

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on June 4, 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. Nadine Bell	Town Attorney
Mr. Jason Hoy	Town Engineer
Mr. David Blaisdell	Acting Highway Superintendent
Ms. Theresa Golden	Assessor
Ms. Lynn Precourt	Town Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Approve Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting on May 21, 2025:

128-25-000 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Burke, to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting on May 21, 2025 as published.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Citizens Comments: None

Budget Transfers and modifications:

129-25-007 MOTION BY Mr. Hand, seconded by Mr. Burke, to approve the following budget transfers:

FROM:	A.1990.0400	GENERAL CONTINGENCY	\$ (6,615.00)
TO:	A.1620.0400	BUILDING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE <i>(Emergency Repair for water break)</i>	\$ 6,615.00
FROM:	A.1990.0400	GENERAL CONTINGENCY	\$ (340.00)

TO:	A.3510.0400	DOG CONTROL AGREEMENT	\$
		<i>(Increase in price?)</i>	340.00

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Public Hearing to consider Local Law B-2025:

130-25-000 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Burke, to recess the regular meeting, open the public hearing and waive reading the legal notice published in the *Post Standard* on May 29, 2025.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Ms. Bell said this local law reduces the minimum number of acres from 15 to ten for a PUD zoning designation.

Mrs. Van Der Water asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of this local law. No one spoke,

Mrs. Van Der Water asked if there was anyone to speak against this local law.

Mr. Michael Meyers, Commane Road, said this would allow Eldan Homes to ask for a PUD on the property at the corner of Rt. 31 and Commane Road. He said a PUD will allow for even smaller lots than the ones allowed in previous zone change requests that have been denied. He said even if he can build duplexes, he'd rather see that stay at one acre lots rather than smaller ones to allow for more houses.

Ms. Janet Rasbeck, Commane Road, said 20 years ago a PUD was granted for Eldan Homes to build in Harbour Heights and what was discussed and what was allowed to be built were very different.

Mrs. Van Der Water said there are different people on the Town and Planning Boards and both will work together to make sure it's clear what everyone wants to see this look like.

131-25-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Grover, to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting at 7:20 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Assessor's Report:

174 Change of Assessment Notices were mailed the week of April 14, 2025

Informal meetings with the Assessor were scheduled the week of April 21 and April 28. A total of 5 informal appointments were scheduled.

The Tentative Assessment Roll was filed on May 1st and 80 Change of Taxable Status Notices were mailed to property owners.

Grievance Day was held by appointment on Tuesday May 27. 5 appointments were scheduled and 1 was paperwork only. 1 was received on May 28 and was too late for Grievance Day.

The Equalization Rate for the Town of Van Buren 2025 Assessment Roll is 70%.

The Town of Lysander is hosting an Assessment Staff Training lunch/meeting for Onondaga County on Wednesday June 11 at Noon.

The guest speaker will be discussing deed issues. I will be teaching exemption liability issues/steps as County changes input format.

The Assessor is scheduled to attend a required Ethics Course in Liverpool on June 18th.

The Assessor's annual Disclosure Statement was filed with the Supervisor and Town Clerk as required by Law.

The Assessor's current term will expire on September 30, 2025. The Assessor will accept reappointment, but is not committing to the full 6 years as a shared Assessor with Lysander.

Approve two seasonal buildings and grounds employees per memo:

132-25-038 MOTION BY Mr. Hand, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to approve the following seasonal buildings and grounds employees:

Acea Hinman

Start Date: June 16th 2025 End Date: Aug 29th 2025 Wage: \$18.50

(2nd Summer with the Town little to no Training)

Caleb Luke

Start Date: June 16th 2025 End Date: Aug 29th 2025 Wage: \$18.00

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve seasonal summer staff for Parks & Recreation Department:

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133-25-038 MOTION BY Ms. Lesniak, seconded by Mr. Grover, to approve the following seasonal summer staff for Parks & Recreation:

Recreation Aide Staff:

Leah Brookins is a 1 year employee with the Town..

Start Date: 6/01/25 End Date: 8/31/25 2025 wage: \$16.00/hr

Concession/Pool Gate Staff:

Emma Huhtala is a 2 year employee with the Town.

Start Date: 6/01/25 End Date: 8/31/25 Last year's wage: \$15.75/hr 2025 wage: \$16.00/hr

Lifeguard Staff:

Sophia Cavalieri is two year employee with the Town.

Start Date: 6/01/25 End Date: 8/31/25 2024 wage: \$16.50/hr 2025 wage: \$19.75/hr.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Appoint Fire Marshall:

134-25-002 MOTION BY Mr. Burke, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to appoint Thomas Fuzia Fire Marshall.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Accept resignation from Tim Ganey, Code Enforcement Officer:

135-25-038 MOTION BY Mr. Hand, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to accept the resignation of Tim Ganey, Code Enforcement Officer. Mrs. Van Der Water said we will miss Tim and wished him the best.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Schedule Public Hearing on Local Law C-2025:

136-25-039 Councilor Sullivan introduced proposed Local Law No. C-2025, titled “A Local Law Confirming the Zoning Designation for Certain Property as Being Zoned Planned Unit Development (PUD) in the Town of Van Buren and Amending the 2019 Marion Meadows PUD Zoning Plan,” which Local Law would adopt a revised development plan for the Marion Meadows PUD, prepared by Ianuzi & Romas Land Surveying, P.C., dated January 20, 2025, last revised May 29, 2025, which sets forth the subdivision of Lot No. 91 into two (2) parcels consisting of Lot No. 91A and Lot No. 91B, as shown on the revised PUD map, which was seconded by Councilor Grover, to wit:

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; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Van Buren's Planning Board recommended approval of this action at its May 13, 2025 meeting; and

WHEREAS, this Planned Unit Development (PUD), was referred to the Onondaga County Planning Board in July of 2013, and that Board concluded there were no significant adverse inter-community or county-wide implications; and

WHEREAS, since there are only minor changes at this time to said PUD plan, no further referral to the Onondaga County Planning is required; and

WHEREAS, a Short EAF in support of this Local Law 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. C-2025 is an unlisted action, the Town Board shall proceed as lead agency on an uncoordinated basis in this matter for purposes of SEQRA review; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, the Town Board upon review of the plan, the Short EAF and project, has determined this action, which principally involves the subdivision of Lot No. 91 into two (2) parcels without otherwise impacting the density or layout of the proposed development, will have no 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 SEQRA and further ratifies and reaffirms the negative declaration of November 4, 2015; 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. C-2025 at the Van Buren Town Offices located at 7575 Van Buren Road in the Town of Van Buren on June 18, 2025 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.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize Supervisor to sign for fire hydrants in Treybrook:

137-25-051 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Grover, to authorize the Supervisor to sign agreement with OCWA for placement of two fire hydrants in the Treybrook neighborhood.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Update from County Legislator Brian May:

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Mr. May said the County is waiting for a waiver from New York State to begin accepting applications for daycare assistance. He said a combination of things caused the program to fall short of money to fully fund the program for all those who participate.

Mr. May said the County has earmarked \$37 Million Dollars to locate and acquire land for industries that will supply Micron. He said the County is hoping to keep a majority of these industries here in Onondaga County.

Councilor Committee Reports:

Mr. Burke said the new server has been delivered.

Mrs. Sullivan said she received reports from Buildings and Grounds and the Parks & recreation Department and both are getting ready for summer activities. They have a Facilities Committee meeting scheduled for June 13th at 8:30 am.

Mr. Grover said the next Comprehensive Land Use Committee meeting is June 16th. The town is still looking for volunteers. You can attend the meeting in person or the zoom information is on the town's website.

Supervisor Comments:

Mrs. Van Der Water said the water chestnut treatment has been delayed because of the rain.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the burn ban has been lifted and applications for permits are available in the Codes Office.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the town is accepting resumes for Code Enforcement Officer.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the 2024 Census report is out and Van Buren gained ten residents.

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Blaisdell said road work will begin once school is out for the summer.

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

138-25-000 MOTION BY Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Grover, to adjourn to the next regular Town Board Meeting on June 18, 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

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Meeting closed 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt

Town Clerk

Dated: 6/5/25