**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**October 13, 2020**

**SENIOR CENTER- 7:00 PM**

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

Mayor Diane Argyle Claudia Dings

Trustee Frank Bevens Emelia Teasdale

Trustee Larry Eleby Craig Hancock

Trustee Angelo Nero

Trustee David Williams

Clerk Barbara Fischer

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center due to COVID-19. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Resolution #32** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the minutes of September 8, 2020. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 33** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the abstract of bills #2020-5-#139-206 for a total of $48, 077.87, off abstract of bills that total $10,876.60 for a total of all bills of $53,455.97.

**Public Comment**- none

**Triangle-** Mayor Argyle met with the Hudson River Greenway group regarding the flowers at the intersection of Main Street and Route 9 that were affected by putting in the trail. The Greenway group will be restoring the garden to include new roses or another type of flower, new sod and new grass. Currently there is no power at the triangle and a new flagpole will need to be put in since the other one broke. It was decided to put in a smaller flagpole in this area as well. The Village will also be receiving a refund for the electric for around $500. Trustee Eleby suggested another flag pole be placed by Santa Claus Hill.

**Resolution # 34** was made by Trustee Nero to replace the flagpole at the triangle with a new smaller pole and add one to Santa Claus Hill as well and to restore the power to the triangle. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Pavilion at Callan Park/playground equipment**- New rubber mulch is replacing the old much at the pavilion and the Mayor and Trustee Bevens added 3 more items of playground equipment to the original list of equipment. This is all done with State Contract pricing.

**Resolution # 35** was made by Trustee Eleby to order the playground equipment with the 3 added playground items for Callan Park. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Trees on Main Street survey-** The Board will wait until the November meeting to address the results.

**Clerk’s Report**-We received a quote for a new laptop for the Bookkeeper. Waiting for more information from County MIS.

**Resolution # 36** was made by Trustee Bevens to purchase a new laptop for the Bookkeeper with the specifications needed in the recommendation from the Bookkeeping company we use and Columbia County MIS. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

Attorney Fitzsimmons noted that he spoke with the WWTP Union Representative Mike Kutsky, and there only needs to be some minor changes to the language on the contract for the new WWTP Employee.

**Fire Department**- (on file in the Clerk’s Office)- There were 6 calls in September. Driver training will be conducted with classroom and hands on training on two different dates. The fire company received donations of PPE from Ocean State Job Lots. A list of Fire Alarm activations were also given to the Board.

**Theater**- Craig Hancock stated that there were 3 youth workshops, done mostly virtually and 1 person in the gazebo. They are getting ready for next season and they are working on another grant that is due by October 28th. Marty McDermott is working on getting an estimate to “wrap” the building up. They are also in need of new Trustees due to two members, Tom Barber and Terry Lynn Gilchrest leaving. They may need to do a modest fund raiser to pay some bills.

Emelia Teasdale also stated that the Valatie Library is also in need of Trustees.

**Other business**- Mayor Argyle stated that the State DOT will be “milling” Main Street and Mechanic St. starting this week and then paving next week.

**Applications**- on hold until further notice. Mayor Argyle noted that we are looking into many avenues of expanding the Village office. More details to come at a later date. Mayor Argyle will do a cost analysis on staying in the Martin H. Glynn building or moving to the Senior Center.

**Water-Wastewater Department**- Report on file in the clerk’s office

**Comments from Audience**-

Claudia Dings asked about any progress in fixing drainage on her land? Attorney Fitzsimmons stated that the Board would discuss this in executive session.

Emelia Teasdale asked if a new flagpole would be placed on the triangle with electricity for lighting and she was instructed that the State will be working on all of this. Ms. Teasdale also inquired about the Energy Onyx building and she was informed by Attorney Fitzsimmons that there has been no determination by the Court as to the status of this building yet.

**Resolution #37** was made by Trustee Nero to enter in to executive session at 7:30 pm to discuss matters before the Board. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #38** was made by Trustee Bevens to exit executive session at 8:13 pm. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution #39** was made by Trustee Bevens to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Fischer

Village Clerk