**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**September 14, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

**Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building**

**Board members** **Audience**

Mayor Frank Bevens Randall Schmit, Lisa Hill, Ed Williams

Trustee Sean Casey Nancy Kohler, Craig Hancock, Dave Malsan

Trustee Larry Eleby Emelia Teasdale- Columbia Paper

Trustee Angelo Nero

Trustee David Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Barbara A. Fischer- Village Clerk

Mayor Bevens opened the meeting at 7:00 pm at the Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Resolution #35** was made by Trustee Casey to approve the minutes of August 10, 2021. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #36 w**as made by Trustee Casey to approve the abstract of bills #2021-4-#130-173 for a total of $ 28,044.63 and $5,461.87 **additional (#174-178)** that came in the day of the meeting. The off abstract of vouchers totaled $33,506.50 (which includes a BOND payment) making the total of all bills, $72,663.69. Trustee Casey seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Bevens explained to the audience that the Village of Valatie is now in litigation regarding the accident that happened on Main Street in the spring of this year. Therefore, the Village is not allowed to make any comments regarding or take any actions that have anything with traffic.

**Public Comments**- Members of the audience had some questions regarding commenting on activities of the Traffic Safety Committee that was formed. Attorney Fitzsimmons stated that the Village received a “Notice of Claim” and it is unclear as to how long this litigation will take. The matter has been turned over to Attorney Randy Belkin who will represent the Village and was appointed by the Insurance Company.

Lisa Hill commented that the Villages’ inability to work with the Traffic Safety Committee now, will not stop the committee from moving forward.

A question was asked of the status of the sidewalk committee and Mayor Bevens commented that the Sidewalk Committee met and is working on the logistics.

Another question posed was regarding parking lot signs.

Ed Williams complained about Law Enforcement coming up very fast on Church Street by his house and asked if the radar speed sign was a permanent sign in one location. Mayor Bevens commented that the sign would be mobile.

Nancy Kohler complained about Tru- Green spraying chemicals around the Village to kill the weeds. She stated they are highly toxic.

Emelia Teasdale asked if the Village was willing to split the cost of an outdoor movie night sponsored by the Valatie Library at a total cost of $424? ($212 for each).

**Resolution # 37** was made by Trustee Nero to split the cost of an outdoor movie night on October 22nd or 23rd with the Valatie Library for a cost of $212 for each from the total cost of $424. Trustee Casey seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Fire Department**- (report on file in Clerk’s Office)

There were 5 calls in the month of August. A list of fire alarm activations was given to the Board and will be passed on to the building inspector. Engine 55-20 (2000 International KME Pumper) failed its pump test due to overheating and also developed a diesel fuel leak on the motor. The truck had to be towed to the repair shop in Albany for repairs and is still out of service.

During the hydrant flushing in August, several issues were found such as frozen caps, missing markers, vegetation issues and 4 hydrants wouldn’t open. The Water Department was very responsive and has fixed all issues.

**Other Business**-

There will be a Blood Pressure Clinic at the Senior Center on September 20th sponsored by Valatie Rescue. Johnson & Johnson vaccines will also be available to anyone who needs one.

**Theater-** Craig Hancock introduced David Malsan who will be attending the Village Board meetings now instead of himself. Craig stated that the Youth Theater Productions went very well with about 65-80 in attendance at each show while social distancing.

On November 3rd there will be a Informational meeting regarding grants which are open to non profit groups. Contact the Theater for more details.

On October 9th, there will be an R & B Group playing at the Theater and on October 23rd, there will be a program of “Radio Plays” from the 1930’3 & 40’s. The Theater is also looking to do the play “It’s A Wonderful Life” depending on COVID. There are also some “Open Mike” nights the second Friday of the month and all are welcome.

**V.E.R.A.-** The tag sale is all set in conjunction with the Presbyterian Church. Winter Walk is moving forward.

**WWTP Report**- (On file in the Clerk’s office) The check valve on Well #4 is no longer working and a replacement has been ordered. Aeration blower #1 is not working and General Control Systems has been contacted and will troubleshoot the issue with the blower the week of September 13th.

Hydrant flushing has been completed and the Water Department thanked the Fire Department for their help with flushing them. Quarterly water meter readings have begun and Robert attended the Basic Operations course at SUNY Morrisville and all went well. His next class will be held December 14-17th at SUNY Morrisville for the activated sludge portion of the training.

The plow for the water truck has arrived and will be installed in the fall.

Kingsley Power Systems will perform a Level 2 inspection and service of the generator on September 22.

**Building Department Report**- no report

**Other business**-

**Cannabis Stores**- The Village has one person to sit on the newly formed Committee regarding Cannabis Stores. A Public Hearing will be held in November or December to decide if the Village will either opt in or out of this. Seventy five percent (75%) of local sales tax would go to the Village while 13% would go to the State and 4% would go to the County.

**More new business**-

The Board had a request to use the gazebo for a baby shower.

**Resolution #38** was made by Trustee Nero to allow the use of the gazebo for a baby shower on September 25, 2021. Trustee Casey seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #39** was made by Trustee Casey to allow the Lions Club to use the Senior Center for monthly meetings starting in September until June of 2022. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #40** was made by Trustee Eleby to allow the Santa Claus Club use the Senior Center for meetings starting October 20th and continue in November, December and January of 2022. Trustee Casey seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Electronic Recycling Day** will be held at the Town Garage on Rapp Road on Saturday, September 18th from 9:00 am- 12 noon.

**Clerk’s Report**- Another resolution is needed for a Standard Work Day report for Trustee Sean Casey.

**Resolution #41** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Bevens announced that the Board is looking for a resident to fill the position of Zoning Board of Appeals member due to the passing of member Art Heins earlier this year. Residents are asked to send in a letter of intent.

**Use of MHG Building/Parks**- (applications on file in the clerk’s office)

1. Northern Columbia Chaos Softball
2. Family Resource Center
3. Girl Scouts

**Resolution # 42** was made by Trustee Casey to approve all applications. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 43** was made by Trustee Casey to enter into Executive Session at 7:42 pm to discuss litigation before the Village. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #44** was made by Trustee Nero to exit from Executive Session with no motions being made at 7:59 pm. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution #45** was made by Trustee Williams to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Trustee Casey seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk/Treasurer