

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on June 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

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| 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 |

Also Present:

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| 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 June 1, 2022:

089-22-000 MOTION BY Mr. Hulchanski, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on June 1, 2022 as published.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve wages for three returning park employees:

090-22-038 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to approve the following wages:

Marybeth Valentine, summer assistant, \$16.50/hour and upon completion of WSI course, Elizabeth Kraynak and Mackenzie Lloyd pay rate will be \$17.25/hour.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve request for annual maintenance agreement for the Clerk's Office for \$1884.00 with Edmunds GovTech:

091-22-001.1 MOTION BY Mrs. Van DerWater, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to approve the annual maintenance agreement for Clerk's Office software in the amount of \$1884.00 with Edmunds GovTech.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve a resolution in support of a speed limit reduction on Canton Street from 55 to 35 mph from Village line to Connors Road as per resident request:

092-22-046 MOTION BY Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mr. Hulchanski, to send a letter of support for speed limit reduction on Canton Street from 55 to 35 mph from the Village line to Connors Road to the Onondaga County Department of Transportation.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve trash hauler licenses for Chuck It, LLC, Butler Disposal and Syracuse Haulers:

093-22-021 MOTION BY Ms. Lesniak, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water, to approve issuance of trash hauler licenses for Chuck It, LLC, Butler Disposal and Syracuse Haulers.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments:

Ms. Lesniak said they had a personnel committee meeting and finalized the first changes for the Employee Handbook. She said Public Sector HR will be handling the legal language.

Ms. Lesniak will be scheduling a Land Use/Economic Development meeting for next week.

Mrs. Van Der Water attended the Canton Woods Board of Directors meeting last week. She said the Village Treasurer was there to present the budget figures from 2021 and there is a shortfall that the Village will be addressing. She will update the Board when she has more information.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the senior center is hosting a golf tournament on September 12th.

Mr. Hulchanski thanked Mr. Ordway for replacing the tattered flag in the park.

Ms. Sabin said she will contact Village Green Apartments about coordinating with the fire department to get the new flag up at the traffic circle in Village Green.

Mr. Tupper said he attended the Planning Board meeting last night and they discussed the Crego Farm development. He said the Board is addressing concerns as they move forward.

Mr. Dudzinski said the pool opens this Saturday. He thanked Ms. Anders and Mr. Ordway for their work to get that going and said they should be able to start buying chlorine in bulk very soon.

Mr. Dudzinski thanked the Highway Department employees for their work on the ditch to the pond.

Mr. Dudzinski said the Board has discussed in the past reducing the number of seats on the Town Board to five. He said many towns with larger populations operate with a five person Town Board. He said committee consolidation and other changes can be made to alleviate the workload. He said he would like to see this be on the ballot in November and give the people an opportunity to decide.

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Foster said they are starting road repairs and asked residents to be patient and safe as they are done.

Supervisor Comments:

Ms. Sabin said the summer concerts this year are June 28th, July 19th and August 2nd.

Ms. Sabin said the State Thruway Authority is holding a public hearing on June 28th at the Warners Fire House about the Warners Road Bridge.

Ms. Sabin said the Canton Street bridge replacement is scheduled for completion next Spring.

Ms. Sabin said she received confirmation from NYSDOT that the traffic light at Rt. 690 and Downer Street is on their 2024 schedule.

Ms. Sabin said the town's Annual Financial Update Document has been filed with the State.

Ms. Sabin said another meeting was held today for the installation of FIOS to Condos 1, 2 and 3 in Village Green.

Ms. Sabin said the Ley Creek transfer station operated by OCRRA has closed so residents need to use the Rock Cut Road station.

Ms. Sabin said all the open positions available at the town are now posted on the website.

Ms. Sabin said she met today with Assemblyman Magnarelli and the State has awarded \$500,000 in grant money to the town. She said \$300,000 will be used for the Connors Road culvert repair and the remaining money will go towards restoration of the ballfields and a dock at the pond in Van Buren Central Park.

Citizens Comments: None

Engineer Comments:

Mr. Hoy said the preliminary design for the Connors Road culvert will be completed next week and he expects to bid the project in August for Spring construction.

Mr. Hoy said the material for the Village Boulevard drainage project will be delivered tomorrow and he expects construction to start in ten days.

Ms. Sabin asked when the basketball court at Snowdale Park will be done.

Mr. Hoy said the grading and stone should be done by the end of the month so he expects the court to be completed by the end of summer.

Attorney Comments:

Ms. Bell said if the town wishes to place a referendum on the ballot in November for reducing the number of Town Board members to five it will need to be introduced at the first meeting in July to give time for the public hearing and get the referendum to the Board of Elections for placement on the ballot.

094-22-000 MOTION BY Ms. Lesniak, seconded by Mr. Hulchanski, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on July 6, 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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt, Town Clerk Dated: 6/16/22