**Village of Valatie**

**Board of Trustees**

**August 13, 2019**

**7:00 pm**

**Attendance**  **Audience**

Mayor Diane Argyle 1st Asst. Chief Joe Loeffler

Trustee Frank Bevens Michael Rivenburgh

Trustee Larry Eleby Craig Hancock, Tom Barber

Trustee Angelo Nero- absent- notified Peter Bujanow, Emelia Teasdale

Trustee David Williams Randall Schmitt, 2 residents

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Resolution # 22** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the minutes of July 9, 2019. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #23** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve claims #2019-3-#77-135 for a total of $155,966.01 and $111,263.42 for off abstract bills (which includes a wire transfer for a BOND of $98,271.88) for a total of $267,229.43 for all bills.

**Public Comment**- A resident stated that they would like to start a petition to get Verizon service on Main Street. Mayor Argyle stated that we have tried to get them to get better service here in the Village, especially Main Street, but they will not work with us. The Board gave their blessing if they can get somewhere with Verizon with a petition.

**Fire Department**-(Report on file in Clerk’s office)

Assistant Chief Joe Loeffler was in attendance this evening in the absence of Chief Rustin Dolan. The annual hose testing has been completed as well as the annual truck servicing. Pump testing will be shared with the Tri-Village and Niverville fire departments. Thank you to everyone who supported the annual boot drive. They collected $800 less than last year unfortunately.

Mayor Argyle stated that the Village is still waiting for the status of the ISO Report with the water department which will be done after the streets are done.

**V.E.R.A**.- Randall Schmitt reported that the tag sale went very well with over 41 families signed up for the selling. They are working on the Artisan Fair now and Patrick Rodgers is helping with getting new artisans. They will ask Gunther Fishgold if the Tierra Farm building may be available for use as well.

**Theater**- Mike Rivenburgh met with Chuck Thaler and looked at the wet area that was spotted near the ceiling. Mr. Thaler stated that the flashing had failed therefore water is coming in. Peter Bujanow offered to help once again with trying to get grants to work on the Theater building. A suggestion was made to put a slant roof over that area of where the leak is located. Two grants that may be applied for are through the Preservation League and the Dormitory Authority. Mr. Bujanow is willing to help with bid specifications and a grant(s). Mayor Argyle stated that the Village would fund 20% of the project.

Craig Hancock commented on the gravel that keeps washing out on the sidewalk. He stated that the bigger issue is the washout form the street above them. He is also concerned with comments that were made at a previous meeting. He stated that the Theater is willing to speak to anyone on what they are working on or doing and they don’t believe that the businesses on Main Street do not support the Theater as was commented on at an earlier meeting by a business owner. Mr. Hancock and Tom Barber would like to have a better working relationship with the Village and they too are concerned with spending money at resident tax payers expense. They would like residents to let them know what they would like.

Trustee Williams commented that it is hard for the Village to keep things going for the things the Village has to do let alone taking on something else but he understands the thoughts expressed and also believes that we need to keep a good working relationship with the Theater as well. He stated that he feels the issues that were brought up at a previous meeting were totally unwarranted and un-called for but understands where they are coming from as well. It’s hard to keep everyone happy.

The Board will have Nathan work on some landscape issues around the Theater and they will get Chuck Rothermel to look at the washout area. This area was looked at before but then we needed to concentrate on the work on Luther, High and Lake Streets.

**Parks**- Trustee Eleby took pictures of the playground at Callan Park showing the issues that need to be dealt with with the playground equipment. Mayor Argyle commented that there are only about three areas left with the troublesome bees after spraying but she was informed that they would go away on their own soon per the company doing the spraying. Mulch needs to be fixed which is beyond what Nathan can do for us and the playground equipment needs a major overhaul. It was discussed that maybe work should be done on the mulch now instead of in the spring and maybe pea stone should be used which may need to be put out to bid according to the Village Procurement Policy. If a contractor is needed for this project, it could be considered a prevailing wage project.

A grant will be looked into to overhaul the whole park. It may be possible if the park is not kept as a playground for kids, the park would revert back to the Callan family.

**Other business**- The Board discussed the conditions of the Webb property and we may need to issue another violation notice then an appearance ticket for court. Attorney Andy Howard will be taking care of this.

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**Water/Sewer**- A quote was received to do emergency repair work for a roof leak at the water pump house 1 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Resolution #24** was made by Trustee Eleby tohire Rich Garrow to do an emergency repairfor a leaking roof of pump house 1 at thewastewater treatment plant. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Argyle stated that a new generator is needed for the Lift Station on Diamond Street at an approximate cost of $22,600 plus $850 for to upgrade to a Sound (Steel) Enclosure. This amount does not include installation. Rob Fitzsimmons stated that if this is not off state contract it would need to be formally bid. The mayor will speak to Paul Warner regarding this.

**Clerk office**- A resolution is needed to get another postage meter for the office since the current one is no longer being made. The cost will be the same rental fee of $160.35 as the current machine.

**Senior Center**- A Wolberg Electric representative has looked at the lights for the Senior Center and Trustee Eleby is looking for a National Grid Incentive for the lighting.

**Resolution #25** was made by Trustee Bevens to get the new postage meter machine for the Clerk’s Office. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Applications for Use of MHG and/or Village property**.

1. Susan Michaels for use of Callan Park on October 5 from 12 pm- 5- pm for her son’s first birthday party. (A reminder of deposit will be explained to her)

2. A request for use of the Senior Center on September 8th or 15th for a family reunion

3. Hannaford Pharmacy for use of the meeting room on October 10th form 11:00 am- 1:00 pm for a Flu Clinic

**Resolution # 26** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the applications. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Highway**- no report

**Building Dept.** – no report

**Water/Sewer forgiveness**- A letter was received from Jennifer Kolb regarding an adjustment in her bill for her Main Street business due to a water heater breaking.

**Resolution #27** was made by Trustee Bevens and seconded by Trustee Williams to give her relief of $114.30 for her bill. All in favor, carried.

**Other business**- Rob Fitzsimmons presented a draft of a Local Law amending the Village Code to add Chapter 44 to regulate the use of bicycles and other wheeled devices on Main Street.

The Board decided to table this matter to the September meeting to discuss it further.

The dedication of the Bridge for deceased soldier Roger Mazel will be rescheduled until the fall.

**Public Comment**- Emelia Teasdale asked about any developments on the US Hotel. Mayor Argyle stated that the buyer backed out so it is at a stand- still now. The Energy Onyx building issue is moving along.

A question was asked about when the trail will be opened? Mayor Argyle commented that it should be sometime this fall but we have heard nothing about the intersection as of yet.

Tom Clarke asked about the status of the Calcagno development. Mr. Fitzsimmons stated that this is with Mr. Calcagno’s attorney and they are waiting to hear back on anything. Mayor Argyle stated that they are asking to annex the property to the Village.

Mike Rivenburgh commented that he will have a tractor trailer delivery around September 1st for almost the entire day on Main Street in front of his new business. It will be blocked off the night before.

Mayor Argyle officially asked Peter Bujanow to work on a grant for the Theater and he agreed.

Patrick Rodger asked the time line for finishing Luther Street? He was informed hopefully by the end of next week.

**Resolution # 28** was made by Trustee Bevens to enter into executive session at 8:25pm to discuss items before the Board. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #29** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 8:44 pm. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #30** was made by Trustee Eleby to remove the fountain at Callan Park due to issues with leakage from the building roof onto it. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution #31** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 8:44pm. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer, RMC

Village Clerk