Village of Valatie

Board of Trustees

End of Year Meeting

May 27, 2015

5:00 PM

FINAL

Present Audience

Mayor Diane Argyle Mrs. Emma Hagadone

Trustee Frank Bevens

Trustee Phil Bickerton

Trustee Angelo Nero

Trustee David Williams

Mayor Argyle called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resolution # 176 was made by Trustee Bickerton to approve claims 2015-12-564 to 2015-12-579 for a total of $17,973.43. Trustee Nero seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 177 was made by Trustee Nero to allow the Village Clerk to adjust fund balances for the end of this fiscal year 2014-2015 with the assistance of the Mayor and the Accountant. Trustee Bevens seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 178 was made by Trustee Bevens to allow the Village Clerk/Tax Collector to send out the 2015 Tax Bills. Seconded by Trustee Bickerton, all in favor, motion carried.

The Clerk presented a proposal from Business Automation Systems, the same company the Village bought the tax and water programs from, regarding putting the tax bills on the Village website with a link where village residents, Title Agencies, Mortgage Companies and Attorney offices can access tax bills without needing to contact the Clerk’s Office. It was decided to concentrate on just getting the new programs up and running first and think about this for the future.

Resolution # 179 was made by Trustee Williams to participate in the Local Government Efficiency Plan through the New York State Division of Budget and Columbia County. The Village would work with the County to submit ideas for the plan which would save at least 1% of the 2014 combined tax levy amount of all participants. This plan would begin in 2017 to 2019.

Resolution # 180 was made by Trustee Bickerton to borrow up to $100,000.00 to pay off the Sidewalk Link Project and a PILOT between the School and the County. The Town of Kinderhook was over paid and will issue us a refund. Trustee Bevens seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment-

The Mayor announced that CDPHP Health Insurance will increase 17.6%. The Board will file a complaint to CDPHP for the rate increase.

Mrs. Emma Hagadone asked the Board for forgiveness of her water/sewer bill penalties. The Board discussed the matter at length with Mrs. Hagadone and reminded her that she has already been given forgiveness for some of her penalties with the understanding that she would pay her bill in a timely manner each month with the payment plan she signed up for with the Village. Trustee Bevens added that the Village is paying for those residents who are not paying their bills. She has not been faithful in coming in to pay on her bill and therefore she was denied any more forgiveness on her bill.

Resolution # 181 was made by Trustee Bevens to enter into executive session at 6:08 pm regarding a meeting that was held with the Town of Kinderhook and any other business before the Board. Trustee Bickerton seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 182 was made by Trustee Bickerton to exit out of executive session at 6:14 pm with no decisions being made. Trustee Bevens seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #183 was made by Trustee Bickerton to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm. Trustee Bevens seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk