

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on August 7, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

Mr. Michael Burke	Councilor
Mr. Roger Hand	Councilor
Mr. Robert Grover	Councilor
Mrs. Jennifer Sullivan	Councilor
Mrs. Wendy Van Der Water	Councilor
Ms. Darcie Lesniak	Acting Supervisor

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 Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2024:

156-24-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Grover, to approve the meeting minutes of the July 17, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting as published.

Mr. Burke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover – Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes

All Ayes- Motion Carried & Adopted

Citizens Comments: None

Approve Vouchers:

157-24-007 MOTION BY Mr. Hand, seconded by Mr. Burke, to approve payment of claims 232491-232513 and 232525-232579 in the amount of \$102,354.00.

Mr. Burke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover – Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes

All Ayes- Motion Carried & Adopted

Accept zone change application from Eldan Homes for PUD on tax parcel # 036.-03-21 and 034.-01-15 and refer to Planning Board:

Mr. Dan Barnaba from Eldan Homes was present to address the Board. He said he developed the remainder of Harbour Heights several years ago, adding 180 homes. He said this project consists

of about 40 acres between three parcels, two along Downer Street east and west of Commene Road and a parcel behind.

Mr. Grover asked how many houses he is proposing to build.

Mr. Barnaba said that will depend on the process with the Planning Board but he doesn't intend to build with as much density as R-15 allows under a PUD.

Mrs. Sullivan said when you were here a couple years ago you mentioned commercial on one lot.

Mr. Barnaba said the piece west of Commene Road is suitable for commercial but he is proposing houses.

Mrs. Van Der Water said when you were here last time you said you would not purchase the land if you got the impression the Board was not in favor of the project and asked what has changed.

Mr. Barnaba said he feels the project is approvable and is confident his plans will be acceptable. He said the land is already suitable for homes and he is not asking for anything more dense than what has previously been allowed.

Mrs. Van Der Water asked him to explain his two family home concept.

Mr. Barnaba said R-15 allows for two family homes and he is proposing homes that stack rather than be side by side. He said these accommodate empty nesters, multi-generational families as well as new homeowners who can use the other home for rental income.

158-24-052 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Hand, to accept the zone change application from Eldan Homes for PUD on tax parcel # 036.-03-21 and 034.-01-15 and refer to Planning Board.

Mr. Burke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover – Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes

All Ayes- Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve ARPA funding for Van Buren Central Park road improvements in the amount of \$52,297.28:

159-24-007 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Grover, to approve ARPA funding for Van Buren Central Park road improvements in the amount of \$52,297.28.

Mr. Burke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover – Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes

All Ayes- Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve 284 Agreement with the Highway Superintendent:

Mr. Foster said the following road improvements are scheduled for this summer:

Rufus Circle and Meays Drive

Cedarwood Boulevard, Cedar Court, Higgins Drive

Connors Road (West Dead Creek to Rt. 31)

160-24-024 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water, to approve the 284 Agreement with the Highway Superintendent.

Mr. Burke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover – Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes

All Ayes- Motion Carried & Adopted

SEQR review for playground equipment at Van Buren Central Park and wiring improvements at Town Hall required for grant monies from NYS:

161-24-017 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Town of Van Buren Town Board approved the Town of Van Buren Central Park Improvements, which improvements included the construction of a new 27' x 40' pavilion, repaving existing drives and parking areas, the installation of new playground equipment, and miscellaneous drainage improvements to the Town's park located at 7350 Canton Street in the Town of Van Buren; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of such improvements, the Town of Van Buren Town Board, as lead agency, declared the project an Unlisted Action and completed a Full Environmental Assessment Form (Full EAF), dated August 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of Parts 2 and 3 of the Full EAF, the Town Board, on August 16, 2016, rendered Findings and issued a Negative Declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren does hereby ratify and reaffirm its prior Findings and Negative Declaration, issued on August 16, 2016, with respect to the aforementioned improvements to Central Park for purposes of environmental review pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

SEQR FINDINGS

Town of Van Buren Central Park Improvement, 7350 Canton Street
August 16, 2016

- The Town Board intends to build a new pavilion, repave existing driveway and parking, install new playground equipment and perform miscellaneous minor drainage improvements.
- The proposed action is in accordance with the Town's Comprehensive Plan, as this area of the Town was designated for recreational uses.

- The site is 102.33 acres, consisting of an existing park, driveways and parking areas, swimming pool, sport courts and accessory buildings.
- The site is served by public water.
- Any potential drainage run off impacts will be small or non-existent in nature.
- The proposed action is not likely to generate a substantial increase in traffic.
- Hours of operation will generally be from 9 am to 9 pm.
- Noise generated from operation is not likely to exceed ambient noise levels.
- Odors generated by operations at site should be transient in nature, as trucks & equipment are used for construction.
- Minimal waste will be generated at the site. Trash and recycling are contracted for removal from the site.
- The Town plans limited changes to the project site which might result in minor impacts to the environment.
- There are no reported “spills” and no reported contamination incidents involving the site, upon reference to the DEC data base.
- There are no historic sites in the vicinity of the site.
- It is not anticipated that herbicides or pesticides will be stored or used at the site.
- There are no unique or unusual geological features on the site.
- There are several residential properties in proximity to the proposed site which are separated from the site by wooded areas.
- Agricultural uses are prevalent around the project site.
- There is a wetland on the northeast corner of the property. This wetland is well outside the project area.
- While there will likely be a minimal increase in the use of electricity at the new pavilion, it is anticipated that any impact will be small and easily handled by existing facilities.
- The repaving of existing drives and parking could individually have been listed as a SEQR Type II project.
- It is determined that the park improvement will have no adverse environmental impacts upon the environment.

Mr. Burke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover – Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes

All Ayes- Motion Carried & Adopted

AND

162-24-017 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Grover, to approve the following resolution with respect to wiring improvements:

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren has applied for grant monies from New York State to improve and replace the electrical wiring at the Town Hall, located at 7575 Van

Buren Road, and the Parks, Building and Grounds offices located at 7350 Canton Street, in the Town of Van Buren; and

Whereas, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to replace the wiring in Town facilities and apply for grant monies to cover the cost of same the in the Town of Van Buren; and

Whereas, the Town Board, having reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form and being familiar with the proposal, does desire to apply for grant monies and undertake the improvement and replacement of electrical wiring at the Town Hall and the Parks, Building and Grounds office.

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren hereby determines that the proposed action is an Unlisted action and the proposed action does not involve more than one agency; be it further

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren shall be the lead agency for this project, that there are no likely adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed action, and that the Board hereby issues a negative declaration under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Mr. Burke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover – Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes

All Ayes- Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve trash hauler license for Syracuse Haulers:

163-24-021 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to approve trash hauler license for Syracuse Haulers.

Mr. Burke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover – Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes

All Ayes- Motion Carried & Adopted

Appoint Wendy Van Der Water as Town Supervisor effective 8/7/24:

Ms. Lesniak said it has been a pleasure to serve as Acting Supervisor.

164-24-002 MOTION BY Ms. Lesniak, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to appoint Wendy Van Der Water as Town Supervisor effective 8/7/24.

Mr. Burke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover – Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes

All Ayes- Motion Carried & Adopted

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments:

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Mrs. Sullivan said she is attending the Canton Woods Board of Directors meeting tomorrow morning.

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Joan Ferstler, the Senior Recreation Leader at Canton Woods Senior Center, for her service and wished her well in her retirement.

Mrs. Sullivan said the Canton Woods Senior Center car show is August 12th at 5:00 pm.

Mrs. Sullivan congratulated Mrs. Van Der Water on her appointment and thanked Ms. Lesniak for her service.

Mrs. Van Der Water thanked the Board for their support and said she is excited to take on this role. She thanked Ms. Lesniak on an outstanding job as Acting Supervisor.

Mr. Grover thanked Mr. Foster for the quick response to needed work in Harbour Heights and congratulated Mrs. Van Der Water.

Supervisor Comments:

Ms. Lesniak thanked the Department Heads, she said she could not have done the job without them. She said her advice to Mrs. Van Der Water is to let them do what they do best and she again thanked all the staff.

Highway Superintendent:

Mr. Foster said the department is always looking for part time wing operators for winter. If anyone is interested contact the department at 315-635-5124.

Engineer Comments:

Mr. Hoy said the County is updating their Hazard Mitigation Plan and he has been working on it since we do not currently have a Code Enforcement Officer. He said it should be done by end of next week.

Attorney Comments: None

165-24-014 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Grover, to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:23 pm.

Mr. Burke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover – Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes

All Ayes- Motion Carried & Adopted

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166-24-000 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to close the Executive Session at 7:46 pm.

Mr. Burke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover – Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes

All Ayes- Motion Carried & Adopted

167-24-000 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on August 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Burke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover – Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes

All Ayes- Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 7:46 pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn Precourt".

Lynn Precourt

Town Clerk

Dated: 8/8/24