

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on May 6, 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
Mrs. Jennifer Sullivan	Councilor
Mrs. Wendy Van Der Water	Supervisor

Absent: Mr. Robert Grover, Councilor

Also Present:

Ms. Nadine Bell	Town Attorney
Mr. Jason Hoy	Town Engineer
Ms. Lynn Precourt	Town Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Approve Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting on April 15, 2026:

108-26-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Gustke, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on April 15, 2026 as published.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Citizens Comments: None

Accept 2025 Annual Financial Report:

109-26-007 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Burke, to accept the 2025 Annual Financial Report.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Accept records of activity and establish service credit to be reported to NYS Retirement System:

110-26-038 MOTION BY Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Burke, to accept the records of activity submitted and establish the following service credit to be reported to NYS Retirement System:

David Blaisdell, 20 days per month, 30 days in month with three payrolls  
Chris Sherwood, 2.66 days per month, 3.99 days in month with three payrolls  
Robert Grover, .75 days per month, 1.13 days in month with three payrolls  
Charity Gustke, 4.88 days per month, 7.32 days in month with three payrolls  
Wendy Van Der Water, 11.96 days per month, 17.94 days in month with three payrolls  
Jay Plumley, 15.37 days per month, 23.05 days in month with three payrolls  
Jennifer Sullivan, 3.18 days per month, 4.77 days in month with three payrolls  
Mr. Sherwood – Yes, Mrs. Gustke – Yes, Mr. Burke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes

Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize Engineer to go out to bid for Canton Woods Senior center furnace for bid opening June 11, 2026 at 10:00 am:

111-26-054 MOTION BY Mr. Hand, seconded by Mrs. Gustke, to authorize Engineer to go out to bid for Canton Woods Senior Center furnace for bid opening June 11, 2026 at 10:00 am.  
Mr. Sherwood – Yes, Mrs. Gustke – Yes, Mr. Burke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes

Motion Carried & Adopted

Authorize Engineer to put out RFP for septic system for Pavilion AA, with RFP's to be opened May 29, 2026 at 10:00 am

112-26-054 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to authorize Engineer to put out RFP for septic system for Pavilion AA, with RFP's to be opened May 29, 2026 at 10:00 am.  
Mr. Sherwood – Yes, Mrs. Gustke – Yes, Mr. Burke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes

Motion Carried & Adopted

Declare item #572, a desktop scanner and #228, computer speakers, surplus and authorize disposal:

113-26-000 MOTION BY Mr. Burke, seconded by Mrs. Gustke, to declare item #572, a desktop scanner and #228, computer speakers, surplus and authorize disposal.  
Mr. Sherwood – Yes, Mrs. Gustke – Yes, Mr. Burke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mrs. Sullivan – Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve supervisor to sign service agreement with 3C Human Resources Consulting, Inc. to expire 12/31/26 at a cost of \$500.00 per month:

114-26-001.1 MOTION BY Mrs. Gustke, seconded by Mr. Hand, to authorize the supervisor to sign the service agreement with 3C Human Resources Consulting, Inc. to expire 12/31/26 at a cost of \$500.00 per month.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve seasonal park staff and wages per memo from Park Director dated 4/30/26:

115-26-038 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Hand, to approve the following seasonal park staff and wages per memo from Park Director dated 4/30/26:

**Summer Assistant (Office):**

Mary Beth Valentine is a 21-year employee with the Town.

Start Date: 7/7/26 End Date: 08/31/26 Last year's wage: \$18.25/hr 2026 wage: \$18.50.

**Recreation Head Staff:**

Emma Warren is a 6 year employee with the Town.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 12/31/26 Last year's wage: \$18.00/hr 2026 wage: \$18.25/hr

James Brussel is a 7 year employee with the Town.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 12/31/26 Last year's wage: \$18.25/hr 2026 wage: \$18.50/hr

**Recreation Aide Staff:**

Juli Rogers is a 2nd year employee with the Town.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 2025 wage: \$16.00/hr 2026 wage: \$16.25/hr

Daniel Widrick is a 2nd year employee with the Town.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 2025 wage: \$16.00/hr 2026 wage: \$16.25/hr

Sydney Neish is a 2nd year employee with the Town.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 2025 wage: \$16.00/hr 2026 wage: \$16.25/hr

Acadia Gates is a 2nd year employee with the Town.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 2025 wage: \$16.00/hr 2026 wage: \$16.25/hr

Gianna Carbone is a 2nd year employee with the Town.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 2025 wage: \$16.00/hr 2026 wage: \$16.25/hr

Caitlyn Guilfoil is a 2nd year employee with the Town.

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Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 2025 wage: \$16.00/hr 2026 wage: \$16.25/hr

Laurin Coomey is a 4 year employee with the Town.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 Last year's wage: \$16.50/hr 2025 wage: \$16.75/hr

Jack Doyle is a 5 year employee with the Town.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 Last year's wage: \$16.75/hr 2024 wage: \$17.00/hr

Madayia Simons is a new employee with the Town.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 2026 wage: \$16.00/hr

Marjanae Ruscitto-Donato is a new employee with the Town.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 2026 wage: \$16.00/hr

Keri Lambert is a new employee with the Town.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 2026 wage: \$16.00/hr

Alyssa Grover is a new employee with the Town.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 2026 wage: \$16.00/hr

Alexis Blanchard is a new employee with the Town.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 2026 wage: \$16.00/hr

**Concession/Pool Gate Staff:**

Liana Youst is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year employee with the Town.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 Last year's wage: \$16.25/hr 2026 wage: \$16.50/hr

Kairi Rodriguez is a new year employee with the Town.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 2026 wage: \$16.00/hr

Gavin Parfitt is a new year employee with the Town.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 2026 wage: \$16.00/hr

**Lifeguard Staff:**

Mackenzie Lloyd is a returning Head guard/WSI with the Town (5th year). Mackenzie will also be taking on one of the roles of Lifeguard Manger for the Town.

Start Date: 05/11/26 End Date: 8/31/26 Last year's wage:\$21.00/hr 2026 wage: \$21.70/hr

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Campbell Boslet is a returning lifeguard with the Town (4th year). Campbell will be moving up to head guard.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 Last year's wage: \$19.75/hr 2026 wage: \$21.25/hr

Ethan Kraynak is a returning sub-lifeguard with the Town. This will be Ethan's fourth year.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 Last year's wage: \$19.50/hr 2026 wage: \$19.75/hr

Rosalie Kraynak is a sub-lifeguard with the Town. This will be Rosalie's third year.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 Last year's wage: \$19.25/hr 2026 wage: \$19.50/hr

Nathan Georger is a returning lifeguard with the Town. This will be Nathan's third year.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 Last year's wage: \$19.25/hr 2026 wage: \$19.50/hr

Eliza Gramiak is a 3rd-year employee with the Town. Eliza will be a full-time lifeguard.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 Last year's wage: \$19.25/hr 2026 wage: \$19.50/hr

Lilyanna Kupiec is a returning lifeguard with the Town. It will be Lilyanna's fourth year.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 Last year's wage: \$19.50/hr 2026 wage: \$19.75/hr

Mia Rinko is a returning lifeguard with the Town. This will be Mia's fourth year.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 Last year's wage: \$19.50/hr 2026 wage: \$19.75/hr

Trevor Valenti is a returning lifeguard with the Town. This will be Trevor's fourth year.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 Last year's wage: \$19.75/hr 2026 wage: \$20.00/hr

Lilly Rogers is a returning lifeguard with the Town. This will be Lily's fourth year.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 Last year's wage: \$19.75/hr 2026 wage: \$20.00/hr

Jackson Rinko is a returning lifeguard with the Town. This will be Jackson's second year.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 Last year's wage: \$19.00/hr 2026 wage: \$19.25/hr

Abe Cavaliere is a returning lifeguard with the Town. This will be Abe's second year.

Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 Last year's wage: \$19.00/hr 2026 wage: \$19.25/hr

James Wilkinson is a returning lifeguard with the Town. This will be Jame's 2<sup>nd</sup> year.  
Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 Last year's wage: \$19.00/hr 2026 wage:  
\$19.25/hr

Sophia Cavalieri is a returning sub-lifeguard with the Town. This will be Sophia's third  
year.  
Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 Last year's wage: \$19.50/hr 2026 wage:  
\$19.75/hr

Ethan Gramiak is a new employee with the Town. Ethan will be a full-time lifeguard.  
Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 2026 wage: \$19.00/hr

Ben Petrik is a new employee with the Town. Ben will be a full-time lifeguard.  
Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 2026 wage: \$19.00/hr

Lena Kent is a sub-lifeguard with the Town. This will be Lena's first.  
Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 2026 wage: \$19.00/hr

Owen Nizar is a sub-lifeguard with the Town. This will be Owen's first.  
Start Date: 6/01/26 End Date: 8/31/26 2026 wage: \$19.00/hr  
Mr. Sherwood – Yes, Mrs. Gustke – Yes, Mr. Burke – Yes, Mr. Hand – Yes, Mrs. Sullivan –  
Yes, Mrs. Van Der Water – Yes

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve Letter of Support to Marion Townhouses, LLC for the expansion of townhouses in the  
Marion Meadows development for O'Chips:

Mrs. Van Der Water said O'Chips is a program from Onondag County to benefit developers who  
are building affordable housing, The D'Arrigo's have been good partners with the town and we  
are happy to offer a letter of Support for them

116-26-034 MOTION BY Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to approve Letter of  
Support to Marion Townhouses, LLC for the expansion of townhouses in the Marion Meadows  
development for O'Chips.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Introduce Local Law A-2026 for one year moratorium on Data Centers:

117-26-030 Councilor Sullivan introduced proposed Local Law No. A-2026, imposing a twelve  
(12) month moratorium on the siting, establishment, placement, installation, construction,  
erection, modification and enlargement of cryptocurrency mining operations, data mining, data  
processing centers and data storage facilities within the Town of Van Buren, and made the  
following motion, which was seconded by Councilor Hand

**WHEREAS**, proposed Local Law No. A-2026 has been introduced and will be considered for enactment pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law and Town Law; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed moratorium extension will enable the Town to complete its review and comprehensively address the issues involved with cryptocurrency mining uses and data processing center uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has deemed this moratorium extension urgent and immediately necessary in order to preserve status quo while this issue is examined by the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, Volume 6 N.Y.C.R.R., Section 617 of the Regulations relating to Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, requires that as early as possible an involved agency shall make a determination whether a given action is subject to the aforementioned law; and

**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, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law, with the result that the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED** that there are no other involved agencies, the Town Board shall act as lead agency, and that the enactment of this proposed local law is a Type II action under SEQR, thus concluding the environmental review process; and be it further

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED** that the Town Board conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law No. A-2026 at the Town Hall located at 7575 Van Buren Road in the Town of Van Buren on May 20, 2026 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.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments:

Mrs. Sullivan scheduled a Faculties Committee meeting on May 21, 2026 at 8:30 am at the Van Buren Park Office.

Mrs. Sullivan said she received Buildings and Grounds and Park and Recreation Departments monthly reports. They have been busy installing the new pool filters, planting trees and clearing fallen ash trees from Erie Canal Trail. She said the manuals for the summer playground program are done and the summer brochure is available.

Mrs. Sullivan said Meals on Wheels and the B'Ville Express are in need of drivers.

Mrs. Gustke said she attended HR training conference.

Mr. Sherwood had a Public Safety Committee meeting, they discussed Interstate Island drainage work, the Van Ness Road crossover and the repaired culvert on East Dead creek Road.

Mr. Sherwood said street sweeping has been completed.

Supervisor Comments:

Mrs. Van Der Water said she attended a SMTC meeting to identify projects to alleviate traffic issues and identify grant opportunities for funding.

Mrs. Van Der Water said she received the monthly report from the Codes Office; they issued six building permits and completed 17 fire inspections.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the town received a \$60,000 grant from Senator May's office for rewiring the town hall. She said that work has been completed. She thanked Mary Frances Sabin, former Supervisor, who began this project. She thanked Mr. Ordway, crew leader, for his help and knowledge of the town hall and park office and working with the people installing the wiring, his knowledge made the project move along quickly.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the town received 100 saplings from Onondaga County Soil and Water. Buildings and Grounds Department planted 32 and the rest were given to residents. Each tree is scanned so they know where it is planted.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the recent electronics recycling event at the park was very successful and three tons of material was collected. She thanked Mr. Sykes for volunteering.

Mrs. Van Der Water said eight groups signed up with OCRRA to collect trash on Erath Day in the town.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the Erie Canal opens May 18<sup>th</sup> and the fire ban ends May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Van Der Water said PEACE, Inc. is doing a 'dress for success' collection of gently used professional men's and women's clothes, shoes and briefcases. You can drop off items until May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Sherwood, speaking for Mr. Blaisdell said plow damage repairs are about 50% done, the rainy weather has slowed progress. He said Earth Day volunteers collected a dump truck full of trash.

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Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

118-26-014 MOTION BY Mr. Hand, seconded by Mr. Burke, to recess the regular meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at 7:22 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

119-26-000 MOTION BY Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Burke, to close the Executive Session and resume the regular meeting at 7:55 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

120-26-000 MOTION BY Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Burke, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on May 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt  
Town Clerk

Dated: 5/8/26