

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, held on September 2, 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. Nadine Bell	Town Attorney
Mr. Jason Hoy	Town Engineer
Mr. Dave Blaisdell	Highway Superintendent
Ms. Lynn Precourt	Town Clerk

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

178-26-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Gustke, seconded by Mr. Grover, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting on August 19, 2026 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:

Dr. Susanna Cook, San Marino Path, said they have drainage issues on their property. She said the retention pond is overgrown and the swale in their yard is not working to remove water. She said she has been told there is a plan but there has been no action.

Mr. Blaisdell said they have a project plan to put in a yard basin and pipe that will be covered in stone. He said they are unable to get to the retention pond unless there is a hard freeze this winter to get vehicles there.

Budget transfers and modifications:

179-26-007 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to approve the following transfer:

Motion to authorize the Comptroller to make the the following budget modifications:

BUDGET AMENDMENT

BUDGET TRANSFER:

DB.5110.0410	ROAD MATERIALS	\$ (5,600.00)
DB.5130.0404	GASOLINE	\$ 5,600.00

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 to override 2% tax cap for 2027 budget:

180-26-000 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, 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 8/27/26.

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

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

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

MOTION BY Mrs. Gustke, seconded by Mr. Grover, to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting at 7:12 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

Adopt Local Law C-2026:

181-26-030 **TOWN OF VAN BUREN LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2025**

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

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Sullivan, who moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Burke, to wit:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a proposed local law titled Local Law No. D-2025, "A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established

in General Municipal Law §3-c in the Town of Van Buren,” was presented and introduced at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren held on September 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on such proposed local law on this 1st day of October, 2025, by the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren and proof of publication of notice of such public hearing, as required by law, having been submitted and filed, and all persons desiring to be heard in connection with said proposed local law having been heard, and said proposed local law having been in the possession of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren in its final form in the manner required by Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of proposed Local Law No. D-2025 has previously been determined to be an unlisted action and will have no significant effect on the environment thus concluding the SEQR review process; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to enact said proposed Local Law No. D-2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, Onondaga County, New York, does hereby enact proposed Local Law No. D-2025 as Local Law No. 4-2025 as follows:

**“TOWN OF VAN BUREN
LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2025**

**A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED
IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C IN THE TOWN OF VAN BUREN**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Van Buren as follows:

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Van Buren, County of Onondaga pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Van Buren to adopt a Town budget for (a) Town purposes; (b) fire protection districts; and (c) any other special or improvement district governed by the Town Board for the fiscal year 2026, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by the General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. AUTHORITY

This local law is adopted pursuant to Subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

Section 3. TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE

The Town Board of the Town of Van Buren, County of Onondaga, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article or part of this local law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operations to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect upon enactment by the Town Board.”

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

Roll Call Votes: 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

Set public hearing for Barram, LLC, zone change from R-40 to LB for tax map 034.-03-05.1 for self-storage warehouse on Crego Road:

182-26-039 MOTION BY Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Hand, to refer the project to the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals and set the public hearing for Barram, LLC, zone change from R-40 to LB for tax map 034.-03-05.1 for self-storage warehouse on Crego Road for September 16, 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

Approve issuance of trash hauler license for Syracuse Haulers:

183-26-021 MOTION BY Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to approve issuance of trash hauler license for Syracuse Haulers.

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 OCWA Project No. 9004253, installing hydrant #15449, Treybrook, Phase 4:

184-26-019 MOTION BY Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Burke, to approve OCWA Project No. 9004253, installing hydrant #15449, Treybrook Phase 4.

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 the Supervisor to execute agreement with Klein Heating and Cooling for Canton Woods furnace installation:

185-26-010 MOTION BY Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Grover, to authorize the Supervisor to execute the agreement with Klein Heating and Cooling for Canton Woods furnace installation as amended.

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. Grover thanked the Comprehensive Land Use committee members and the residents who worked on the plan.

Mr. Grover said he lives in Harbour Heights and thanked Mr. Blaisdell for the recent road paving and said the residents are very happy with the results.

Mrs. Sullivan said she attended the 55th anniversary of Meals on Wheels over the weekend. She said the need for them is growing and encouraged people to volunteer or donate to support this important organization.

Mrs. Sullivan wished the students and teachers good luck for this upcoming school year.

Mrs. Sullivan asked for an Executive Session following the regular meeting regarding a personnel matter.

Mr. Burke scheduled a battery storage/data center committee meeting for September 15, 2026 at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Comments:

Mrs. Van Der Water said she received a report from the Veterans Coordinator, he holds a weekly meeting at Canton Woods and attended a breakfast for Vietnam Veterans. She thanked him for his work.

Mrs. Van Der Water received the monthly report from the Codes Department. She said they opened four permits, completed 11 and did 38 inspections. She thanked the employees of that department for their work.

Mrs. Van Der Water read an email from a resident thanking the Highway Department and the contractor for their work on the road paving.

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Mrs. Van Der Water said you can drop off Halloween costume in the Clerk's Office from 9/14 through 9/25.

Mrs. Van Der Water said the town is still looking for a certified Code Enforcement Officer to work part time.

Highway Superintendent Comments: None

Engineer Comments: None

Attorney Comments: None

186-26-014 MOTION BY Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Burke, to recess the Regular meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:30 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

187-26-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Gustke, seconded by Mr. Grover to close the Executive Session and resume the regular meeting at 7:53 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

188-26-000 MOTION BY Mrs. Gustke, seconded by Mr. Grover to adjourn to the next Regular Town Board Meeting on September 16, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Precourt
Town Clerk

Dated: 9/3/26