

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on November 16, 2022 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
Mr. Jason Hoy	Town Engineer
Ms. Lynn Precourt	Town Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Approve minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on November 2, 2022:

162-22-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Hulchanski, to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on November 2, 2022 as published.

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:

Mr. Loren Michels, Cheerwood Drive, said he is not in favor of paying a temporary Comptroller \$70.00 an hour.

Ms. Sabin said that agenda item has been tabled and they will be discussing that personnel issue in an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

Appoint April Herrick as a Clerk II in the Codes Office effective 11/21/22 at \$23.49 an hour:

163-22-038 MOTION BY Mr. Hulchanski, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to appoint April Herrick as a Clerk II in the Codes Office at \$23.49 an hour.

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

Appoint Michelle Vona temporary acting Comptroller at an hourly rate of \$70.00 an hour until Comptroller position is filled:

Ms. Sabin said this agenda item is tabled.

Approve new Covid-19 policy:

164-22-038 MOTION BY Ms. Lesniak, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water, to approve the new Covid-19 policy as amended.

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

Award bid for Connors Road culvert per bid recommendation:

Mr. Hoy said the town received six bids and they were a little higher than the engineer estimate due to the work being done next year and the uncertainty of the economic outlook.

Ms. Sabin said the total cost of the project will be \$700,000 and that is what was originally projected.

165-22-054 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water, to award the Connors Road culvert bid to BP Excavation in the amount of \$647,010.00.

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

Approve contract for Barton & Loguidice to design lower Seneca Knolls storm water system and authorize Supervisor to sign:

Mr. Hoy said the town has completed the drainage work in upper Seneca Knolls and is using ARPA funds to start work in lower Seneca Knolls.

166-22-010 MOTION BY Ms. Lesniak, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve contract with Barton & Loguidice to design lower Seneca Knolls storm water system and authorize Supervisor to sign.

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 & Comments

Mrs. Sullivan encouraged people to check the town website for holiday events being held by the Park and Recreation department.

Mrs. Sullivan wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Hulchanski said he has received calls from residents in Harbor Heights who are unhappy with the storage of a skid steer under the pavilion in Harbour Heights Park. He said the pavilion is used during the neighborhood winterfest.

Ms. Sabin said the skid steer is used to clear the sidewalks from Harbour Heights to River Mall and this is a convenient location to keep it for that use. She said it can be relocated during the winterfest.

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Foster reminded everyone winter parking rules are in effect now until April 15th. There is no on street parking between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am. He urged people to keep their cars off the roads so snow can be cleared safely and effectively.

Supervisor Comments:

Ms. Sabin congratulated Mrs. Sullivan on her recent election.

Ms. Sabin said the Building and Grounds staff, upon a resident request, fixed the entrance to the Iona Corners Cemetery in order to keep out vandals who were tipping over headstones. She said the resident called to thank the staff, he said they were very professional and did a great job on the work.

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

167-22-014 MOTION BY Mr. Hulchanski, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to go into Executive Session to discuss a specific personnel issue and union negotiations 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

168-22-000 MOTION BY Ms. Lesniak, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to close the Executive Session and resume the Regular Meeting at 8:15 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

169-22-000 MOTION BY Ms. Lesniak, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to adjourn to the Special Town Board Meeting on November 22, 2022 at 4:00 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 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt
Town Clerk

Dated: 11/17/22