

Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on January 6, 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

Absent:

Also present:

Ms. Nadine Bell	Town Attorney
Mr. Douglas Foster	Highway Superintendent
Mr. Anthony Geiss	Joint Planning/Zoning Board Chairman
Ms. Lynn Precourt	Town Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Approve minutes of the 12/15/20 Regular Town Board Meeting:

016-21-000 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting as published.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Mrs. Van Der Water said the presentation from WEP on the sewer consolidation was very thorough and made it clear for those of us who may not be as familiar with the process to understand.

Establishment of standard workday for the position of Councilor and report .58 days per pay period for Councilor Tupper to NYS Retirement:

017-21-038 MOTION BY Ms. Dickman, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to establish a standard workday for the position of Councilor at six hours and report .58 days per pay period for Councilor Tupper to NYS Retirement.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize Highway Superintendent to order a 2021 Western Star 4700SF cab and chassis with Henderson Plow and Body package in the amount of \$228,441.00 per Onondaga County contract 8996, purchase out of equipment reserve fund and subject to permissive referendum:

018-21-026 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mr. Tupper, to authorize Highway Superintendent to order a 2021 Western Star 4700SF cab and chassis with Henderson Plow and Body package in the amount of \$228,441.00 per Onondaga County contract 8996, purchase out of equipment reserve fund and subject to permissive referendum.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Accept resignation of Todd McIntyre from Highway Department:

019-21-038 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water, to accept resignation of Todd McIntyre from Highway Department.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Retroactive appointment of Dave Blaisdell as Highway Foreman effective 12/22/20:

021-21-038 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to appoint David Blaisdell as Highway Foreman, retroactive to 12/22/20.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Appointment of Douglas Weller and Keith Hotchkiss as MEO per hires by Highway Supt. effective January 6, 2021:

022-21-038 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to appoint Douglas Weller and Keith Hotchkiss as MEO per hires by Highway Supt. Effective 1/6/21.

Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Mr. Tupper – Yes, Mr. Dudzinski – 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 she will be starting to schedule meetings for the franchise renewal with Verizon.

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Ms. Sabin said she will be scheduling a Land Use Committee meeting soon to discuss food trucks.

Mrs. Van Der Water said she will be scheduling a Parks & Recreation Committee meeting in next couple of weeks and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Ms. Dickman said the Personnel Committee will be meeting with the mediator for the highway contract negotiations for their first meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 by Zoom.

Mr. Tupper said he is looking into either a Zoom meeting with or a survey of the emergency agencies in lieu of an in person Public Safety Committee meeting.

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Foster reminded everyone there is no on street parking between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am for snow removal.

Mr. Foster wanted to let the public know that a average plow route is between three and four hours. When snow comes later in the morning closer to the time people are leaving for work it does take time for the crews to clear the road if you are near the end of the route.

Mr. Foster said his department is out picking up Christmas trees. He said there is no schedule, they will be around more than once to look for them.

Mrs. Van Der Water asked what they do with the trees.

Mr. Foster said they put them through the wood chipper and any mulch is free to town residents. He said they also have a few people who want them for animals, like goats. He said anyone who is interested in getting them to please call his office.

Supervisor Comments:

Mr. Sykes said he will be scheduling a Highway Committee meeting in January.

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

023-21-014 MOTION BY Ms. Lesniak, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations at 7:29 pm.

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All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

024-21-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to close the executive Session and resume the regular meeting at 7:58pm.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

025-21-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to adjourn to the Regular Meeting on January 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt  
Town Clerk

Dated: 1/7/21