

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on January 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

Mrs. Jennifer Sullivan	Councilor
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:

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 December 21, 2022:

022-23-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve the Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2022 as published.

Organizational Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on January 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Citizens Comments: None

Public Hearing on the Local Law E of 2022 regarding changes to Section Ch. 13 Comptroller residency and term of office:

023-23-000 MOTION BY Ms. Lesniak, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water, to recess the regular meeting, open the public hearing and waive reading the legal notice published on December 29, 2022 in the *Messenger*.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Ms. Sabin asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of this proposed local law. No one spoke.

Ms. Sabin asked if there was anyone to speak against this proposed local law. No one spoke.

024-23-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting at 7:13 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Consider adoption of Local Law E-2022:

025-23-030 The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Van Der Water who moved its adoption, seconded by Sullivan to wit:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a proposed local law titled, a Local Law No. E of 2022 “Amending the Term and Residency Requirements for the Town Comptroller as set forth in Chapter 13 of the Town of Van Buren Town Code,” was presented and introduced at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren held on December 21, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on such proposed Local Law on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023 by the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren and proof of publication of notice of such public hearing, as required by law, having been submitted and filed, and all persons desiring to be heard in connection with said proposed Local Law having been heard, and said proposed Local Law having been in the possession of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren in its final form in the manner required by Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the enactment of Local Law No. E of 2022 has previously been determined to be an Unlisted action and will have no significant adverse impact on the environment thus concluding the SEQR review process; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest to enact said Proposed Local Law No. E of 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that proposed Local Law E of 2022 is hereby enacted as Local Law No. 1 of 2023, as follows:

**“TOWN OF VAN BUREN  
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 of 2023**

**A Local Law Amending the Term and Residency Requirements for the Town  
Comptroller as set forth in Chapter 13 of the Town of Van Buren Town Code**

Be it enacted by the Town of Van Buren Town Board, as follows:

**Section 1. LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE AND INTENT.**

The Town Board of Town of Van Buren adopts this Local Law to revise the residency requirements for the position of Town Comptroller of the Town of Van Buren.

**Section 2. AUTHORITY.**

This local law is enacted pursuant to the New York State Constitution and New York Municipal Home Rule Law § 10.

**Section 3. SUPERCESSION.**

This Local Law shall supersede Public Officers Law § (3)(1).

**Section 4.**

So that Section 13-2 of the Town of Van Buren Town Code, titled “Term of Office,” shall be revised so as to read, in its entirety, as follows:

“The term of office of the Comptroller of the Town of Van Buren that begins January 1, 2023, and continuing for each and every such term thereafter, shall be two (2) years.”

**Section 5.**

So that Section 13-3 of the Town of Van Buren Town Code, titled “Residency requirement,” shall be revised so as to read, in its entirety, as follows:

“To qualify to hold the office of Comptroller of the Town of Van Buren, the holder thereof shall be a resident of the County of Onondaga, State of New York, or an adjacent county.”

**Section 6. Effective Date**

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York, as provided in Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.”

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Roll Call Votes: Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, 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 the town was unsuccessful in getting a grant to update the Comprehensive Plan document. She said there will be feedback on why and we can apply again. She is also going to see if there are any funds available through Onondaga County, in light of the impact Micron will have, to fund an update.

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Foster said he had to call in crews on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day due to the storm and the blowing wind. He said everyone responded and he wanted to publically thank them: David Blaisdell, Chris Godfrey, Nick Delia, Nick Palocy, Eric Smart, Shane Stewart, Keith Hotchkiss, Doug Weller, Dennis Ritchie, Dave Dreher, Dave Jones, Dave Johnson, Mearle Temple, Wayne Baily and Mark Toth.

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Mr. Hulchanski asked if there is a schedule for picking up Christmas trees. Mr. Foster said no, they are making rounds for the next couple weeks and after that people should call the department if they have one to pick up.

Supervisor Comments:

Ms. Sabin wanted to commend Mr. Foster and the Buildings and Grounds department for working out a way for them to use salt from the Highway Department rather than buying bags to save money.

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

026-23-000 MOTION BY Mr. Tupper, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board meeting on January 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, 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 7:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt  
Town Clerk

Dated: 1/5/23