

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren held on October 4, 2023 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
Mr. Howard Tupper	Councilor
Mr. Richard Zaccaria	Town Supervisor

Absent:

Mr. Robert Grover, Councilor
Ms. Darcie Lesniak, Councilor

Also Present:

Ms. Stacey Marris	Town Attorney
Mr. Jason Hoy	Town Engineer
Mr. Doug Foster	Highway Superintendent
Mrs. Lynn Precourt	Town Clerk

Approve minutes of the September 20, 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting:

194-23-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Hulchanski, to approve minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on September 20, 2023 as published.

Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mr. Hulchanski – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Abstain, Mr. Tupper – Yes, Mr. Zaccaria – Yes

Motion Carried & Adopted

Citizens Comments:

Lisa Jarmuz was present to address the Board with concerns about speeding on Idlewood Boulevard near the elementary school. She said she would like the town to consider a stop sign at the new bus entrance to the school.

Brian Morse and Sabrina Tipton also asked the town to address the speeding issues on Idlewood Boulevard.

Mr. Zaccaria said he will contact the Sheriff's Department and ask for additional speed enforcement in this area.

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Mr. Andy Bowes said there is a potential development near his neighborhood that will likely cause similar issues. He asked the Board to consider using electronic speed signs that record the speed. He said in other states he has seen speed humps that are part of the pavement and not secured to the road.

Approve vouchers:

195-23-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to approve the following claims: 231175, 231183, 231185-231188-231197, 231212-231237 in the amount of \$128,959.03.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Public Hearing to Extend Solar Moratorium Three Months:

196-23-000 MOTION BY Mr. Hulchanski, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water, to recess the regular meeting, open the public hearing and waive reading the legal notice published in *The Messenger* on September 27, 2023.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Mr. Zaccaria asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of this proposed local law.

Mr. Tom Shaw commended the Board for looking into how solar could affect the town in the future.

Mr. Zaccaria asked if there was anyone to speak against this proposed local law. No one spoke.

197-23-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Hulchanski, to close the public hearing and resume the Regular Meeting at 7:34 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Ms. Marris said the town will need to wait for comments from the Onondaga County Planning Board before it can act on this proposed local law.

Budget Transfers and Modifications:

198-23-007 MOTION BY Mr. Tupper, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water to approve the following budget amendment:

Increase: DB5110.0202 \$271,720.00

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Introduction of Local Law J-2023, Overriding the Tax Levy Limit:

Mr. Zaccaria said the town does not have any intention of exceeding and will likely not exceed the cap but this will allow it if necessary.

199-23-039 Councilor Hulchanski introduced proposed Local Law No. J-2023, relating to the ability of the Town of Van Buren to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Van Buren pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Van Buren to adopt a Town budget for the fiscal year 2024 in excess of the “tax levy limit,” if necessary, and made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilor Sullivan:

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of a local law 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, with the result that the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the adoption to said Local Law is an unlisted action for purposes of environmental review 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 Town Board has considered the adoption of said Local Law, has considered the criteria contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617.7 and has compared the impacts which may be reasonably expected to result from the adoption of said Local Law against said criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the enactment of proposed Local Law No. J-2023 is an unlisted action, there are no other involved agencies and this Board shall act as lead agency in this matter for purposes of SEQR review; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED the Town Board has determined this action shall have no significant adverse impact on the environment; that, accordingly, an environmental impact statement (EIS) shall not be required; and that this resolution shall constitute a negative declaration under SEQR; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the Town Board shall conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law No. J-2023 at the Town Hall located at 7575 Van Buren Road in the Town of Van Buren on October 18, 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.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve demolition of 7715 Maple Road:

200-23-034 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Tupper, to approve the demolition of 7715 Maple Road, with the cost to be reimbursed by the property owner, the Baldwinsville Central School District.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments:

Mrs. Sullivan said the Erie Canal Committee members met and discussed the 200 year anniversary happening in 2025. They will be planning some events to celebrate the milestone.

Mrs. Sullivan said she will attend the Canton Woods Board of Directors meeting with Mrs. Van Der Water tomorrow morning.

Supervisor Comments: None

Highway Superintendent Comments: None

Engineer Comments:

Mr. Hoy said the paving of parking areas at the park is complete.

Attorney Comments: None

201-23-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Water to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board meeting on October 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 7:42 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt

Town Clerk

Dated: 10/5/23