid to Municipalities (SAM) grant and he will submit them by next Friday.

Citizens Comments: None

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

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106-21-000 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on July 7, 2021 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: 6/18/21