

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on March 5, 2025 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
Ms. Darcie Lesniak	Councilor
Mrs. Wendy Van Der Water	Supervisor

Also Present:

Ms. Stacy Marris	Town Attorney
Mr. Jason Hoy	Town Engineer
Mr. David Blaisdell	Acting Highway Superintendent
Ms. Lynn Precourt	Town Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Approve Meeting Minutes of Regular Town Board Meeting on February 19, 2025:

068-25-000 MOTION BY Mr. Burke, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to approve the Town Board Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2025 as published.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Citizens Comments:

Mr. Marian Uncu asked if the town can look into the way they plow roads in Canada. He said they have equipment that comes along after the plow and gets rid of the snow at the end of the driveways. He also asked who is responsible for cutting down dead trees and planting new ones on Village Boulevard North and South.

Mr. Blaisdell said he can look into the cost associated with the snow plowing equipment.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the property owners are responsible for the trees.

Approve Comptroller attendance at GFOA conference April 2- 4 in Albany along with related expenses:

069-25-027 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Hand, to approve the Comptroller's attendance at GFOA conference in Albany April 2- 4 at a cost not exceed \$755.00.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve continued participation in the CNY Stormwater Coalition for MS4 compliance in the amount of \$3,600:

070-25-056 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Hand, to authorize the items listed below pursuant to requirements of the New York State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit.

WHEREAS, Town of Van Buren herein called the "Municipality", after thorough consideration of the various aspects of the problem and consideration of available information, has hereby determined that certain work, as described in Attachment A, herein called the "Project", is desirable, is in the public interest, and is required to implement the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board, herein called the "Board", has provided program planning and implementation assistance pertaining to the requirements of the New York State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Stormwater Phase II General Permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) operators since 2002, and

WHEREAS, the Board has proposed staff and education assistance services in support of sustaining the CNY Stormwater Coalition and to provide a regional public education, outreach and training compliance program to reduce municipal staff burdens, ensure consistency, provide widespread priority audience targeting the most efficient use of limited municipal funds by distributing total program costs over a number of entities within a twelve-month timeframe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Town Supervisor or such person's successor in office is the representative authorized to act on behalf of the Municipality's governing body in all matters related the Project;
2. That the Municipality agrees that it will fund its portion of the program cost in the amount of \$3,600, and that those funds will be made available to the Board upon receipt of invoice.
3. That one (1) certified copy of this Resolution will be prepared and sent to the Board upon adoption.
4. That this Resolution take effect immediately.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize the Supervisor to sign waiver for Costello Cooney & Fearon for Baldwinsville Little League:

071-25-001.1 MOTION BY Ms. Lesniak, seconded by Mr. Burke, to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the law firm of Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC, has and does provide representation and general legal services to the Town of Van Buren (the “Town “);and

WHEREAS, Baldwinsville Little League, Inc. (the “Little League”) has requested that Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC, provide representation and general legal services to the Little League; and

WHEREAS, Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC, has evaluated its ability to provide concurrent representation and general legal services to both the Town and the Little League subject to a waiver of actual and potential conflicts; and

WHEREAS, said evaluation and determination is set forth in a letter from Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC, to the Town regarding “Provision of General Legal Services and Waiver of Conflicts of Interest”, dated March 5, 2025 (the “Letter), which is attached and incorporated herein, in its entirety, as Schedule “A”; and

WHEREAS, the Town has had the opportunity to review the Letter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the Waiver of Actual and Potential Conflicts provided by Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC, in the Letter.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments:

Mr. Burke said all the new computers have been installed.

Mrs. Sullivan changed the date of the Facilities Committee meeting to March 27, 2025 at 9:00 am at the Van Buren Central Park Office.

Mr. Grover thanked the Highway Department employees for keeping the roads clear this winter.

Supervisor Comments:

Mrs. Van Der Water said she received an update from Jim Reynolds, the Veterans Outreach Coordinator. She said he collected leftover clothing and delivered to Clear Path for Veterans. He connected with a Van Buren resident who is offering paddleboarding for veterans. He is

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working with the Memorial Day Committee and Corp. Kyle Schneider Foundation to see how they can coordinate together to offer services. Once the town's new website is running there will be more information for veterans available online.

Highway Superintendent Comments: None

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

072-25-000 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Burke, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on March 19, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 7:14 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt
Town Clerk

Dated: 3/6/25