

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on June 5, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

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:

Mr. 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 May 15, 2024:

120-24-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Grover, to approve the minutes from the Regular Town Board Meeting on May 15, 2024 as published.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Citizens Comments:

Mr. Brian Blaisdell, Cross Country Drive, was present to address the Board. He said he has had an issue with a neighbor not mowing their lawn for the past two years. He has reported the problem to the codes office and followed their procedures to make a complaint with no follow up. He asked for the Board's help to ensure this summer the issue will be addressed with the homeowner.

Ms. Lesniak said the town does give homeowners a grace period before issuing a formal violation which gives homeowners a certain numbers of days to correct the violation. She said we may have to look at changing our code to eliminate that grace period for repeated violations.

Approve Vouchers:

121-24-007 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water, to approve payment of 232203-232212, 232226-232275, 232287-232291 in the amount of \$206,327.41.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve budget transfers:

122-24-007 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to authorize capital project for the Maple Road Sidewalk Project and authorize a \$90,000 loan from the General Fund until grant funds are received.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Declare items 589 and 591, two office chairs from Clerk’s Office surplus and authorize disposal:

123-24-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Grover, to declare items 589 and 591, two office chairs from Clerk’s Office surplus and authorize disposal.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Schedule public hearing to establish Van Buren Consolidated Water District Ext. No 3:

Mr. Hoy said this is to extend water to two properties on Herman Road, Kenney Geotechnical and one residential property between that and Alltec. The cost of the project will be paid by Kenney Geotechnical.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE EXTENSION NO. 3
OF THE
VAN BUREN CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT
in the Town of Van Buren,
County of Onondaga, State of New York**

124-24-039 Councilor Sullivan moved and Councilor Hand seconded the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren (the “Town Board” and the “Town”, respectively), in the County of Onondaga, State of New York, has received a Petition pursuant to Article 12 of the Town Law, for the establishment of the Van Buren Consolidated Water District, Extension No. 3 (the “Water District Extension”) in an area generally known as Tax Map Nos.: 055.-02-02.0; 055.-02-03.0, Town of Van Buren, New York, which Petition is signed by the owners of the taxable real property situate in the proposed Water District Extension, owning in the aggregate at least one-half of the assessed valuation of all the taxable real property of the proposed Water District Extension, as shown upon the latest completed assessment roll of said Town, and including the signatures of resident owners of taxable real property owning taxable real property aggregating at least one-half of the assessed valuation of all the taxable real property

of the proposed Water District Extension, owned by resident owners according to the latest completed assessment roll; and

WHEREAS, said Petition purports to describe the boundaries of the proposed Water District Extension in a manner sufficient to identify the lands included therein as in a deed of conveyance and was signed by the Petitioners and acknowledged or proved in the same manner as a deed to be recorded; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Water District Extension is bounded and described in the attached Schedule “A”; and

WHEREAS, the Water District Extension consists of the construction of 8” water main (the “Water Improvements”) in the Town of Van Buren, all as more fully set forth in the map, plan and report, which are now on file in the Office of the Town Clerk; and

WHEREAS, no other agency (including any Federal agency) is involved within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQR”) with respect to this matter, with the result that the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the extension of this special district is an unlisted action for purposes of environmental review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has given due consideration to the impact that such construction in said Water District Extension may have on the environment and on the basis of such consideration, the Town Board will hereby determine the environmental impact, if any, to be caused by such construction 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 amounts proposed to be expended for said improvements in connection with the extension of said Water District, including all legal and engineering expenses incurred by the Town, and all costs of construction of Water Improvements necessary to serve said Water District Extension shall be borne by the Petitioners; and

WHEREAS, the cost of said Extension will be paid by the owners/petitioners upon extension of the Water District and therefore no financing will be required; and

WHEREAS, the permission of the State Comptroller is not required because no issuance of bonds or other indebtedness will be undertaken; and

WHEREAS, all future costs and expenses of operation, maintenance and improvements, in said Water District Extension, including all expenses related to all extensions of said Water District Extension which may thereafter be established, shall be a charge against the entire area of said Water District as extended.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the establishment of the said Water District Extension and construction of improvements therein will have no significant adverse effects on the environment, and this Resolution shall constitute a negative declaration under SEQR for the following reasons:

1. The improvements shall consist of the installation of water facilities and connection to the existing water lines of the District to the identified property, all as described in the Map, Plan and Report submitted by the applicants.
2. Such installation results in no substantial adverse changes in existing air quality, water quality or noise levels, no substantial increase in solid waste production and no substantial increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems.

3. No substantial interference with or adverse effects on animal life are anticipated.
4. None of the other criteria listed in 6 NYCRR Part 617.11 have been identified as being relevant to this action; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that a hearing of the Town Board of said Town of Van Buren shall be held at the Van Buren Town Offices located at 7575 Van Buren Road in the Town of Van Buren on July 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, to consider the proposed Water District Extension herein referred to and the construction of such Water Improvements therein, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same and for such other action on the part of the Town Board with relation thereto as may be required by law; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, the Town Clerk publish at least once in the Post-Standard, a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication, and post on the sign board of the Town maintained pursuant to Subdivision 6 of Section 30 of the Town Law, a copy of this Order, certified by said Town Clerk, the first publication thereof and said posting to be not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of such public hearing; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town Clerk file a certified copy of this order with the Comptroller of the State of New York on or about the date of publication of a copy of this Order.

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

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Appoint seasonal Park & Recreation staff:

125-24-038 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to appoint Emma Huhtala, \$15.75/hr. and Lena Kent is a new lifeguard, \$16.50/hr.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Renew Maintenance Agreement with General Code Publishers for E-Code 360:

126-24-052 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water, to renew the maintenance agreement with General Code Publishers for E-Code 360 (online code book) in the amount of \$1195.00.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Assessor's Report:

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Ms. Golden said the tentative assessment roll was filed May 1st, the office mailed 275 change of assessment notices. She had one informal meeting and three applicants for Grievance Day. There is one Supreme Court filing from Comfort Inn and Village Green Apartments has discontinued their assessment certiorari.

Ms. Golden said the final roll will be filed July 1st. The town's equalization rate is 80%.

Ms. Golden said when the town increased the income ceiling for the senior citizen exemption they had an additional 325 applicants.

Ms. Golden said she has been working in the Codes Office to re-file property folders that had been boxed and has helped to organize existing folders by tax map number. She said there is still work to do but the files are in order for daily use.

Mrs. Van Der Water thanked her for organizing the files.

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments:

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

Mrs. Van Der Water said the town officials participated in the Memorial Day Parade and ceremony that followed. She thanked Mrs. Sullivan for the float decorations.

Mrs. Van Der Water said she and Mrs. Sullivan attended the retirement party for Ruth Troy, Canton Woods Senior Center Director and thanked Ms. Troy for her work over the years.

Supervisor Comments:

Ms. Lesniak said the Board recognized Councilor Hulchanski's retirement and wishes him and his family well in their new home.

Highway Superintendent Comments: None

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

127-24-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Grover, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on June 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt, Town Clerk, Dated: 6/6/24

