Village of Valatie

Board of Trustees

August 11, 2015

FINAL

Present Audience

Mayor Diane Argyle 5 residents

Trustee Frank Bevens 1 Reporter

Trustee Angelo Nero

Trustee Phil Bickerton

Trustee David Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Dan Rourke, Delaware Engineering

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

Boy Scout Michael Foote from Troop 113 gave a presentation on renovations to the Martin H. Glynn Square that he is proposing to the Village Board which he would like to do as part of his Eagle Project. Michael gave a binder to each Board member that explained the entire project including all costs. (Binder is on file in the Village Clerk’s Office). Fund raising will be done for this project as well as asking for donations to complete this project. Trustee Williams stated that he will ask the Legion members regarding helping out with this project.

Resolution # 29 was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Bickerton seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 30 was made by Trustee Bickerton to amend the payment of claims for the July 14, 2015 meeting for a total of $74,778.66. Trustee Bevens seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 31 was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the payment of claims 2015.3-81-132 for a total amount of $41,476.17. Trustee Williams seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business**

**Wastewater Treatment Plant/Delaware Engineering**-

Monthly Report on file in Clerk’s Office.

Engineer Dan Rourke from Delaware Engineering stated that a change order has been placed for the sewer plant project to add the Odor Control for a total of $8,297.00 since this was not part of the original project but was listed as an alternate. Mayor Argyle commented that the price that she was quoted was only $4,400.00. Dan commented that this probably did not include the electrical and the cost will probably come down to around $7,000. Trustees Williams and Bevens expressed their displeasure with Delaware Engineering since they both believed this odor control was talked about in the original meeting. Trustee Williams stated that this was unacceptable especially since the engineers made a mistake in the dimensions for the placement of the drainage piping. Trustee Williams wanted to make known that this engineering error should not have happened and the field man for this project should have caught any abnormalities and cleaned up anything they missed. Mr. Rourke stated that Delaware Engineering will not be charging the Village for this mistake. The time frame for completion of this project is September 15th with a balance due of $13,797.00. The total cost of the project was $463,998.00.

Resolution # 32 was made by Trustee Bickerton to finish up with this project with the balance due of $13,797.00 to get it done. Trustee Williams seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Argyle reported that the Lift pump at the sewer plant needs to be replaced and she received a quote from Emerich Associates to repair the old pump at a cost of $4,750.00 or to purchase a brand new one at a cost of $11,339.79. Trustee Bevens stated that at least a new pump will have a guarantee.

Resolution # 33 was made by Trustee Bevens to purchase a new lift pump for the sewer plant at a cost of $11,339.79. Trustee Bickerton seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Building/ Highway Department**- no report

**Fire Department**- There were 13 calls in the last month. The Chief was currently at a fire call then off to fire school.

**Theater**- The air conditioning is fixed and a new fence will be placed around it to block anyone from throwing more rocks at it. Insurance is covering the cost of repairs for the air conditioning. Trustee Bickerton asked that a 6 foot fence be placed around the air conditioning but the Board will ask for a quote for an 8 foot fence as well.

**V.E.R.A.-** Randall Schmitt reported that the Artisan Fair will take place on October 10th from 11:00 am- 5:00 pm. There are 12 vendors so far with 2 musicians and 2 authors for book signings. The Committee held a meeting and they are looking to have between 20-30 vendors

**Library**-The Register Star newspaper used some pictures of the Guy Gamello collection without permission of the Village who were given exclusive rights to have the pictures copyrighted. The editor from the Register Star apologized for the mistake and the Board will have the pictures copyrighted.

Tim Holk appeared before the Board again regarding developing property on Upper Main St. for moderate to high income Seniors. A PILOT would be formed and a solar energy farm has been okayed for this property. He will come before the Board again with more information.

The Board discussed paving Oak Drive and High Street. We would get some money back from CHIPS money for High Street but there won’t be enough money for Oak Drive until next years budget. There was also a complaint regarding the crosswalk near Barnwell that will be looked into. The Mayor has also sent many letters to NYS DOT regarding the crosswalks on Main Street but has heard nothing back as of yet. The Board is also looking into signage for Spring Street to slow people down.

Resolution # 34 was made by Trustee Bickerton to purchase a “Slow Children” sign to slow people down on Spring Street. Trustee Bevens seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

There have been a lot of feral cats running around the Village for a long time. Ruth Miller and a few other volunteers have been capturing these cats and paying to have them spayed or neutered. The Town of Kinderhook has given $650 towards helping with the cost of spaying and neutering.

Resolution # 35 was made by Trustee Bickerton to give $100.00 towards the cost of spaying and neutering these feral cats. Trustee Bevens seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Clerk’s Office Update**- none

**Senior Center**- none

**Parks/ Landscape**- none

**Public Comment-**

There will not be a second garbage collection day in the Village. There is a mattress still on Main Street that needs to be removed.

The Board discussed having the Sheriff’s Office and the State Police to start writing parking tickets along Main Street. The Board discussed the fees associated with any violations. There would need to be a Public Hearing set up to discuss this. The Village would receive the fees. The Board will discuss this again at the September meeting and then look at a Public Hearing to be set up for the October meeting.

Trustee Bevens reminded everyone that during the winter there will be no parking during certain hours along Main Street so that highway crews can clean the streets of snow if needed. This is already noted in Village Law.

**Communications/ Applications for use of the MHG Building-**

The Board received a letter from the Valatie Library thanking the Board for the use of the MHG gym during the summer on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for children’s programs.

Resolution # 36 was made by Trustee Nero to allow Tracy Dugan to use the pavilion at Callan Park for an anniversary party. Trustee Williams seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 37 was made by Trustee Bevens to allow V.E.R.A. to use the meeting room at the MHG building on August 22nd for an organizational meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 38 was made by Trustee Bevens to allow the Northern Columbia Chaos girls softball team to use the gym for practice. They have provided proof of insurance. Trustee Bickerton seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 39 was made by Trustee Bickerton to allow the Kinderhook Reforemd Church to use the gym for a “Stop Hunger Now” event on September 26th from 11:00 am-4:00 pm. Trustee Bevens seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 40 was made by Trustee Bickerton to allow the Whitney Fields HOA to use a room in the MHG building for a meeting. Trustee Nero seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 41 was made by Trustee Bevens to allow the National Park Service to hold a Public Meeting for the Martin Van Buren Park Service General Management Plan. Trustee Nero seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 42 was made by Trustee Bevens to enter into executive session at 8:35 pm to discuss personnel and the water billing system. Trustee Nero seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 43 was made by Trustee Bevens to exit executive session at 9:43 pm. Trustee Nero seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 44 was made by Trustee Bevens to forgive some water/sewer penalties for a resident on their water bill due to certain circumstances for a total of 50% off the total penalty amount ($1400). Trustee Nero seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Bevens made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 pm, Trustee Nero seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk/Treasurer