

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on March 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

Mr. Robert Grover	Councilor
Mrs. Jennifer Sullivan	Councilor
Mr. Michael Hulchanski	Councilor
Mrs. Wendy Van Der Water	Councilor
Ms. Darcie Lesniak	Deputy Supervisor

Absent:

Mr. Howard Tupper, Councilor
Ms. Mary Frances Sabin, Supervisor

Also Present:

Ms. Nadine Bell	Town Attorney
Mr. Jason Hoy	Town Engineer
Ms. Lynn Precourt	Town Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2023:

061-23-000 MOTION BY Mr. Hulchanski, seconded by Mr. Grover, to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on March 1, 2023 as published.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve Special Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2023:

062-23-000 MOTION BY Mr. Hulchanski, seconded by Mr. Grover, to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting on March 6, 2023 as published.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Citizens Comments: None

Terminate employee #831 effective 3/7/23:

063-23-038 MOTION BY Mr. Hulchanski, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water, to terminate employee #831 effective 3/7/23.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Appoint Marie Giannone as temporary codes clerk 1 assigned to codes office effective 3/20/23 at hourly rate of \$24.31 up to 25/week:

064-23-038 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water, to appoint Marie Giannone as temporary codes clerk 1 assigned to codes office effective 3/20/23 at hourly rate of \$24.31 up to 25/week.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve vouchers for payment 2/22-3/12/23:

065-38-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Grover, to approve payment of claims on abstract dated 3/14/23 in the amount of \$80,840.98.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Introduce Local Law C-2023 extension of current solar moratorium:

066-23-039 Councilor Sullivan introduced proposed Local Law No. C-2023, titled “A Local Law Extending for an Additional Period of Six (6) Months the Moratorium on Solar Farms Within the Town of Van Buren,” and made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilor Van Der Water

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law No. C-2023 has been introduced and will be considered for enactment pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law and Town Law; and

WHEREAS, this proposed moratorium extension will enable the Town to complete its review and comprehensively address the issues involved with solar farm uses; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the potential benefits and desirability of solar farm uses, but determines that time and research is necessary to determine how to properly regulate such use; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has deemed this moratorium extension urgent and immediately necessary in order to preserve status quo while this issue is examined by the Town; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that there are no other involved agencies, the Town Board shall act as lead agency, and that the enactment of this proposed local law is a Type II action under SEQR, thus concluding the environmental review process; and be it further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the Town Board conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law No. C-2023 at the Town Hall located at the Van Buren Town Offices located at 7575 Van Buren Road in the Town of Van Buren on April 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that notice of said public hearing shall be provided at least five (5) days prior to the date of said public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town of Van Buren; and be it further

RESOLVED that pending action on this local law, the Town will neither accept nor process any application pertaining to solar farms.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize Park Pavilion Bid:

067-23-054 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to authorize the Engineer to put out a bid package for a new pavilion in Van Buren Central Park.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments:

Mr. Hulchanski thanked Boy Scout Troop 107 for making and donating bird houses to Canton Woods Senior Center.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the zoning committee met and discussed changes to the schedule of fees. She will get a draft together to circulate to the Board and hopes to get approval next month.

Mrs. Van Der Water said she will attend the Canton Woods Board of Directors meeting next month.

Mr. Grover thanked the Highway Department employees for their work during the recent snowstorm.

Supervisor Comments: None

Highway Superintendent Comments: None

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

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068-23-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Grover, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on April 5, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 7:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt
Town Clerk

Dated: 3/16/23