

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on September 21, 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 Regular Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2022:

123-22-000 MOTION BY Ms. Lesniak, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting on September 7, 2022 as published.

Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mr. Hulchanski – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes, Ms. Lesniak – Yes, Mr. Tupper – Abstain, Mr. Dudzinski – Yes, Ms. Sabin – Yes

Motion Carried & Adopted

Citizens Comments:

Dawn O'Neill, 220 Bloomfield Street, said she wants to know what the plan is for snow plowing in Treybrook this winter. She also said the weeds, speeding, noise and lack of lighting need to be addressed.

Molly Canzone, 221 Bloomfield Street, said she moved here from out of state where she paid less in taxes for a larger home and she isn't receiving services for her taxes here. She also brought up the presence of police for noise complaints.

Vinnie Turner, 224 Lexi Lane, shared a video with the Board from June of the flooding on his road.

Erin Castor, 212 Bloomfield Street, said she is concerned about speeding and asked what the town can do about that problem. She said she has watched the work being done to alleviate the flooding but doesn't think anyone is taking responsibility for many issues in the development. Ms. Sabin said the speeding issue has to be addressed by the Sheriff's Office.

Phil Cicco, 201 Lexi Lane, said the people from Treybrook are here trying to get assistance for many construction and drainage issues. He said he read the bylaws for the HOA but the developer says town has to enforce and Code Enforcement Officer says it is not town's responsibility.

Ms. Bell said the town is not a party to HOA bylaws and cannot enforce them.

Ms. Jean Akers, 109 Clarewood Drive, asked if citizens can make comments at the end of the meeting if there are questions.

Ms. Sabin said she will address each Treybrook issue individually:

Noise: In order for town to enforce our ordinance someone needs to make a complaint with the CEO. He will issue an appearance ticket and the parties will need to appear in town court. It is necessary for the complainant to appear in court and testify.

Weed control: The site is still under construction and any vegetation on the undeveloped sites, though unsightly, provides erosion control.

Speeding: The town has put up speed limit signs and can ask for enhanced patrols by the Sheriff's Department.

Street Lighting: There is a street lighting district for this development but none were proposed on the plans. Ms. Bell will follow up with next steps to start process to install lighting.

Erosion Control: The developer has been given deadlines for work to be completed under the Town's MS4 (stormwater) plan. The work is on-going. The erosion control methods have been enhanced and changed as per the town engineer's authority.

Road cut on Bloomfield Street: The town was not aware of the installation of the lateral. It is the developer's responsibility to notify homeowners and provide an egress and the town agrees it is unacceptable that none of that was done.

Snow Plowing: The town and the developer have signed an agreement and we are waiting on National Grid's approval. Once that is done the town will plow the roads. The developer has been asked to provide a plan for plowing this winter if National Grid does not approve the agreement. Ms. Bell said she has notified the developer as to the legal items which the town requires and she reviews and approves that all conditions are met to provide a positive legal opinion to the Board to accept the road. The town wants the roads to be turned over to the town so we can maintain them.

Ms. Sabin said the town has stopped issuing permits until the developer is in compliance with regulations.

Accept resignation of budget officer effective 9/14/21:

124-22-038 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mr. Dudzinski, to accept the resignation of Greg Maxwell, budget officer, effective 9/14/22.

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

Ms. Lesniak thanked Mr. Maxwell for his years of service.

Announce 2023 budget worksessions on Wednesday, October 12th and Thursday, October 13th beginning at 6:00 pm:

Ms. Sabin announced the budget worksessions will be on October 12th and 13th beginning at 6:00 pm.

Approve budget transfers per Comptroller’s memo:

125-22-007 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Ms. Lesniak, to approve the following budget transfers:

	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
Justice Court	A.1110.0442	MEMBERSHIP DUES	190.00	
Justice Court	A.1110.0401	OFFICE SUPPLIES		190.00
Town Buildings	A.1620.0404	GASOLINE	2,000.00	
Town Buildings	A.1620.0406	UNIFORMS	200.00	
Town Buildings	A.1620.0422	HEATING OIL/PROPANE	500.00	
Town Buildings	A.1620.0440	LOCAL TRAVEL	200.00	
Shared Services	A.1621.0407	COPY MACHING LEASE	750.00	
Shared Services	A.1621.0441	SAFETY TRAINING		1,800.00
Contingency	A.1990.0400	CONTINGENCY		6,350.00
Highway Admin	A.5010.0404	HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION GASOLINE	6,000.00	
Highway Admin	A.5010.0412	VEHICLE REPAIRS		1,500.00
Parks and Rec	A.7110.0423	WATER	2,000.00	

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Parks and Rec	A.7180.0413	POOL CHEMICALS	3,200.00	
Parks and Rec	A.7189.0407	PROGRAMS.BUS TRANSPORTATION		3,200.00
Parks and Rec	A.7310.0100	YOUTH PROGRAMS.WAGES		2,000.00
Codes	B.3620.0418	COMP SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE	14.00	
Codes	B.3620.0401	OFFICE SUPPLIES	231.00	
Codes	B.3620.0440	LOCAL TRAVEL	225.00	
Codes/Planning	B.8020.0442	MEMBERSHIP DUES	30.00	
Codes	B.3120.0400	POLICE.CONTRACTUAL		500.00
Highway	DB.5130.0405	DIESEL	4,000.00	
Highway	DB.5140.0400	WEED AND BRUSH		4,000.00

Explanation:

A review was conducted of spending to date, and expecting spending for the remainder of 2022. Prices on gasoline, oil, and water and chlorine at the park all increased far more than was anticipated for 2022, so adjustments are necessary to keep the Town within budget for the rest of 2022. Other minor adjustments are necessary due to small increases in miscellaneous annual costs (software, membership dues, etc.) over the prior year.

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 and Comments:

Mr. Dudzinski said the Parks & Recreation Committee met and discussed how the summer went. He said the Board has usage numbers for the pool and programs. He said they developed a donation acceptance form and the Park Director has been instructed to meet with the Corporal Kyle Schneider Foundation to accept their donation of an AED for the pool.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the last time the donation form was discussed Ms. Bell was reviewing it, but, she has a completed one from a resident. She asked why the Board did not approve its use.

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Mr. Dudzinski said it was given to the resident so her request could be made and she could order the bench before the price increased.

Mrs. Sullivan asked how the numbers at the park programs this summer compare to 2019. Ms. Lesniak stated that it is very difficult to compare pool and program usage year over year as many factors impact usage.

Mr. Dudzinski said the Park Director will have those numbers at the budget worksession.

Highway Superintendent Comments: None

Supervisor Comments: None

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

126-22-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Van Der Water, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board meeting on October 5, 2022 at 7:00 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 8:09 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt
Town Clerk

Dated: 9/22/21