

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

Absent:

Ms. Patricia Dickman	Councilor
Mr. Howard Tupper	Councilor

Also present:

Ms. Nadine Bell	Town Attorney
Mr. Jason Hoy	Town Engineer
Mr. Doug Foster	Highway Superintendent
Ms. Lynn Precourt	Town Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Approve minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on July 21, 2021:

126-21-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to approve minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on July 21, 2021 as published.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Accept and award bids for Snowdale Drive Community Development Project:

Mr. Sykes said the bids ranged from \$162,000 to \$241,500 with the lowest bidder being McGinnis Nelson Construction.

127-21-013 MOTION BY Ms. Lesniak, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to accept and award the bid for the Snowdale Drive Community Development Project to McGinnis Nelson Construction in the amount of \$162,000.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Appoint Christopher Ordway as Buildings and Grounds Department Crew Leader effective today:

128-21-038 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to appoint Christopher Ordway as Building and Grounds Department Crew Leader effective today.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Consider fence waiver for 8 Miguel Lane:

Mr. Hoy said he has approved this with some post limitations.

129-21-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to declare these actions Type II under SEQRA with no adverse environmental impacts and approve the fence waivers for 8 Miguel Lane.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve retirement agreement and release for employee #66 as provided by legal counsel:

130-21-038 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve the retirement and release for employee #66 as provided by legal counsel and accept the retirement of Jon LaManche effective August 30, 2021.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Assessor's Report:

Ms. Golden said the State Office of Real Property Tax Services has certified the Final Equalization rate at 100% for the Town of Van Buren's 2021 Assessment Roll. See attached.

Next year processing was completed by the County on July 2. Work on the 2022 assessment roll has begun. This includes creating new parcels and entering new inventory, exemptions, etc.

The Town of Van Buren has received no Small Claim filings for 2021.

The Town of Van Buren has received 2 Supreme Court filings for 2021.

Village Green Apartments filed each year 2018-2021.

Comfort Inn filed each year 2020-2021

The State has issued the Final Star Exemption Corrections report prior to the printing of school bills. Changes to the Final Roll have been made, as indicated.

Senior Citizen exemption renewals for 2022, will be completed during August. Mailing is scheduled for September. The deadline for exemption renewals or new is March 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

The State Office of Real Property Tax Services has recertified the amounts for the Basic Star and Enhanced Star exemptions for 2021. Assessments have increased because market values have increased. This increase has resulted in the State recertification of Star Exemption amounts. See attached.

The Onondaga County Assessors Association will be holding their Annual August Meeting/Picnic at Van Buren Park on Tuesday August 24.

Approve expenditure from in lieu of parks fund:

131-21-007 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water, to approve the payment for tennis court resurfacing to EZ Pave and Sealing in the amount of \$15,850.00 from in lieu of parks fund.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve trash hauler license for Superior Waste:

132-21-021 MOTION BY Ms. Lesniak, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve issuance of a trash hauler license for Superior Waste Removal Inc.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments:

Ms. Sabin said Condo 2 and 3 has approved the wiring for FIOS in those buildings.

Ms. Sabin said Verizon has submitted a franchise contract renewal and she is setting up a meeting with the representatives of the three municipalities to review and discuss the changes.

Mrs. Van Der Water said she will attend the Canton Woods Board of Directors meeting tomorrow morning.

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Highway Superintendent Comments: None

Supervisor Comments:

Mr. Sykes said Pac-B is looking for videographer volunteers.

Mr. Sykes said he received a letter from the state that the Hourigan Farm has received a grant for development rights to preserve their farmland.

Citizens Comments: None

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

133-21-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on August 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 7:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt  
Town Clerk

Dated: 8/5/21