

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on February 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

Mr. Michael Hulchanski	Councilor
Mrs. Wendy Van Der Water	Councilor
Ms. Darcie Lesniak	Councilor
Mr. Howard Tupper	Councilor
Mr. Ronald Dudzinski	Councilor
Ms. Mary Frances Sabin	Supervisor

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2022:

033-22-001 MOTION BY Ms. Lesniak, seconded by Mr. Hulchanski, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 2, 2022 with one spelling correction bottom of page one.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Assessor's Report:

All exemption renewals for the 2022 Assessment Roll have been mailed and reminder post cards sent. They are processed and updated as received. The deadline for exemption applications or renewals is March 1st, 2022.

The Governor suspended the renewal requirement for the Senior Citizen and Disability exemptions for 2022. This was subject to local option. It was decided that the local option was not needed. The renewals were already mailed in September and most had been returned for processing.

Inventory changes for 2022 are entered as building permits are completed. Final field review of building permits will be scheduled during February and March. As weather permits.

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The reassessment plan for the 2022 Assessment Roll has been completed and submitted to ORPTS for review and approval. This included a plan narrative, commercial sales/subjects spreadsheet, and V-4 reports for documentation.

Reappraisal work includes; All residential properties will be reappraised or trended up. A total of 115 commercial properties will be reappraised and assessment changed as indicated. All vacant land assessed higher than 15,000 will be trended up.

County trends/increases for 2022 are: Residential +6% - +15%, Commercial +3% and Vacant Land +7%.

Preliminary assessment notices will be mailed in mid March. Informal meetings with the Assessor will be scheduled late March thru April. A choice of in person or by phone meetings will be offered, and scheduled in blocks by type.

Mr. Tupper asked where Van Buren falls between six and 15% increases.

Ms. Golden said Van Buren is 10% and Lysander is 12%.

Approve annual maintenance agreement with 911 Generators and authorize Supervisor to sign agreement:

034-22-001.1 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve the annual maintenance agreement with 911 Generators and authorize Supervisor to sign agreement.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize Clerk to attend NYSTCA meeting as per Clerk's memo not to exceed \$40.00 plus mileage:

035-22-027 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to authorize Clerk to attend NYSTCA meeting as per Clerk's memo not to exceed \$40.00 plus mileage.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve annual required training for Planning/ZBA members on March 10th in Syracuse at a cost of \$320.00:

036-22-027 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Tupper, to approve annual required training for Planning/ZBA members on March 10th in Syracuse at a cost of \$320.00.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve attendance at February Association of Towns annual training for Supervisor and Comptroller for combined total of \$150.00:

037-22-027 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water, to approve attendance at February Association of Towns annual training for Supervisor and Comptroller for combined total of \$150.00.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve Comptroller’s attendance at annual GFOA conference in April not to exceed \$1,500.00 for conference and mileage and Virtual Office of the State Comptroller Accounting Training in April with a cost of \$85.00:

038-22-027 MOTION BY Mr. Tupper, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve Comptroller’s attendance at annual GFOA conference in April not to exceed \$1,500.00 for conference and mileage and Virtual Office of the State Comptroller Accounting training in April with a cost of \$85.00.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve Canton Woods Senior Center Agreement and authorize Supervisor to execute and spend payment of \$66,900.00 to the Village of Baldwinsville:

039-22-044 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Hulchanski, to approve the Canton Woods Senior Center Agreement and authorize Supervisor to execute and spend payment of \$66,900.00 to the Village of Baldwinsville.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve trash hauler license to Joro Companies, Inc, dba Rid-O-Vit:

040-22-021 MOTION BY Mr. Tupper, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to approve trash hauler license to Joro Companies, Inc. dba Rid-O-Vit.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Councilor Committee Reports & Comments:

Ms. Lesniak said she held a joint Land Use and Economic Development Committee meeting last week and Len Rauch from the Onondaga County Office of Economic Development attended. She said they discussed how to market our town. They talked about areas where commercial business is appropriate and also talked about the preservation of the rural parts of town.

Ms. Lesniak said Mr. Rauch appreciated the distinct areas of our town and understands we want to keep that balance.

Ms. Lesniak said there was a separate meeting with the Planning Board Chairman and Town Supervisor and they discussed updating the Comprehensive Plan that was created in 2002. Syracuse Onondaga County Planning Agency representatives regarding updating the Comprehensive Plan. If done well, can cost up to \$100,000.

Ms. Sabin said she is completing a grant application for funding through New York State Economic Development. The match for that from the town will be around \$25,000 and we have started to budget for that to help pay for the update.

Mr. Tupper mentioned the state's proposed legislation that would override local zoning and allow accessory structures to be used as housing. He said they town may want to send a letter to urge our local representatives to oppose this.

Ms. Bell said in support of the monetary expense of updating a Comprehensive Plan document, which ideally would be done every ten years, there is the need for a town's zoning regulations and Comprehensive Plan document to be compatible. When they are not, any disgruntled applicant can use that to sue the municipality and likely win.

Mrs. Van Der Water asked if updating the various maps are being included in any plan update.

Ms. Lesniak said the County may be able to help with that using their GIS technology.

Mrs. Van Der Water said there are a couple vacancies on various Boards and asked if those will be put on website to invite community members to send a resume if they are interested.

Mrs. Van Der Water discussed a discrepancy that was discussed at the Canton Woods Senior Center Board of Directors meeting. She said it involved money that was spent in 2021 for fundraising, the purchase of wreaths to be sold, and the money not hitting the books until 2022. She said this is not unusual and is waiting for the Village of Baldwinsville to close their books to see the numbers.

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Mrs. Van Der Water said endowment funds at the senior center will be used to purchase a commercial floor cleaner. She said she is pleased to see them acknowledge the monetary amount in those funds and begin to expend them in lieu of tax dollars.

Mr. Dudzinski said the park is getting busy and they are hoping to open the pool and run summer programming this year. He said the Spring brochure will be out towards the end of March. The park is looking to hire lifeguards, park attendants and recreation aides; contact the park office to apply.

Mr. Dudzinski said pavilion rentals have also started for this year.

Supervisor's Comments:

Ms. Sabin reminded residents that Assemblyman Magnarelli is having his 2022 Community Information Night via Zoom on March 1st or March 16th at 6:00 pm. Contact ferguson@nyassembly.gov or call 315-428-9651 for Zoom link.

Highway Superintendent Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

041-22-000 MOTION BY Ms. Lesniak, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on March 2, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 7:38 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt
Town Clerk

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Dated: 2/17/22