

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on May 4, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

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

Absent:

Mr. Michael Hulchanski, Councilor  
Ms. Darcie Lesniak, Councilor

Also Present:

Ms. Nadine Bell                Town Attorney  
Mr. Jason Hoy                 Town Engineer  
Mr. Doug Foster               Highway Superintendent  
Ms. Ruth Troy                 Canton Woods Senior Center Director  
Ms. Lynn Precourt            Town Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2022:

070-22-000    MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on April 20, 2022 as published.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Public Hearing on the Five Year Community Development Application:

071-22-000    MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to recess the regular meeting, open the public hearing and waive reading the legal notice published in the *Messenger* on April 27, 2022.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Mr. Foster said the drainage project to be submitted this year would help alleviate flooding on several low-lying roads in Village Green.

Mr. Hoy said the work that needs to be done is beyond the equipment capabilities of the Highway Department and recommends this project be submitted for funding this year.

Ms. Sabin asked if there is anyone to speak in favor of this application and five year plan. No one spoke.

Ms. Sabin asked if there is anyone to speak against this application and five year plan. No one spoke.

072-22-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting at 7:08 pm.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Vote on Community Development Plan:

073-22-023 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water seconded by Mr. Tupper, to submit the following five year plan and request funding for Birchwood Blvd. Drainage Improvements for year 2022:

**2022 Application**

1. **Birchwood Blvd. Drainage Improvements**

Rehabilitation of approximately 1000' of existing open channel drainage ways in the Village Green neighborhood. The work would be behind the properties on Birchwood between Idlewood and Cedarwood Boulevards. The rehabilitation would generally consist of regrading and reshaping the open channel, select tree removals, placement of erosion control materials in erosive areas and establishing turf.

Total Project Cost		\$67,500
Town's Share	<u>(\$ 17,500)</u>	
<b><i>Requested Community Development Funds:</i></b>		<b><i>\$50,000</i></b>

**2023 Application**

**Lower Seneca Knolls Drainage and Pavement Rehabilitation – Phase 1**

Rehabilitation of drainage and pavement in the Lower Seneca Knolls area. The rehabilitation would generally consist of closed drainage installation and milling and asphalt overlay of the existing pavement with minor pavement repairs.

**2024 Application**

**Lower Seneca Knolls Drainage and Pavement Rehabilitation – Phase 2**

Continued rehabilitation of drainage and pavement in the Lower Seneca Knolls area. The rehabilitation would generally consist of closed drainage installation and milling and asphalt overlay of the existing pavement with minor pavement repairs.

**2025 Application**

**Lower Seneca Knolls Drainage and Pavement Rehabilitation – Phase 3**

Continued rehabilitation of drainage and pavement in the Lower Seneca Knolls area. The rehabilitation would generally consist of closed drainage installation and milling and asphalt overlay of the existing pavement with minor pavement repairs.

**2026 Application**

**Tappan Street Road Sidewalk**

New sidewalk construction from 170' west of Comstock Road easterly to Village line (approx. 1230' total)

**2027 Application**

**Snowdale Park Pavilion**

Construction of a new pavilion at Snowdale Park located in Seneca Knolls.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Appointment of Zachary Timmons as part time summer help at the Buildings and Grounds Department from 5/16 – 8/19/22:

074-22-038 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Dudziniski, to approve appointment of Zachary Timmons as part time summer help at the Buildings and Grounds Department from 5/16 – 8/19/22 at a rate of \$15.00 an hour.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Appointment of Michael Knowlton as temporary Deputy Codes Officer effective 5/16/22 – 9/15/22:

075-22-038 MOTION BY Mr. Tupper, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve appointment of Michael Knowlton as temporary Deputy Codes Officer effective 5/16/22-9/15/22 at a rate of \$24.00 an hour.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Annual Canton Woods Senior Center update by Ruth Troy:

Ms. Troy said May is Older Americans Month and their theme this year is “Age Your Way”. She said 44 years ago the Village of Baldwinsville and towns of Van Buren and Lysander had the foresight to create the senior center knowing the benefits it would have for seniors. She said research shows that involvement helps seniors live longer, stave off illness and live independently. Ms. Troy said the center is open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm and offers many different activities. She said they are slowly coming back to in person activities there and currently have 148 Van Buren and 115 Lysander residents who use the facility. She said this number does not include those who use Food Sense, get the drive thru lunches, use B’Ville Express, etc.

Ms. Troy said he center offers wellness programs, fitness programs, recreation and games of all kinds, a book club, writing/art classes, technology help, defensive driving classes, crafting activities, a vegetable garden and concert series this summer.

Ms. Troy said there are two outreach workers at the center paid for by Onondaga County. She said they are able to help connect seniors with benefit services like HEAP and food stamps and transportation to/from medical appointments.

Ms. Troy said the funding comes from all three municipalities. She said the Village pays for salaries and care of the buildings and grounds. The two towns contribute \$66,950 each year and that amount has not changed since 2013. She said the center does have a 501C3 to raise money as well. She said their major fundraisers are the Walk in the Woods, a car show, wreath sale, calendar sale, and this year they will have their first golf tournament. She said budget shortfalls are covered by these funds. She encouraged the Board at a minimum to keep their current funding amount.

Ms. Troy read an email from a woman who uses the senior center about how much it means to her to be able to go there for activities and socialization.

Mr. Dudzinski thanked Ms. Troy for coming in and sharing information about the senior center.

Mrs. Van Der Water said it is nice to have an in depth review of the activities they offer and said she appreciates the fantastic job they do for our seniors.

Ms. Sabin asked if the center can be rented by outside groups. Ms. Troy said it can be, but a Board Member or staff person must be in attendance and an insurance certificate is required.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the town cannot make an annual commitment to a minimum funding level due to our struggles keeping the tax rate as low as possible, but, she also understands the benefits of the center and the great job you do for the seniors.

Declare Highway Department equipment surplus:

076-22-026 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mr. Tupper, to declare the following equipment from the Highway Department surplus and authorize it to be taken to auction:

2006 Western Star 10 Wheel Dump Truck

1996 Top Gun Street Sweeper

2008 Chevy 3500 Work Body

2011 Ford Escape

2016 Dodge Ram 2500 with Western Plow

Dayton Tow Behind PTO Generator

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments: None

Highway Superintendent Comments: None

Supervisor Comments:

Ms. Sabin said Assemblyman Magnarelli will be hosting a shredding event on May 14<sup>th</sup> in the Orange Lot at the NYS Fairgrounds. Pre-registration is required and can be done on his website.

Ms. Sabin said the Canton Woods Senior Center Health & Wellness Fair is May 18<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 pm.

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Ms. Sabin said she has heard that Senator Mannion was successful in getting \$100,000 for remediation of water chestnuts in the Seneca River. This will be in addition to the \$100,000 in funds from Onondaga County.

Citizens Comments:

Mr. Andy Bowes asked if there is a multi-year contract for the water chestnut issue. Ms. Sabin said it appears to be for one year.

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

077-22-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to adjourn the meeting to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on May 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

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

All Ayes – Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt  
Town Clerk

Dated: 5/5/22