

Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on June 2, 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
Mr. Howard Tupper	Councilor
Ms. Patricia Dickman	Councilor
Mr. Ronald Dudzinski	Councilor
Ms. Mary Frances Sabin	Deputy Supervisor
Mr. Claude Sykes	Supervisor

Absent: Ms. Darcie Lesniak Councilor

Also present:

Mr. Ken Bush	County Legislator
Ms. Nadine Bell	Town Attorney
Mr. Douglas Foster	Highway Superintendent
Mr. Jason Hoy	Town Engineer
Ms. Lynn Precourt	Town Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 19, 2021:

089-21-000 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on May 19, 2021 as published.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approval for Supervisor to execute proposal agreement with EZ-Paving/Sealcoat LLC for repairs and color surfacing and striping of tennis courts under County contract #4010SYGOV-016-19 at a cost of \$15, 850.00:

Mr. Sykes said the town received an estimate on replacing the courts and the cost is around \$300,000. This treatment should extend the life 8 – 10 years so the Board has time to save money when the time comes to replace them.

090-21-037 MOTION BY Mr. Tupper, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water, to approve the Supervisor to execute proposal agreement with EZ-Paving/Sealcoat LLC for repairs and color

surfacing and striping of tennis courts under County contract #4010SYGOV-016-19 at a cost of \$15, 850.00.

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

All Ayes - Motion Carried & Adopted

Consider appointment of Heidi Anders as Park Director as Park Director, effective July 1, 2021 with compensation as called for in the 2021 Town Budget and for health benefits as outlined in the Town Employee Handbook and with 90 day probationary period:

091-21-038 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to appoint Heidi Anders as Park Director, effective July 1, 2021 with compensation as called for in the 2021 Town Budget and for health benefits as outlined in the Town Employee Handbook and with 90 day probationary period.

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

All Ayes - Motion Carried & Adopted

Ms. Sabin said she is glad Ms. Anders is on the civil service list and the Board was able to elevate her to this position.

Ms. Dickman said Ms. Anders has worked for the town for a long time and done a great job.

Authorize Supervisor to execute agreement with Troy and Banks to conduct a cable television franchise fee compliance audit for Charter with 50% of underpayments as their fee:

092-21-009 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to authorize the Supervisor to execute agreement with Troy and Banks to conduct a cable television franchise fee compliance audit for Charter with 50% of underpayments as their fee.

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

All Ayes - Motion Carried & Adopted

Appointment of Michael Allen as seasonal employee for Buildings and Grounds at \$15.00 per hour per budget effective 6/3/21 at 32.5 hours per week for 15 weeks:

093-21-038 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to appoint Michael Allen as seasonal employee for Buildings and Grounds at \$15.00 per hour per budget effective 6/3/21 at 32.5 hours per week for 15 weeks.

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

All Ayes - Motion Carried & Adopted

Appointment of Casey Van Der Water as seasonal employee for Buildings and Grounds at \$15.00 per hour per budget effective 6/3/21 at 32.5 hours per week for 15 weeks:

094-21-038 MOTION BY Mr. Tupper, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to appoint Casey Van Der Water as seasonal employee for Buildings and Grounds at \$15.00 per hour per budget effective 6/3/21 at 32.5 hours per week for 15 weeks.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approval for Town Clerk to renew E-Code 360 at \$1,195.00:

095-21-052 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to approve the renewal of E-Code 360 at a cost of \$1,195.00.

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

All Ayes - Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve transfers to Equipment Reserves per Comptroller's memo:

Mr. Sykes said the town does this so we can save up the money for expensive equipment purchases rather than borrow money to pay for them.

096-21-007 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to approve the following transfers into Equipment Reserves:

Parks and Recreation (General Whole Town A) \$5,000

Highway Superintendent General Whole Town A \$10,000

Buildings and Grounds Vehicle (General Whole Town A) \$5,000

Code Enforcement (General Part Town B) \$10,000

Highway Dept. Equipment (Highway DB) \$250,000

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

All Ayes - Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize the Supervisor to execute two maintenance covenant and easement agreements for Pottery Road solar project and Altec Industries, Inc:

Ms. Bell said this is a maintenance covenant and easement agreement that gives the town the right but not the obligation to maintain stormwater facilities if the developer or property owner makes changes to the rural stormwater maintenance facilities. She said this runs with the life of the project for the solar farm and the land in the case of Altec Industries, Inc. She said it allows the town access to the property and allows the town to charge any cost of repairs or maintenance to be levied on the tax bill.

MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Ms. Dickman, to authorize the Supervisor to execute two maintenance covenant and easement agreements for the Pottery Road solar project and Altec Industries, Inc contingent upon approval by the Attorney.

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

All Ayes - Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve pay rate for Ben Timmons, park attendant:

098-21-038 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Ms. Dickman, to approve Ben Timmons as a park attendant at a rate of \$13.50 an hour.

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

All Ayes - Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve pay rates for Wayne Bailey and Kim Saxson:

099-21-038 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve \$13.50 an hour for 15 hours a week at 23 weeks for Wayne Bailey and Kim Saxson for custodial work.

Mrs. Van Der Water – 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 the Cable Franchise Negotiating Committee had their first meeting with Verizon to discuss a new agreement. She said they are looking for a five year agreement, not ten years as it has been in the past. She said the reason for this is the increase number of customers who are streaming services rather than signing contracts for their cable channels. She said she has a call in tie NYSPSC because these agreements need to be consistent between carriers and Spectrum currently has a ten year agreement with the town.

Ms. Dickman said she hoped everyone had a good Memorial Day weekend and took some time to reflect ion the meaning of the day. She said she is hopeful the parade can be held next year.

Mr. Sykes said he wanted to clear up something related to the Memorial Day Parade. He said the statement from the Memorial Day Committee included both Bob Wicks, Lysander Supervisor and himself as being involved in the decision to cancel the parade this year. He said as Town Supervisor he is not involved in the planning of the parade or decisions on whether or not it will be held.

Mrs. Van Der Water said she has a Canton Woods Board of Directors Meeting tomorrow morning and they will likely be passing the new bylaws without the changes she has requested. She said they do not seem to be concerned with the inconsistencies in job title or the amount of

authority it gives the Chair of the Senior Activity Group, particularly the voting rights at meetings.

Highway Superintendent Comments: None

Supervisor Comments:

Mr. Sykes said he was notified by Matt Driscoll that the Thruway Authority will replace the Canton Street Bridge rather than tearing it down. He thanked all who helped get this project funded: the people of Warners, the Onondaga County Legislator and our Legislator Ken Bush, Assemblyman Magnarelli, State Senator Mannion, the support from the businesses in the area and other local governments.

Mr. Sykes said they expect work to begin in the Spring.

Mr. Ken Bush, Onondaga County Legislator, said he was happy to hear the news and thanked Mr. Sykes for being the point person who brought all these entities together to advocate for the repair of the bridge.

Mr. Bush said the town will be receiving about \$150,000 in mortgage tax for the last six months.

Mr. Bush said the County Law Department is working on a change in language that will allow the payment for the outreach workers at the Canton Woods Senior Center to be made directly to the Village of Baldwinsville rather than the Senior Center.

Mr. Bush said he has been working with the Soil & Water Division to get additional funding to harvest water chestnuts from the river. He said the funding for chemical treatment has decreased.

Mr. Sykes said he knows that Senator Mannion is also trying to get state funding for this.

Mr. Bush said yes, it is needed and now, because they are surfacing.

Mr. Bush said the legislature is holding a public hearing next week on whether the County should opt in to allow 12 and 13 years old to hunting with supervision.

Mr. Bush said the County is also looking into a proposal from the NYS DEC to extend the hunting season through the holidays. He said there is opposition from this from snowmobilers and hikers because state trails are closed during hunting seasons. He said NYS already has one of the longest deer hunting seasons.

Citizens Comments: None

Engineer Comments: Mr. Hoy said the town has submitted the Annual Stormwater Report and the 4th quarter Landfill report.

Attorney Comments: None

Regular Town Board Meeting June 2, 2021

100-21-000 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board meeting on June 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

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

All Ayes - Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt
Town Clerk

Dated: 6/3/21