

**A Special Town Board meeting was held on January 13, 2023, at Lysander Town Hall, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Robert A. Wicks, Supervisor  
Robert Geraci, Councilor  
Jeffrey Kudarauskas, Councilor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Peter Moore, Councilor  
Kevin Rode, Councilor

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dina Falcone, Town Clerk, Theresa Golden, Assessor, and a representative from the Messenger.

**Supervisor Wicks called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM with the Pledge to the Flag.**

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**Theresa Golden, Assessor:**

*When the two towns decided in the fall of 2022 to not maintain assessments at 100%, the situation was that if the residential trends which will be affecting our equalization rate that the state sets from this point forward - if they differ, commercial and vacant are usually pretty much the same but residential trends may differ. And if that happens and our equalization rates are different, that means that we're assessing at different levels of assessment. One of the requirements of the Coordinated Assessment Program or the CAP with the two towns and the state, is that both towns already have uniform percentage of value. So, basically, it's not in the shared agreement. The towns can be at different levels of assessment. That's the one major change. The other change is, it differs from the cap to the shared agreement in that both towns can - in the coordinated assessment agreement, have the same calendar, the same dates except for grievance day. It's really an issue, but you have the option to have different dates if you wish, and the only other difference between that and the shared agreement is, should something happen and you would want to replace the Assessor, the CAP has 60 days to share the agreement. I believe it says 90, but the main reason we're doing this is because that level of assessment now; because we're not maintaining 100% before value when the state sets our equalization rates. If those rates are different, and they adjust our assessments accordingly, then the cap would fail by default.*

*Q: So what happened in the first place?*

**Ms. Golden:** *We had it, we started with the shared agreement. We started with the shared informal shared agreement, and that was in January of 2008. The two Town Boards at that time wanted to do a more informal agreement to see how it would go, and to make sure they were going to be happy with the outcome. So in January of 2008, they signed that Shared Services Agreement. Then in December of that same year, things were working out and they were happy with it, and they decided to do the Coordinated Assessment Program and involve the state, and they got money for that - or you got money for it. We got money for that one time. One time only that you go get it, you get the money up front. I forget - it's been a while so I don't exactly remember how much money but you got so much money per parcel for doing the CAP the more formal agreement with the state and if it was dissolved within 10 years, you would have to pay that money back. But because it's been since 2009, it's been more than 10 years no payback requirement. And so there's no advantage to having there's no advantage to it. And because of that equalization rate issue now. It could leave us in not a very good position. And I apologize for the short notice, but on Tuesday morning at 9:33 AM I got an email from the state that said termination must be approved by a majority of the voting strength of its governing body at least 45 days before the taxable status date of which the first assessment rule to which it is to apply and filed with the commissioner on or before such taxable status date, which is March 1 and 15 days. 45 days would be January 15, which was Sunday. That's why we have this. So that's why everyone knows. That's why everyone's calling a special meeting today.*

*Q: Will the pay change now because of the assessed values?*

**Ms. Golden:** *No, it's the same calculation, the pay and the salary remains the same. It's subject to approval by both Town Boards, and your split the total costs with the town of Van Buren based on personal count, it's the same language, it's the same procedure.*

**MOTION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE COORDINATED ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

**RES#20/2023**

**Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Geraci** to withdraw from the Coordinated Assessment Program with the State of New York to share the Van Buren Assessor.

Supervisor Wicks            Aye    Councilor Kudarauskas            Aye    Councilor Geraci    Aye  
Councilor Moore            Absent    Councilor Rode            Absent

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT TO SHARE VAN BUREN’S ASSESSOR**

**RES#21/2023**

**Motion made by Councilor Kudarauskas seconded by Councilor Geraci** to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement to share Van Buren’s Assessor (subject to Town Attorney’s approval).

Supervisor Wicks            Aye    Councilor Kudarauskas            Aye    Councilor Geraci    Aye  
Councilor Moore            Absent    Councilor Rode            Absent

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Councilor Geraci and seconded by Councilor Kudarauskas** to adjourn the regular Town Board Meeting at 2:36 PM.

Supervisor Wicks            Aye    Councilor Kudarauskas            Aye    Councilor Geraci    Aye  
Councilor Moore            Absent    Councilor Rode            Absent

**All ayes, motion carried and adopted**

This is a true and complete recording  
of the action taken at this meeting.

Dina Falcone, Town Clerk