**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**MARCH 16, 2017**

**7:00 PM**

**PRESENT** **AUDIENCE**

Mayor Diane Argyle Carol Williams, Randall Schmitt

Trustee Frank Bevens 2 residents, Reporter- Register Star

Trustee Larry Eleby

Trustee Angelo Nero

Trustee David Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Mayor Argyle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Resolution # 262** was made by Trustee Nero to approve the minutes of February 14, 2017. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 263** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve claims 2017-10-#469-517 for a total of $30,237.45 and $81,910.91 for off abstract bills for a grand total of $112, 148.36 for all bills paid. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

There were no public comments.

There were no reports from the Fire Department or the Theatre.

**Parks**-

Comments have been made by the public stating that the Santa Claus Park on Main Street is looking deteriorated. Upgrades to this park need to be made. The Lions Club will be fixing the playground equipment in the park and the Boy Scouts will be putting in mulch at Callan Park.

**Other Business**-

The manhole at Upper Main and New Street needs to be fixed because of a large section missing around it. Mayor Argyle mentioned that she has received a tentative agreement with State DOT regarding snow removal on Main Street next winter season. More details to follow.

There will be a volunteer community cleanup day spear- headed by our own Village resident Nick Becker on Saturday, April 22nd starting at 8:30 am starting at the Martin H. Glynn building. All those who want to help should bring gloves and wear comfortable clothing and footwear. Garbage bags will be provided.

Village wide garbage spring cleanup day will be held on May 13th. Residents are to sign up in the Village office so we can keep track of how many people actually use this extra day to get rid of unwanted items they can’t normally get rid of in the weekly trash day. This is open to Village residents only.

**Water/ Sewer Department**-

Mayor Argyle and Trustee Eleby met with the Village Engineer regarding our wells. Wells 3 & 4 have been cleared of any shrubs around them as we will be using well # 3 as a backup. Trustee Eleby expressed his appreciation of our Water/Sewer staff for their dedication and knowledge of our system. Mayor Argyle stated that using well # 3 is going to be used as our backup for now until other (financial) alternatives and decisions can be made without taking out another loan for water since we have many loans out now.

**V.E.R.A**.-

The Village Wide Tag Sale will be held on July 22nd this year followed by the Artisan Fair on October 7th, Small Business Saturday on November 25th and Winter Walk on December 8th. They are getting new members to join them and they are working on a project to fix a flower box to get ready for summer.

Resolution # 264 was made by Trustee Bevens to allow the Columbia County Historical Society to reproduce two negatives from the Guy Gamello Collection to print and publish into two pictures and use them in their magazine. The Village of Valatie holds the copyright to these negatives. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

The Village Clerk received another quote to purchase an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to have at the Village/Town Hall in case of a cardiac emergency in the building. Election Day will be held on March 21st from 12 noon – 9:00 pm. Shredding will take place outside the Village Office again from 3/20-3/30/17.

The Village Clerk will be away for the August meeting and asked that the meeting be moved to the following week but on a Wednesday. The Board agreed to move the meeting to that date of August 16th at 7:00 pm.

**Resolution # 265** was made by Trustee Nero to purchase the AED at the current price quoted at $1,657.32 (without tax) for the Martin H. Glynn building. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Budget workshops have been set for March 23rd and 30th at 6:00 pm for the Village Board to review the budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year and any other business before the Board. A notice will be advertised in both papers. All village residents are invited to attend.

**Comprehensive Plan Committee**-

Trustee Eleby met with committee member Marilyn Huffman and Robin Andrews who is on the Columbia County Solar Committee, to see how the Village can incorporate with National Grid in getting a bulk amount of homes to get solar. A grant is available for Clean Energy that the committee is looking into.

**Senior Center**-

Still working on the cabinet in the kitchen.

**Highway**-

The highway department will be doing snow removal between the hours of 10:00 pm- 6:00 am to remove the snow from Village Streets left by the blizzard last week.

**Building Department**-

Jane Pulver who works in the clerk’s office part time, will be doing paperwork for the building inspector now to relieve some of the paper load.

**Water/Sewer forgiveness**-

Valatie Hydro Power is asking for forgiveness of penalties on their water bills. The original owner has passed away leaving a son to take care of what is left. There was a poll of the Board and all agreed to give a reduction in penalties to the past water bills but did not agree in giving a reduction on the unit charges for an island parcel located in the Kinderhook Creek. The rational being that the Board would have to give relief to all residents with unused land.

**Resolution # 266** was made by Trustee Nero to allow the Valatie Library to use the Senior Center for their annual photo exhibit on April 2, 2017. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Other business**-

A complaint was received regarding the Time Warner Contract with the Village. The price of the contract has been raised although the internet has not been put into the Martin H. Glynn building. The mayor will look into this further.

**Resolution # 267** was made by Trustee Bevens to enter in to executive session at 7:48 pm. to discuss issues with an adult baseball group (who were to be present in executive session) and any other matters before the Board. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor carried.

**Resolution #268** was made by Trustee Bevens to exit executive session at 8:17 p.m. Trustee Williams seconded, all I favor, carried.

**Resolution # 269** was made by Trustee Bevens to allow the Adult softball team to use Callan Park starting in April with the stipulation that no alcohol be present while on the grounds. If any alcohol is reported being seen, all adult softball activities will end. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

The Village of Kinderhook is still having issues with their meter. The Board agreed to give them one more quarter to straighten it out and to request all records from their water department. We will bill them according to the meter reading in the sewer system.

There was discussion of people parking too long on River Street. The Board discussed options with Mr. Fitzsimmons to appoint someone to hand out tickets.

The Board also discussed the “bumps” coming out on New Street, and no parking on either side of River Street which a regulation will need to be set up to regulate this.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution # 270** was made by Trustee Bevens to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer, RMC

Village Clerk