

Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on November 17, 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
Mr. Ronald Dudzinski	Councilor
Ms. Mary Frances Sabin	Deputy Supervisor
Mr. Claude Sykes	Supervisor

Absent:

Ms. Patricia Dickman	Councilor
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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 November 4, 2021:

192-21-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on November 4, 2021 as published.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Consider revision to Employee Handbook Sections 903 and 904 as recommended by town legal counsel:

193-21-038 MOTION BY Mr. Tupper, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to approve the revision to Sections 903 and 904 of the Employee Handbook as recommended by town legal counsel.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

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Set January 5, 2022 for the Town's Organizational Meeting and first regular meeting for 2022: 194-21-000 MOTION BY Ms. Sabin, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to set January 5, 2022 as the Town's Organizational Meeting and first Regular Meeting of 2022.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Discussion on Local Law E-2021 – establishing a prohibition on Tobacco Smoke, Cannabis Smoke and Smoking on Town of Van Buren property:

Mr. Sykes said this was tabled a couple meetings ago and asked if the Board wants to keep it tabled or bring it up for introduction.

Ms. Bell said there was a question about whether this conflicts with any other policies.

Mrs. Van Der Water said she will contact the Park Director to discuss current policy and how any changes may effect usage of the park.

Mr. Foster asked if this includes town vehicles and equipment.

Ms. Bell said she believes it refers to real property, not town property, but that can be changed when re-drafted.

Approval for Michelle Vona to receive health benefits as outlined in the Town of Van Buren Employee Handbook for the Comptroller position effective 12/1/21:

195-21-038 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve health benefits as outlined in the Town of Van Buren Employee Handbook for the Comptroller position effective 12/1/21 for Michelle Vona.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments:

Ms. Sabin said a Land Use Committee meeting was held and they discussed the issue of solar farms being placed on important farmlands in town. She said they will be preparing to bring to the Board a change that will possibly require a payment by the solar companies to the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board.

Highway Superintendent Comments: None

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Supervisor Comments:

Mr. Sykes said the town received a \$195,000 grant from the state for upgrades to Snowdale Park. He said the town has previously received \$60,000 for a half basketball court from Onondaga County. He said once done the park will be fenced and have the basketball court and playground equipment.

Ms. Lesniak said the kids in the neighborhood will really appreciate this.

Citizens Comments:

Loren Michels, Cheerwood Drive, thanked the town for finishing up the drainage improvements. He said they made a big difference carrying the water away after the last rainstorm.

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

196-21-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Ms. Sabin, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on December 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 7:16 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt  
Town Clerk

Dated: 11/18/21