**Village of Valatie**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**June 14, 2022**

**7:00 pm**

**Board members present** **Audience**

Mayor Frank Bevens Fire Chief Joe Loeffler

Trustee Matthew Carter Janet Shumsky

Trustee Larry Eleby Randall Schmit

Trustee Angelo Nero Emelia Teasdale

Trustee Patrick Rodgers

Clerk- Barbara Fischer

Mayor Bevens opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 7:00 pm.

**Resolution #1** was made by Trustee Nero to re-appoint Trustee Carter to finish out the remainder of Past Trustee Sean Casey’s term until the March 2023 election. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, carried.

Clerk Fischer swore in Trustee Carter to finish out the remaining term of Past Trustee Sean Casey. Mr. Carter would need to run for office of Trustee in the election in March of 2023 if he so chooses. Mr. Carter signed the oath of office ledger.

**Resolution #2** was made by Trustee Nero to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022 and May 23, 2022 meetings. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 3** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the abstract of bills- 2022-2023-# 1-40 for a total of $72,119.17 and the off abstract of vouchers that totaled $4515.25. The Grand Total of all bills is $76,634.42. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Main Street**- The bicycle rack has been installed on Main Street. Building Inspector Stephanie Caradine-Ruchel was instrumental in working on a Clean Energy Grant which the Village was awarded $5,000 to be used for the bicycle rack. Good job and Thank you Stephanie!

**Thank you** to John and Chris Bryan for placing new flowers in the wooden box under the sign listing the businesses on Main Street at the intersection of Main Street and Route 203 and for the rose garden at the end of Main Street! Everything looks great!

**Parks**- Lights still need to be placed at the Callan Park parking lot. Mulch will also need to be placed around the playground. A quote of $9,175.00 was received for 15 tons of which the Town will spread at the park.

**Resolution # 4** was made by Trustee Eleby to accept the quote and purchase the 15 tons of new mulch which will be spread by the Town Highway Department. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Public comments**- Emelia Teasdale asked if only Main Street sidewalks would be re-done? Mayor Bevens stated that there is a committee looking in to other sidewalks around the Village. She also asked about the progression of the sale of the Energy Onix building? Attorney Fitzsimmons stated that the LDC is doing the final accounting so the dissolution of the LDC can take place. Then the project can move forward for final sale.

**Fire Department**- (on file in Clerk’s Office) Chief Joe Loeffler stated that there were 7 calls in May and there were more fire alarm activations at Barnwell as well as a faulty smoke detector in the Barnwell building.

The annual truck servicing was completed on the 2003 Brush Truck and the 2009 Ladder Truck. One more truck will still need to be serviced. The department approved the lettering of the new truck that will be coming in.

The fire department fund drive letters were mailed out to residents of the fire district. Last year, the proceeds of the fund drive were used to purchase 2 AED’s.

**VERA**- Randall Schmit stated that the sign at the intersection on Main and Route 203 is being developed at the sign shop. They are waiting for reflective paint to come in. VERA will be doing a “Go Fund Me” fund raiser to help pay for the cost of the sign.

A Village Wide Tag sale is tentatively scheduled for October 1st in the Village. More information to follow in the next couple of months.

**Theater-** no report

**WWTP**- (Report on file in the clerk’s office and attached to minutes)

**Building Dept**.- no report. The Building Inspector/CEO has been very busy.

**Highway Dept**.- Peters Lane will blacktopped and funded by CHIPS money

Clerk’s Office- Tax bills are out and the collection and posting of the tax bills has begun. Water bills will be worked on next to go out by July 1st. The Military Banners are up on Main Street and we have received many requests to place some more on Main Street and throughout the Village. Mayor Bevens is working on getting permission to place more banners on National Grid poles. As Standard Work- Day resolution would need to be approved to send to the State Comptroller’s Office.

**Resolution # 5** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the Standard Work- Day Reporting Resolution. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Applications for Use of MHG Building**- none

A request was received for use of Callan Park for a birthday party on August 20th from 3-7 pm.

**Resolution # 6** was made by Trustee Carter to approve a family using Callan Park for a birthday party on August 20th from 3-7 pm. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Other business**- Mayor Bevens commented that there is a Low- Income Household Assistance Application at the Village Office that will help residents having a hard time paying their Water and Sewer bills. The bill will be paid directly in to the Village bank account. He also stated that Stephanie is working on the Climate Smart Energy Program. The Village was at 100 points but we are now up to 1600 points! She is doing a great job with this program which gives credit back to the Village. Resident Meg Todisco is also working with Stephanie on this program. Thank you Meg!

**Resolution #7** was made by Trustee Eleby to enter into executive session at 7:30 pm to discuss matters before the Board. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 8** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 7:53 pm with no decisions being made. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 9** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, al in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk