

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on February 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

Mrs. Jennifer Sullivan	Councilor
Mrs. Wendy Van Der Water	Councilor
Mr. Howard Tupper	Councilor
Ms. Darcie Lesniak	Deputy Supervisor

Absent:

Ms. Mary Frances Sabin, Supervisor  
Mr. Michael Hulchanski, Councilor

Also Present:

Ms. Nadine Bell	Town Attorney
Ms. Lynn Precourt	Town Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Approve minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on January 18, 2023:

039-23-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Tupper, to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on January 18, 2023 as published.

Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Abstain, Mr. Tupper – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes

Motion Defeated

Citizens Comments: None

Approve resolution to encumber \$6600 in the 2022 budget for diving board replacement:

040-23-007 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to approve the resolution to encumber \$6600 in the 2022 budget for diving board replacement.

Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes, Mr. Tupper – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes

Motion Carried & Adopted

Consider updating tax exemptions for Volunteer fire fighters and ambulance workers:

041-23-039 Mr. Tupper introduced proposed Local Law No. B-2023, amending Article VI of Chapter 180 of the Town of Van Buren Town Code to allow the continuation of a real property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers in accordance with New York

Real Property Tax Law § 466-a, and made the following motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren has traditionally recognized the role of volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers in assisting and securing the safety and wellbeing of the community and has found that it is in the best interests of the Town to encourage and support such volunteerism; and

**WHEREAS**, by Local Law No. 5 of 2005, the Town enacted an exemption on real property taxes for certain volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law § 466-g; and

**WHEREAS**, New York Real Property Tax Law § 466-a, as enacted by Chapter 670 of the Laws of 2022, provides that, in order to continue said exemption, the Town must conform Local Law No. 5 of 2005 to the provisions of Real Property Tax Law § 466-a, and it is the desire of the Town Board to continue this tax exemption and so conform; and

**WHEREAS**, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of Local Laws in the Town of Van Buren, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law, with the result that the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption to said Local Law is an unlisted action for purposes of environmental review under SEQR; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined that a short environmental assessment form (EAF) shall be required in connection with this matter; and

**WHEREAS**, the said EAF has been prepared and has been reviewed by the Town Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has considered the adoption of said Local Law, has considered the criteria contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617.7 and has compared the impacts which may be reasonably expected to result from the adoption of said Local Law against said criteria.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS**

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED** that the enactment of this proposed local law is an unlisted action under SEQR, that there are no other involved agencies, and the Town Board shall act as lead agency; and it is further

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, the Town Board has determined this action shall have no significant adverse impact on the environment; that, accordingly, an environmental impact statement (EIS) shall not be required; and that this resolution shall constitute a negative declaration under SEQR; and it is further

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED** that the Town Board shall conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law No. B-2023 at the Van Buren Town Offices located at 7575 Van Buren Road in the Town of Van Buren on February 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested on the subject shall be heard.

Roll Call Votes: Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes, Mr. Tupper – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes

Motion Carried & Adopted

Councilor Committee Reports & Comments:

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Mr. Tupper said he attended a legislative breakfast with volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers. He said one of their main concerns is the ability to obtain insurance. He said there were state and county representatives there as well as local government officials to hear their concerns.

Mr. Tupper said there is a defensive driving course being offered at Canton Woods Senior Center on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Sullivan said she saw a positive post on social media about our new Code Enforcement Officer and thanked the resident who made the comment.

Mrs. Van Der Water said she will attend the Canton Woods Board of Directors meeting tomorrow and report back to the board at the next meeting.

Mrs. Van Der Water scheduled a Zoning Committee meeting on February 8, 2023 at 4:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Highway Superintendent Comments: None

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

042-23-000 MOTION BY Mr. Tupper, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board meeting on February 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes, Mr. Tupper – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes  
Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 7:13 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt  
Town Clerk

Dated: 2/2/23