

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on October 1, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

Mrs. Charity Gustke	Councilor
Mr. Roger Hand	Councilor
Mr. Robert Grover	Councilor
Mrs. Jennifer Sullivan	Councilor
Mrs. Wendy Van Der Water	Supervisor

Absent:

Mr. Michael Burke, Councilor  
Ms. Darcie Lesniak, Councilor

Also Present:

Nadine Bell	Town Attorney
Mr. Jason Hoy	Town Engineer
Mr. David Blaisdell	Acting Highway Superintendent
Ms. Lynn Precourt	Town Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Citizens Comments: None

Approve Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting September 17, 2025:

198-25-000 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Hand, to approve the meeting minutes of Regular Town Board Meeting on September 17, 2025 as published.

Mrs. Gustke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover- Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes

Motion Carried & Adopted

Citizens Comments:

Mr. Andy Bowes, Hunter Drive, asked about the status of the money requested for sidewalks on Tappan Street.

Mr. Hoy said that was on our Community Development Grant five year plan for the last year, which is 2029.

Mr. Bowes said fog lines on the road would also be helpful.

Public Hearing to hear comments on proposed Local Law D-25:

199-25-000 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to recess the regular meeting, open the public hearing and waive reading the legal notice published in the *Post Standard* on September 25, 2025.

Mrs. Gustke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover- Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes

Motion Carried & Adopted

Mrs. Van Der Water said this is a housekeeping issue, the Board has never exceeded the tax cap.

Mrs. Van Der Water asked if there is anyone to speak in favor or against this proposed local law. No one spoke.

Mr. Bowes spoke in favor of the proposed local law.

200-25-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Gustke, seconded by Mr. Grover, to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting at 7:10 pm.

Mrs. Gustke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover- Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes

Motion Carried & Adopted

Action on Local Law D-25:

201-25-030 The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Sullivan, who moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Hand, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a proposed local law titled Local Law No. D-2025, “A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c in the Town of Van Buren,” was presented and introduced at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren held on September 17, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on such proposed local law on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2025, by the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren and proof of publication of notice of such public hearing, as required by law, having been submitted and filed, and all persons desiring to be heard in connection with said proposed local law having been heard, and said proposed local law having been in the possession of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren in its final form in the manner required by Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the enactment of proposed Local Law No. D-2025 has previously been determined to be an unlisted action and will have no significant effect on the environment thus concluding the SEQR review process; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest to enact said proposed Local Law No. D-2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, Onondaga County, New York, does hereby enact proposed Local Law No. D-2025 as Local Law No. 4-2025 as follows:

**“TOWN OF VAN BUREN  
LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2025**

**A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED  
IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C IN THE TOWN OF VAN BUREN**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren as follows:

**Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT**

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Van Buren, County of Onondaga pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Van Buren to adopt a Town budget for (a) Town purposes; (b) fire protection districts; and (c) any other special or improvement district governed by the Town Board for the fiscal year 2026, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by the General Municipal Law §3-c.

**Section 2. AUTHORITY**

This local law is adopted pursuant to Subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

**Section 3. TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE**

The Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, County of Onondaga, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law §3-c.

**Section 4. SEVERABILITY**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article or part of this local law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operations to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

**Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This local law shall take effect upon enactment by the Town Board.”

Roll Call Votes: Mrs. Gustke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover- Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes,  
Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes

Motion Carried & Adopted

Declare computer hardware surplus and authorize disposal:

202-25-034 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to declare the following items surplus and authorize disposal:

INVENTORY #	PRODUCT
00290	Monitor
00292	Monitor
0558	Monitor
0568	Tower
0571	Fax
0580	Tower
0585	Tower
0586	Tower
0587	Tower
0670	Tower
1865357	Jason Tower

#### NON-INVENTORIED COMPUTERS

INVENTORY #	PRODUCT
PC 1601 (Front Clerks)	Tower
PC 1604 (Tom Fuzia)	Tower
PC 1702-1 (Diane)	Tower
PC 1902-1 (Mike Knowlton)	Tower
PC 1903 (Parks front office)	Tower
PC 1907 (Kim Codes Clerk)	Tower
PC 1908 (Lynn)	Tower
PC 2302 (Heidi)	Tower
Serial: KKAF40173	Canon Printer

Mrs. Gustke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover- Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes

Motion Carried & Adopted

2026-2028 Dog Control Agreement with CNYSPCA (3 year contract with an annual fee of \$26000, \$27,000 and \$28,000):

Mrs. Van Der Water said this item will be tabled.

2026 Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Agreement with CNY SPCA for the fee of \$4819.50:

Mrs. Van Der Water said this item will be tabled.

Schedule public hearing for 2026 Budget for 11/5/25:

202-25-039 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Hand, to schedule a pubic hearing to hear comments on the proposed 2026 town and special districts budget.

Mrs. Gustke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover- Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes

Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize the \$113,000 check received from Highway vehicles and equipment sent to auction to be moved into Highway Vehicle Reserve:

203-25-026 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to authorize the \$113,000 check received from Highway vehicles and equipment sent to auction to be moved into Highway Vehicle Reserve.

Mrs. Gustke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover- Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes

Authorize Supervisor to execute addendum to the Marion Gardens LLC purchase agreement for two acres of town property next to the Town Hall:

Mrs. Van Der Water said the Town entered into Purchase and Sale Contract on September 5, 2024, and the buyers wanted a 90-day due diligence period to examine, inspect and investigate the property for the proposed commercial use, and to amend the Mairon Meadows PUD. The amendment was prepared in May but fell through the cracks and not approved by the Town Board. She said the buyer has had since May to do their due diligence and at this time she is proposing to amend the addendum to provide a 30-day due diligence period.

204-25-010 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the addendum to purchase and sale contract addendum with Marion Gardens Apartments, LLC, as amended to reflect a 30-day due diligence period, for the purchase of a two acre parcel adjacent to Town Hall.

Mrs. Gustke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover- Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes

Authorize Supervisor to execute contract with Williamson for codes software:

205-25-010 MOTION BY Mrs. Gustke, seconded by Mr. Grover, to authorize the Supervisor to execute annual software contract with Williamson for codes software.

Mrs. Gustke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover- Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes

Appoint Charles Gambino as Director of Code Enforcement:

206-25-038 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Gustke, to appoint Charles Gambino as Director of Code Enforcement effective October 2, 2025 at an annual salary of \$65,000.

Mrs. Gustke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover- Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments:

Mr. Grover, on behalf of Mr. Burke, would like to schedule a Public Safety Committee meeting on October 8, 2025 at 9:00 am at the Highway Garage.

Mrs. Sullivan said the Canton Woods Board of Directors meeting has been rescheduled for October 9, 2025 at 7:45 am.

Mrs. Sullivan encouraged people to attend the Erie Canal celebration on Paper Mill Island this Friday.

Supervisor Comments:

Mrs. Van Der Water said the September Codes Office report indicates they closed seven building permits, did 20 inspections and issued 16 new permits.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the results of the Community Survey done by the Comprehensive Land Use Committee are as follows:

Residents want to protect the character of the community, preserve farmland and have concerns about over development and traffic congestion. They are also interested in expanding recreational opportunities.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the 2023 Community Development Grant project for Snowdale Park is done and she hopes the people in the neighborhood are happy with the park.

Highway Superintendent Comments: None

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

207-25-014 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to recess the regular meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at 7:23 pm

Mrs. Gustke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover- Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes

208-25-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Gustke, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to close the Executive Session and resume the regular meeting at 8:03 pm.

Mrs. Gustke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover- Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes

209-25-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Gustke, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting o October 15, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Mrs. Gustke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mr. Grover- Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes

Meeting closed 8:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt, Town Clerk

Dated: 10/2/2