**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MONTHLY MEETING**

**September 20, 2022**

**Board Members Audience**

Mayor Frank Bevens Meg Todisco Climate Smart TF

Trustee Matthew Carter Emelia Teasdale, Randall Schmit

Trustee Larry Eleby

Trustee Angelo Nero

Trustee Patrick Rodgers

Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons

Clerk Barbara Fischer

Mayor Bevens opened the monthly meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

**Resolution # 30** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the minutes of August 16, 2022 as presented. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 31** was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the abstract of bills 2022-2023, #4- #137-200 for a total of $62,514.76. The off abstract of bills totaled $11,380.83. Grand total of all bills is $73,895.59. Trustee Eleby seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

**Main Street**- Some sections of the sidewalk on Main Street have been replaced.

**Old Mill**- There have been some questions being asked by the residents regarding the ownership of the Energy Onyx building. Attorney Fitzsimmons explained that the building is not titled to the Village but still to the LDC. Mr. Fitzsimmons has been in contact with Jason Nastke who will be filing an audit with the State, then dissolution papers can be drafted. The annual audit report will then need to be filed to the Office of the State Comptroller by Jason’s auditors.

**Dogs**- The leash law is not being followed

**Climate Smart**- Climate Smart Task Force Coordinator, Meg Todisco, gave her report to the Board. Since the last meeting, she and the Building Inspector Stephanie, attended the last Main Street Food Truck festival in August. They set up an informational table providing information on just what a “Climate Smart Community” is. The first Task Force meeting will be held on September 28th with the new members that have volunteered for this committee; Board members Larry Eleby and Matthew Carter, Diana Carter, Laura Cannamela, and David Pickett. Stephanie will also be in attendance. Meg will be attending several webinars with the “Partners for Climate Action” and will be submitting reports for submission via Google Docs allowing this information to be accessed later “in the cloud”. A resolution needs to be passed by the Board this evening allowing authorization for the Village to accept “Technical Assistance being offered by CDRPC to develop a vulnerability assessment and climate adaptation plan”.

**Resolution# 32** was made by Trustee Carter “Authorizing the Village of Valatie to Accept Technical Assistance being offered by the Capital District Regional Planning Commission through a NYS DEC Climate Smart Communities Coordinator Services (CDRPC) to Develop a Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Adaptation Plan”. Trustee Eleby seconded the motion, all in favor, carried. (Resolution #32 will be attached to these minutes).

**Parks**- Callan Park has been inundated with yellow jackets this year and the playground was shut down for 5 days. Thomas Pest Control has treated the area and it should be good for this year. Mulch will be going in next week and the mats for under the swing sets and slide have been delivered.

**Public Comment**- none

**Fire Department Report**- There were 10 calls in the month of August. There were also two alarm activations at Barnwell that fall under the Alarm Law Violations.

David Picket has been accepted as a new member of the fire department as an active firefighter and there will be a two- day driver training class on equipment and apparatus along with classroom instruction and a driving practical portion of the class training on 10/6/2022 and 10/9/2022.

**VERA**- Randall reported that the October 1, Village Wide Tag Sale posters are out and maps will be made up. So far 17 residents have signed up. This will be in conjunction with the Presbyterian Church across form the Village Hall. The Welcome sign by Route 203 will need some adjustments made to it and will hopefully be ready by October 1st. Community Bank is sponsoring the sign.

**Theater**- No report other than they are waiting for a committee of Board members and Theater representatives to get together.

**WWTP**- Report is on file in the clerk’s office and will be attached to these minutes.

**Building Department/ Code Enforcement Officer**- no report, still very busy!

**Highway Department**- Paving will not start now until maybe October.

**Clerk**- October water bills are going out by the end of the month and 5 new Village Code books arrived from General Code. Clerk Fischer has been named as a Director to the NYS Office of Municipal Finance Officers and will meet via zoom a couple of times a year and attend the Fall Convention and a meeting in Binghamton once a year.

**MHG Applications**- 1. Northern Columbia Chaos Softball

 2. Zonta of UHV

We received a thank you from resident Peggy Moore thanking us for a card on her recent fall and a Thank You from Elizabeth Powhida from the Valatie Library for the use of the MHG gym and Callan Park for programs they were doing.

**Resolution # 33** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the applications. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 34** was made by Trustee Nero to enter into executive session at 7:37 pm to discuss matters before the Board. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 35** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 7:45 pm with no decisions being made. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #36** was made by Trustee Carter to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk