

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren held on November 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	Councilor
Mr. Howard Tupper	Councilor
Mr. Richard Zaccaria	Town Supervisor

Also Present:

Mr. Ken Bush	Onondaga County Legislator
Ms. Nadine Bell	Town Attorney
Mr. Jason Hoy	Town Engineer
Mr. Doug Foster	Highway Superintendent
Mrs. Lynn Precourt	Town Clerk

Approve Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2023:

226-23-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Hulchanski, to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on November 1, 2023 as published.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Citizens Comments:

Mr. Andy Bowes cautioned the traffic study that was done on Crego Road stated the average speed is 47 mph in a 30 mph zone. He asked the Board to consider proactive measures like expanding sidewalks and painting fog lines on the road to help with safety.

Approve Vouchers:

227-23-007 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Grover, to approve claims 231354-231363, 231365-231372, 231385-231386, 231390-231418 in the amount of \$131,410.30.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Public Hearing on 2024 Town and Special Districts Budget:

228-23-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Hulchanski, to recess the regular meeting, open the public hearing and waive reading the legal notice published in *The Messenger* on November 8, 2023.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Ms. Lesniak gave the following presentation on the 2024 budget:

The non-property tax revenues are down, mainly because the town's share of mortgage tax has decreased. The major expenditures in this budget are wages, capital costs, consumables and debt. The higher wages are due in part to rising minimum wage, we have higher insurance premiums and an increase in fuel, asphalt and utilities. The General Fund tax rate has decreased to \$1.55 per thousand of assessed value, the part-town fund is again at zero and the Highway Fund is \$1.92 per thousand of assessed value. These rates reflect a decrease from 11.9-12.9 percent over two years.

Mr. Zaccaria asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of the budget? No one spoke.

Mr. Zaccaria asked if there was anyone to speak against the budget. No one spoke.

229-23-000 MOTION BY Ms. Lesniak, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting at 7:09 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Adopt 2024 Town and Special Districts Budget:

230-23-007 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Tupper, to adopt the 2024 Town and Special Districts Budget as presented on November 15, 2023.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Appropriate funds for park project and budget modifications:

231-23-007 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to approve the following:

Motion to authorize the Budget Officer to make the the following budget modifications

THE PARK AND AUTHORIZE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENT

BUDGET AMENDMENT:

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Authorize use of ARPA funds for paving parking areas and road in Van Buren Central Park

A.0000.2189	ARPA FUNDS	\$	(47,779.00)
A.7110.0400	PARKS CONTRACTUAL	\$	47,779.00

***Use of ARPA for Park Paving
Tarolli & Suit Kote Bills***

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

FROM:	A.9060.0800	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$	(15,000.00)
TO:	A.3120.0400	SHERIFF'S PATROL PARKS	\$	15,000.00

Shortage in Patrol for Parks 2023

FROM:	A.1910.045	UNALLOCATED INSURANCE	\$	(9,000.00)
TO:	A.8160.0400	LANDFILL CONTRACTUAL	\$	9,000.00

Year end

FROM:	A.9050.0800	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$	(70.00)
TO:	A.9055.0800	DISABILITY	\$	70.00

Year end

FROM:	DB.5130.0413	VEHICLE SUPPLIES	\$	(150.00)
TO:	DB.5130.0200	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	\$	150.00

Year end

FROM:	DB.9060.0800	HIGHWAY HEALTH INS.	\$	(120.00)
TO:	DB.9055.0800	HIGHWAY DISABILITY	\$	120.00

Year end

BUDGET AMENDMENT:

SD04.8540.0410	SENECA DRAINAGE	\$	7,000.00
SD05.8540.0431	TIMBER HILLS DRAINAGE	\$	250.00
SW08.8350.0410	ROUTE 173 WATER	\$	13.00
SW09.8350.0410	SORRELL HILL ROAD WATER	\$	2.00
SW10.9350.0410	JACKS REEF WATER	\$	92.00
SW20.9350.0410	CONSOLIDATED WATER	\$	875.00

SW21.8350.04			
10	HH SUPPLY WAER	\$	130.00
SW26.8350.04			
10	WALTERS RD	\$	55.00

Year end all from fund balance

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve new program registration software for Park & Recreation Department:

232-23-037 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Hulchanski, to authorize the Supervisor to execute the contract with Civic Plus for online program registration software for the Parks & Recreation Department in the amount of \$7,463.00 with annual maintenance fee of \$4,725.00.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve playground equipment purchase:

233-23-037 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Tupper, to approve the purchase of playground equipment in the amount of \$30,337.00 from Sourcewell contract with Jeffrey Associates, a subdivision of PlayWorld, contract number 010521-LTS to be paid by remainder of grant funds from Onondaga County after diving board purchase of \$6233.70 with any outstanding amount to be expended from the 2023 General Fund.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Councilor Committee Reports & Comments:

Mrs. Sullivan said the deadline for the Canton Woods wreath sale is November 18th.

Mrs. Sullivan thanked the department heads for putting together thoughtful budgets for next year.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the budget process is long, but, in the end the tax rate is going down. She thanked department heads for their work on the 2024 budget.

Mrs. Van Der Water recognized Roger Hand in the audience and congratulated him on his election to the Town Board. She said she is looking forward to working with him starting in January.

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Ms. Lesniak said she feels like the charges from the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department for enhanced patrols is getting a bit out of control since they are the law enforcement provider for this area and should be providing some routine service.

Ms. Lesniak wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Supervisor Comments:

Mr. Zaccaria thanked all the department heads, board members and budget officer for their work on the 2024 budget.

Mr. Zaccaria said the Code Enforcement Officer is enforcing the no parking in fire lanes and people violating that will be cited.

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Foster reminded residents that there is no on street parking between now and April 15th from two to six am.

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

234-23-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Hulchanski, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on December 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt
Town Clerk

Meeting closed 7:19 pm

Dated: 11/17/23