

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on June 17, 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
Mr. David Blaisdell	Highway Superintendent
Ms. Theresa Golden	Assessor
Ms. Lynn Precourt	Town Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the Erie Canal boat replica the Seneca Chief is docked in Baldwinsville and encouraged people to see it before it leaves for Buffalo.

Approve Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 3, 2026:

142-26-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Gustke, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting held on June 3, 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

Budget Transfers and modifications:

143-26-007 MOTION BY Mr. Hand, seconded by Mr. Burke, to approve the following budget transfers and modifications:

A.1315.0401	Office Supplies - Comptroller	\$ (218.20)
A.7550.0453	Memorial Day Celebration	\$ 218.20
	Memorial Day Parade Expenses	

Regular Town Board Meeting June 17, 2026

A1990.0400	Contingency	\$(16,750.00)
A.1320..0400	Town Audit	\$ 16,750.00
	Town Hall Audit	

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve annual maintenance for General Code Publishers E-Code 360, our online code, in the amount of \$1,295.00:

144-26-001.1 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Burke, to approve annual maintenance for General Code Publishers E-Code 360, our online code, in the amount of \$1,295.00.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve maintenance agreement with Edmunds Gov Tech for clerk software in the budgeted amount of \$2,291.12 for 8/1/26 – 7/31/27:

145-26-001.1 MOTION BY Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to approve the maintenance agreement with Edmunds Gov Tech for clerk software in the budgeted amount of \$2,291.12 for 8/26 – 7/31/27.

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 lifeguards per Park Director memo dated 6/11/26:

146-26-038 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Gustke, to approve the following seasonal lifeguards:

Christopher Patrino will be a new lifeguard for the Town.

Start Date: 06/20/26 End Date: 8/31/26 2026 wage: \$19.00/hr

Lauren Cary will be a sub-lifeguard for the Town.

Start Date: 06/20/26 End Date: 8/31/26 2026 wage: \$19.00/hr

Gianna Gallelli will be a sub-lifeguard for the Town

Start Date: 06/20/26 End Date: 8/31/26 2026 wage: \$19.00/hr

Ella Georger will be a sub-lifeguard for the Town

Start Date: 06/20/26 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

Extend bid opening for Pavilion AA septic system to July 8, 2026:

Mrs. Van Der Water said the county needs to approve the plans so we will wait to set the date for a bid opening.

Extend bid opening for Canton Woods Senior Center furnace to July 8, 2026:

147-26-055 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Hand, to extend the bid opening for Canton Woods Senior Center furnace to July 8, 2026.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approval for OCWA Project 9004239 relocating hydrant at Ray Middle School:

148-26-051 MOTION BY Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to approve OCWA Project 9004239 relocating a hydrant at Ray Middle School.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Consider speed reduction on Warners Road:

149-26-046 MOTION BY Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Hand, to forward a request for speed reduction on Warners Road between Sheets Road and East Sorrell Hill Road from 50 mph to 35 mph.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Consider speed reduction on River Road:

150-26-046 MOTION BY Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to forward a request for a speed reduction on River Road from Old Route 31 to Daboll Road from 50 mph to 35 mph.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve Director of Code Enforcement's attendance at NYSBOC training on June 18, 2026 :

151-26-027 MOTION BY Mr. Hand, seconded by Mr. Burke, to approve the Director of Code Enforcement to attend a lunch and learn presented by NYSBOC on June 18, 2026 at a cost of \$10.00.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve amendment to wiring plan for Pavilion AA with Comsource, Inc:

152-26-057 MOTION BY Mrs. Gustke, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to approve a change from physical cable to wireless router for Pavilion AA.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Assessor's Report:

Change of Assessment Notices were mailed to 250 property owners in mid April. Change of Taxable Status notices were also mailed to 54 property owners. This notice is required when an exemption is removed.

One informal meeting with the Assessor was scheduled prior to Tentative Roll filing.

The Tentative Roll was received on May 8th later than the normal May 1st because of the havoc caused by the March 3rd County Senior exemption changes.(See Attached)

Grievance Day was held on May 26. Two appointments were scheduled and 6 were paperwork review only. The BAR changed no assessments.

On March 3rd the County adopted new maximum percentages from 50% to 65% based on low income scale for the Senior Citizens exemption. The exemptions were recalculated and entered into the system. Legal advice from multiple sources determined, this was not legal. March 1st is Taxable Status Date per RPTL. The new income limits were passed after March 1, 2026, so by law they would apply to the 2027 Roll not the 2026 Roll. The higher percentages were rolled back County wide prior to Grievance Day. The BAR approved this change to the Tentative Roll for 355 Seniors in Van Buren.

The Final Assessment Roll will be filed on or before July 1st. The NYS ORPTS has approved the 2026 Final Equalization Rate at 65%. The Final Equalization rates range from 1.11% in Otisco to 100% in Manlius. See attached.

The 100% disabled vet exemption was changed again in the State 2026-2027 budget. See attached.

The Senior Citizen increased percent changes and the 100% disabled vet changes will both apply to the 2027 Assessment Roll at local option.

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments:

Regular Town Board Meeting June 17, 2026

Mr. Burke said he is still looking for interested people who want to serve on a committee to research data centers. If interested email mburke@vanburenny.gov.

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

Mrs. Sullivan said she has monthly reports from Parks & Recreation and Buildings and Grounds. She said they have been very busy getting ready for summer playground, opening the pool and getting fully staffed for summer.

Supervisor Comments: None

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Blaisdell said notices were sent to Seneca Knolls residents about pavement resurfacing.

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

153-26-000 MOTION BY Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on July 1, 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 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt
Town Clerk

Dated: 6/18/26