

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on September 16, 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:

Mr. Rachel Brenner	Town Attorney
Mr. Jason Hoy	Town Engineer
Mr. Dave Blaisdell	Highway Superintendent
Ms. Lynn Precourt	Town Clerk

Approve Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting on September 2, 2026:

189-26-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Gustke, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2026 Regular Town Board Meeting 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

Citizens Comments:

Andy Bowes, Hunter Drive, said he knows the Board is waiting for the Crego Road development to be constructed before completing sidewalks along Crego Road and Tappan Street but he is concerned about bicycle safety now and urged the Board not to wait. He said there is a safety issue on Rt. 48 near the Treybrook development as well.

Mr. Ken Bush, Onondaga County Legislator, said he attended the 55th anniversary dinner for Meals on Wheels and thanked Deputy Supervisor Sullivan for the speech she gave that evening. He said he is happy the Canton Woods Senior center kitchen is being upgraded since it serves Meals on Wheels and other senior programs. He said the County has a grant application for pantry improvements they may want to look into.

Mr. Bush said the County Executive has presented his budget for 2027 to the Legislature, and it once again contains a tax cut.

Presentation from Canton Woods Senior Center:

Rene' McMonagle, center director and James Rodems, board member, were present to address the Board. Ms. McMonagle said the center has 783 members, split pretty evenly between

Lysander and Van Buren residents and keeps growing. They offer exercise programs, fall prevention and other recreation such as card games and bingo. The center is open to anyone 55 and older.

Mr. Rodems presented the Board with their long range plan, showing completed items and prioritizing future plans.

Ms. McMonagle thanked the Board for applying for the new furnace that will be installed tomorrow through the CDBG grant.

Budget transfers and modifications:

190-26-007 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Burke, to approve the following budget transfers:

DB.5110.0410	Road Repairs	\$(5,000.00)
DB.5130.0413	Vehicle Supplies	\$5,000.00

DB.5110.0410	Road Repairs	\$(20,000.00)
DB.0000.0909	Fund Balance	\$(40,000.00)
DB.5142.0403	Highway Salt	\$60,000.00

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 Local Law D-2026, Barram, LLC zone change from R-40 to LB:

191-26-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Hand, to recess the regular meeting, open the public hearing and waive reading the legal notice published in the *Post Standard* on 9/13/26.

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. Ramin was present to address the Board and said this zone change is for 2.5 acres on Crego Road across from Tops Supermarket, to build self-storage units.

Mrs. Van Der Water asked if there is anyone to speak in favor of this proposed local law. No one spoke.

Mrs. Van Der Water asked if there was anyone to speak against this proposed local law. No one spoke.

Mr. Bowes asked if there will be sidewalks in front of the business.

Mr. Hoy said the sidewalk will not be installed until after the sewer line is put in for the Crego development.

192-26-000 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Gustke, to recess the public hearing and leave open to the next regular meeting.

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 Local Law D-2026, Zone Change for 034.-03-05.1 from R-40 to LB:

Mrs. Van Der Water said this item will be tabled until the next meeting.

Authorize Supervisor to sign bond waiver for park pavilion septic system installation project:

192-26-000 MOTION BY Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Hand, to authorize Supervisor to sign bond waiver for park pavilion septic system installation project.

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

Schedule public hearing for Zone Change application from Brolex Living Community for tax map no. 034.-03-01.1 and 034.-03-01.3 (Crego Road) from R-40 to PUD:

193-26-039 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Grover, to schedule a public hearing for Zone Change application from Brolex Living Community for tax map no. 034.-03-01.1 and 034.-03-01.3 (Crego Road) from R-40 to PUD on October 7, 2026 and November 4, 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

Authorize Supervisor to sign agreement with CNY Plumbing Solutions for bathroom plumbing in Pavilion AA in the amount of \$6,700 to be paid with DASNY grant money.

194-26-001 Authorize Supervisor to sign agreement with CNY Plumbing Solutions for water supply line in Pavilion AA in the amount of \$6,700 to be paid with DASNY grant money.

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 Engineer to go to bid for replacement drainage pipe on Birchwood Boulevard and Idlewood Boulevard:

195-26-013 MOTION BY Mrs. Gustke, seconded by Mr. Grover, to authorize the Engineer to go out to bid for replacement drainage pipe for Birchwood Boulevard and Idlewood Boulevard.

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:

Mr. Burke scheduled a battery storage/data center committee meeting for October 5, 2026 at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Mr. Hand attended the Little League meeting and said their state tournament went well and Fall Ball is playing now.

Mrs. Sullivan received the monthly report from Parks & Recreation. She said they did well over the summer with pavilion rentals and the playground program. She said the Fall Brochure is available now for programs.

Mrs. Sullivan said there is a flu shot clinic at the senior center on October 2nd from 9 – 12. She said B'Ville Express and Meals on Wheels are always looking for volunteers. Meals on Wheels is also seeking donations for stock pantry items for seniors for this winter in case they are unable to deliver due to weather.

Mr. Grover said the Onondaga County Planning Board has given the town a positive recommendation on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and they will now start to update our codes to reflect those changes.

Mrs. Gustke asked for an Executive Session.

Supervisor Comments:

Mrs. Van Der Water said the town is still looking for a part time Codes Enforcement Officer.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the town is collecting Halloween costumes until Sept 25th for the volunteer center.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the town has been working with the Village and Town of Lysander on a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and there is an open house at the library on September 30th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm to view the ideas and give feedback.

Mrs. Van Der Water thanked the Onondaga County Soil & Water Department for their work this summer pulling water chestnuts from the Seneca River. She said they have harvested 464,980 pounds this summer.

Mrs. Van Der Water received a thank you card for Historian Steve McMahon for their genealogy help he offered to a resident.

Mrs. Van Der Water received a thank you card for Harvey Sellers, our Veterans Outreach Coordinator, who helped a local family receive and set up a hospital bed in their home to bring their family member there to recover from a medical issue.

Highway Superintendent Comments:

Mrs. Maryann Hand thanked Mr. Blaisdell for the new street signs in lower Seneca Knolls.

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

196-26-014 MOTION BY Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Burke, to recess the regular meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at 7:50 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

197-26-000 MOTION BY Mr. Grover seconded by Mr. Sherwood 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

198-26-000 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Sherwood to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board meeting on October 7, 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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt
Town Clerk

Dated: 9/17/26