

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on August 19, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

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 and Mr. Chris Sherwood, Councilor

Also Present:

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

Approve meeting minutes of Regular Town Board meeting on August 19, 2026:

172-26-000 MOTION BY to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting on August 5, 2026 as published.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Citizens Comments: None

Set public hearing to override 2% tax cap for 2027 budget:

173-26-039 TOWN OF VAN BUREN LOCAL LAW NO. C OF 2026

(“A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law § 3-c in the Town of Van Buren”)

Councilor Mrs. Sullivan introduced proposed Local Law No. C-2026, relating to the ability of the Town of Van Buren to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Van Buren pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Van Buren to adopt a Town budget for the fiscal year 2027 in excess of the “tax levy limit,” if necessary, and made the following motion, which was seconded by Mr. Burke

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 (SEQR) 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; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of said Local Law is an unlisted action for purposes of environmental review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that a short environmental assessment form (EAF) shall be required in connection with this matter; and

WHEREAS, the said EAF has been prepared and has been reviewed by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the adoption of said Local Law, has considered the criteria contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617.7 and has compared the impacts which may be reasonably expected to result from the adoption of said Local Law against said criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the enactment of proposed Local Law No. C-2026 is an unlisted action, there are no other involved agencies and this Board shall act as lead agency in this matter for purposes of SEQR review; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that this action shall have no significant adverse impact on the environment; that, accordingly, an environmental impact statement (EIS) shall not be required; and that this resolution shall constitute a negative declaration under SEQR; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the Town Board shall conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law No. C-2026 at the Town Hall located at 7575 Van Buren Road in the Town of Van Buren on September 2, 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 following resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Set public hearing for comments on the Comprehensive Lane Use Plan:

Ms. Bell said the town is approving a resolution tonight to declare itself lead agency, declare this a Type 1 action under SEQRA and refer it to the County Planning Board. Once comments are received from County Planning the Board can set the public hearing.

175-26-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Gustke, seconded by Mr. Burke, to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Van Buren has prepared an update to its Comprehensive Plan to guide future land use, development, preservation, infrastructure, transportation, economic development, recreation and other community priorities; and

WHEREAS, following an extensive planning and public participation process, the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee held a public hearing on August 18, 2026 and adopted a resolution recommending the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Update to the Town Board for consideration and adoption; and

WHEREAS, adoption of a municipal comprehensive land use plan is classified as a Type 1 action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and NYCRR Part 617; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the updated Comprehensive Plan requires review and recommendation by the Onondaga County Planning Board pursuant to § 239 of the General Municipal Law; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren hereby:

1. Classifies the proposed adoption of the 2026 Town of Van Buren Comprehensive Plan Update as a Type 1 action pursuant to SEQRA and 6 NYCRR Part 617;
2. Declares its intent to serve as Lead Agency for the environmental review of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Update; and
3. Authorizes the Town's legal counsel, Town staff and consultants, as appropriate, to identify any other involved agencies and undertake any required coordination pursuant to SEQRA, including circulation of the Town Board's notice of intent to serve as Lead Agency and supporting environmental review materials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following completion of ant required Lead Agency coordination, the Town Board will proceed with the environmental review and Determination of Significance in accordance with SEQRA;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Van Buren does hereby authorize the referral of the updated Comprehensive Plan to the Onondaga County Planning Board pursuant to § 239 of the General Municipal Law.

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

Motion Carried & Adopted

Consider reduction in letter of credit for Phase 3 of Treybrook Development:

Mrs. Van Der Water said the Board has agreed to compromise and reduce the letter of credit for Phase 3 but hold security on Phases 2A and 2B.

Mr. Jacobson said the development will be fully built out by the end of the year.

176-26-007 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Burke, to approve a reduction in letter of credit for Phase 3 of Treybrook from \$125,750 to \$33,250.

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 said she attended the Canton Woods Board of Directors meeting and they reported 1432 visitors, 352 from Van Buren. The B'Ville Express and Meals on Wheels are always looking for volunteers. The center had it's 2nd annual prom with 80 participants.

Mrs. Sullivan said the Parks & Recreation report was received, the summer playground program ends this week and the pool will also close. She said pavilion rentals are increasing. There is a movie night August 24th.

Mr. Burke scheduled a Battery Storage/Data Center committee meeting for August 25, 2026 at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Comments:

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Mrs. Van Der Water said the town is still looking for a parttime Codes Officer who has certifications.

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Blaisdell said they will be milling Golfcrest Circle, Golfside Drive and Softwind Circle in Village Green and Southgate to Waterfront, Waterfront Drive, Sea Lion Path, Dolphin Drive and Sand Lance Drive in Harbour Heights for paving. He asked residents to be patient and please no on street parking.

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

177-26-000 MOTION BY Mr. Burke, seconded by Mrs. Gustke, to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on September 2, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt
Town Clerk

Dated: 8/20/26