

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on March 4, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

Mr. Chris Sherwood	Councilor
Mr. Michael Burke	Councilor
Mr. Roger Hand	Councilor
Mr. Robert Grover	Councilor
Mrs. Jennifer Sullivan	Councilor
Mrs. Wendy Van Der Water	Supervisor

Absent: Mrs. Charity Gustke, Councilor

Also Present:

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Approve Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting on February 18, 2026:

065-26-000 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting held on February 18, 2026 as published.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Citizens Comments:

Mr. Andy Bowes, 116 Hunter Drive, handed out a development map to the Board and asked it be shared with Planning Board members as well. He said this condensed plan has more green space available and the same number of homes as currently proposed on the Crego Farm lot.

Budget transfers and modifications:

066-26-007 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Hand, to approve the following budget transfers and modifications:

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

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FROM:	A.9060.0800	Health Insurance	\$	(2,860.69)
TO:	A.1355.0100	Personal Services	\$	2,860.69
		Assessor - Personal Services		
FROM:	A.9060.0800	Health Insurance	\$	(263.63)
TO:	A.1410.0100	Personal Services	\$	263.63
		Clerk - Personal Services		
FROM:	A.9060.0800	Health Insurance	\$	(4,527.08)
TO:	A.1440.0100	Personal Services	\$	4,527.08
		Engineer - Personal Services		
FROM:	A.9060.0800	Health Insurance	\$	(20.21)
TO:	A.7310.100	Rec Youth Program = Wages	\$	20.21
		Playground & Rec Centers - Personal Services		
FROM:	B.9060.0800	Health Insurance	\$	(765.67)
TO:	B.5182.0425	Street Lighting	\$	765.67
		Playground & Rec Centers - Personal Services		
FROM:	SL06.0000.0909	Seneca Knolls SL Fund Balance	\$	(4.74)
TO:	SL.5182.0425	Seneca Knolls - Lighting	\$	4.74
		Seneca Knolls - Lighting		
FROM:	SL15-0000-0909	Marion Meadows SL Fund Balance	\$	353.73
TO:	SL15-5182-0425	Marion Meadows Street Lighting	\$	(353.73)
		Marion Meadows Street Lighting		

Motion to authorize the Comptroller to further make the the following budget modifications for 2026

2026 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

FROM:	A.1990.0400	Contingency	\$	(479.05)
TO:	A.1010.0441	Conferences and Training	\$	479.05
		Town Board Members		
FROM:	A.1990.0400	Contingency	\$	(631.49)
TO:	A.7551.0400	Veterans Organization	\$	631.49
		Veterans Organization		

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FROM:	A.1990.0400	Contingency	\$ (700.00)
TO:	A.5132.0426	Highway Garage Security Systems	\$ 700.00
		Highway - Security	

FROM:	A.1990.0400	Contingency	\$ (70.00)
TO:	A.1110.0442	Court Memberships	\$ 70.00

FROM:	A.1990.0400	Contingency	\$ (3,307.06)
TO:	A.1315.0418	Accounting Software	\$ 3,307.06
		KVS Bill Went up \$2,000+	

FROM:	A.1990.0400	Contingency	\$ (35.56)
TO:	A.1950.0451	Taxes on Town Property	\$ 35.56
		Taxes on Town Property went up	

FROM:	A.0000.0909	General Fund Balance	\$ (23,100.00)
TO:	A.9950.0900	Transfer to Capital Projects	\$ (23,100.00)
		Seneca Knolls Drainage Design Capital Projec.	

FROM:	A.0000.0909	Fund Balance	\$ (6,049.00)
TO:	A.1410.0444	Town Clerk Tax Bills	\$ 6,049.00

FROM:	B.9060.0800	Health Insurance	\$ (800.00)
TO:	B.3620.0412	Vehicle Repairs	\$ 800.00

FROM:	B.9060.0800	Health Insurance	\$ (50.00)
TO:	B. 8020.0441	Planning Conference	\$ 50.00

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize capital project and appropriate \$23,100.00 for fund balance for the remainder of the Lower Seneca Knolls Drainage Design Project:

067-26-013 MOTION BY Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Grover, to authorize capital project and appropriate \$23,100.00 for fund balance for the remainder of the Lower Seneca Knolls Drainage Design Project.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize Supervisor to sign an Amendment with Onondaga County for Enhanced Police whereby amending the Enhanced Patrol Rate for 2026:

068-26-001.1 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Grover, to authorize Supervisor to sign amendment with Onondaga County for Enhanced Police whereby amending the Enhanced patrol rate for 2026.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments:

Mrs. Sullivan said she had a Facilities Committee meeting and they discussed a five year plan for capital projects. The Buildings and Grounds Department has redone the floor at the lodge and it looks great. They are working on changing pool filters. The summer recreation program has filled 115 out of 140 spots and all field trips are full.

Mrs. Sullivan said they will be putting up speed aware signs in the park to encourage people to slow down.

Mrs. Sullivan said there is an Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th.

Mr. Grover said they had a Comprehensive Land Use Plan meeting and they have completed all sections and should have a draft plan available soon.

Supervisor Comments:

Mrs. Van Der Water said the monthly report from Codes Office states they opened two building permits and closed six. They have been busy with fire inspections.

Mrs. Van Der Water said she attended a meeting with a coalition of fire departments to discuss the lack of volunteers. She said they are talking about various ways to entice new members including offering paid positions.

Mrs. Van Der Water said Earth Day is April 24th and groups can register with OCRRA to get stickers for bags of roadside trash.

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Blaisdell said the department will be open and accepting trash with the OCRRA stickers from registered groups on April 24th.

Engineer Comments: None

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Attorney Comments: None

069-26-014 MOTION BY Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Grover, to recess the regular meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at 7:18 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

070-26-000 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Burke, to close the Executive Session and resume the regular meeting at 7:53 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

071-26-000 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Burke, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board meeting on March 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 7:53 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt
Town Clerk

Dated: 3/6/26