

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on April 1, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

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

Also Present:

Ms. Rich Andino	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 Town Board Meeting on March 18, 2026:

083-25-000 MOTION BY Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Burke, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting on March 18, 2026 as published.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Update from Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency Representative:

Mr. Daniel Quackenbush was present to update the Board. He said they have begun the search for a new Executive Director. He said he does have information on Site 31 to share with the Board and has been asked to do so in an executive session. He said work continues on the Ley Creek Transfer Station. He said OCRRA is in talks with Miracle Gro to sell mulch from the Amboy Compost Station. He said the agency's revenue from selling electricity from the Waste to Energy Plant to National Grid has significantly increased which is helping ease the strain on the budget from increased trucking costs.

Budget transfers and modifications:

084-25-007 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Grover, to approve the following budget transfers:

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FROM:	A.1990.0400	CONTINGENCY	\$ (7,000.00)
TO:	A.7110.0411	PARK REPAIR LINE RECREATION PARK REPAIR LINE	\$ 7,000.00

FROM:	A.1620.0100	Personal Service - B&G	\$ (3,000.00)
TO:	A.7110.0411	PARK REPAIR LINE RECREATION PARK REPAIR LINE	\$ 3,000.00

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Public Hearing for 2026 Community Development Five Year Plan:

085-26-023 MOTION BY Mr. Hand, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to recess the regular meeting, open the public hearing at 7:07 pm and waive reading the legal notice published in the *Post Standard* on March 29, 2026.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Mr. Hoy presented the following five year plan:

2026 Application

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Total Project Cost	\$62,500
Town's Share	(\$ 12,500)
<i>Requested Community Development Funds:</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>

2027 Application

Canton Woods Senior Center Kitchen Upgrades (Meals-on-Wheels)

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2028 Application

Idlewood Boulevard Traffic Calming

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2029 Application

Lower Seneca Knolls Drainage and Pavement Rehabilitation – Phase 1

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2030 Application

Lower Seneca Knolls Drainage and Pavement Rehabilitation – Phase 2

Continued rehabilitation of drainage and pavement in the Lower Seneca Knolls area. The rehabilitation would generally consist of closed drainage installation and milling and asphalt overlay of the existing pavement with minor pavement repairs.

2031 Application

Lower Seneca Knolls Drainage and Pavement Rehabilitation – Phase 3

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Mrs. Van Der Water asked if there was anyone to speak in favor or against this proposed five year plan. No one spoke.

086-26-023 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting at 7:09 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve 2026 Community Development Five Year Plan:

087-26-023 MOTION BY Mr. Burke, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to approve the following five year plan and 2026 application for Community Development Block Grant:

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Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize Supervisor to execute the Landlord Estoppel Certificate for TJA-NY-Van Buren Solar Farm, LLC & Nexampt CWF 1 Borrower, LLC:

088-26-000 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Gustke, to authorize the Supervisor to execute the Landlord Estoppel Certificate for TJA-NY-NY-Van Buren Solar Farm, LLC & Nexampt CWF 1 Borrower, LLC.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve Ray Reynolds, H.R. Consultant, for services at \$150.00 an hour, not to exceed five hours:

089-26-010 MOTION BY Mrs. Gustke, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to approve ray Reynolds, H.R. Consultant, for services at \$150.00 an hour not to exceed five hours.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Appoint Mason White as permanent Recreation Supervisor for Onondaga County Civil Service effective March 30, 2026:

090-26-038 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Grover, to appoint Mason White as permanent Recreation Supervisor for Onondaga County Civil Service effective March 30, 2026.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve MOA with AFSCME for Dennis Ritchie, Highway Mechanic:

091-26-038 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Burke, to reject the MOA with AFSCME for Dennis Ritchie, Highway Mechanic.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize the Supervisor to sign contract with Morgan Rubbish Removal:

092-26-010 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Burke, to authorize the Supervisor to sign a one year contract with Morgan Rubbish Removal for Van Buren Central Park trash removal.

Mr. Sherwood – Yes, Mrs. Gustke – 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 received an email from County Legislator Bush regarding water chestnut removal in Cayuga County. She said this will help with some large mats of chestnuts on Cross Lake.

Mrs. Sullivan said she has a Canton Woods Board of Directors meeting tomorrow.

Mrs. Sullivan congratulated Mason White on his permanent appointment.

Mr. Grover said there is a Land Use Committee meeting on April 8th at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. He said all are welcome to attend.

Mr. Grover wished Mrs. Sullivan a happy Birthday and congratulated Mr. White.

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Supervisor Comments:

Mrs. Van Der Water said the town received 150 seedling trees from Onondaga County Department of Soil and Water. She said they will be planted in the park to replace ash trees.

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Mrs. Van Der Water will attend a meeting on April 9th to discuss Greenway & Blueway projects. She said they will discuss hiking and bicycle trails.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the town received a grant through Senator May's Office for re-wiring of the town hall and park facilities. She said that work started today.

Mrs. Van Der Water said she is working with Mrs. Gustke on bringing an E-Waste Recycling Event to Van Buren Central Park. She will have more details in the near future.

Highway Superintendent Comments: None

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

093-26-014 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Burke, to recess the regular meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:22 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

094-26-000 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Burke, to close the Executive Session and resume the regular meeting at 8:20 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

095-26-000 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Burke, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on April 15, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt

Town Clerk

Dated: 4/2/26

