

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on July 15, 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. Robert Grover	Councilor
Mrs. Jennifer Sullivan	Councilor
Mrs. Wendy Van Der Water	Supervisor

Absent: Mr. Roger Hand, Councilor

Also Present:

Mr. Nadine Bell	Town Attorney
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 July 1, 2026:

157-26-000 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Burke, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on July 1, 2026 as published.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Citizens Comments: None

Accept and award bid for Canton Woods HVAC upgrade:

158-26-054 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Grover, to accept and award the bid for HVAC upgrade at Canton Woods Senior Center to Klein Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$75,985.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Mrs. Van Der Water said this will be partially funded with a Community Development Grant in the amount of \$50,000 and the remainder will be paid by the town.

Accept and award RFP for septic system installation at Pavilion AA in Van Buren Park:

159-26-054 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Gustke, to accept and award the RFP for septic system installation at Pavilion AA in Van Buren Park to JSK Outdoor Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$19,800.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Approve issuance of trash hauler licenses to Butler Disposal Systems, Waste Management, Morgan Rubbish Removal and Dependable Disposal:

160-26-021 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Burke, to approve issuance of trash hauler licenses to Butler Disposal Systems, Waste Management, Morgan Rubbish Removal and Dependable Disposal.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Motion to authorize \$2,100 Capital Project entitled, “2026 Historical Marker for Abram Pryne” and accept a grant from the Pomeroy Foundation in the amount of \$2,100 for the town and authorize the Comptroller to transfer a short term loan in the amount of \$2,100 from General Fund A to the 2026 Historic Marker for Abram Pryne Project Account:

Mrs. Van Der Water said we no longer need to do this since the check from the Pomeroy Foundation was received today for \$2,100 to pay for the historical Marker.

Approve payment of invoice from Ryan’s Arbor Care in the amount of \$4,104.00 for property maintenance violation at 115 Mann Drive:

161-26-034 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Grover, to approve payment of invoice from Ryan’s Arbor Care in the amount of \$4,104.00 for property maintenance violation at 115 Mann Drive.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Mrs. Van Der Water said this will be levied on the to the property taxes for 115 Mann Drive.

Adopt NYS Association of Towns Bill of Rights:

162-26-000 MOTION BY Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Burke, to support the following Bill of Rights from the NYS Association of Towns:

The Bill of Rights is a statement of principals affirming the importance of municipal home rule, local control over land use decisions, relief from unfunded mandates, modernization of public notice requirements and a stronger state and local partnership. The Bill of Rights recognizes a simple truth that New York's towns are not merely administrative arms of government but partners in shaping the future of the state.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Councilor Committee Reports and Comments:

Mr. Grover said there is a Comprehensive Land Use Committee meeting on July 20th at 4:00 pm. You can attend in person or via Zoom. The Zoom information is on the town website.

Mrs. Sullivan said the Canton Woods Senior Center Prom is Friday, if you are interested in attending you can call the center for details.

Meals On Wheels is having their 55th anniversary dinner at the Elks Lodge on August 29th.

Mrs. Sullivan said she received June reports from both the Buildings and Grounds Department and Parks and Recreation Department. She said Buildings and Grounds have been busy keeping up with landscaping, maintaining their equipment and installed cameras at the park office.

The Parks and Recreation Department reports the pool is open, the summer playground program is full and swim lessons have started.

Mr. Burke said he held the first data center committee meeting. He said New York State has passed a statewide moratorium and Onondaga County is conducting a study to establish guidelines for towns.

Supervisor Comments:

Mrs. Van Der Water said the first round of water chestnut harvesting is complete. The areas that were very thick have thinned out so the treatments are working. She thanked the local farmers who are taking the material for reuse.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the 11U Little League championship will be held at Reeves Park for the 2026-2028 seasons. The games start July 17th.

Highway Superintendent Comments: None

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Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

163-26-014 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Gustke, to recess the regular meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:16 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

164-26-014 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to close the Executive Session and resume the regular meeting at 7:40 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

165-26-000 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on August 5, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Meeting closed 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt

Town Clerk

Dated: 7/17/26