**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**November 10, 2020**

**SENIOR CENTER- 7:00 PM**

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

Mayor Diane Argyle none

Trustee Frank Bevens

Trustee Larry Eleby

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 #40** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 41** was made by Trustee Nero to approve the abstract of bills #2020-6-#207-241 for a total of $42,583.82, off abstract of bills that total $5096.56 for a total of all bills of $47,680.38. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Public Comment**- none

**Fire Department Report**- (on file in the clerk’s office)

There were 9 calls in October. On October 15th & 18th, 11 drivers completed 8 hours of classroom and hands-on driver training. On November 7th, 14 firefighters completed Annual OSHA Refresher training along with Bloodborne Pathogen & Sexual Harassment Training. A list of alarm activations was also given and will be forwarded on to the Building Inspector.

The Board discussed the LWRP Waterfront Grant that is in conjunction with the Village of Kinderhook. It was also discussed to hire a Grant Administrator for this grant.

**Resolution #42** was proposed by Trustee Bevens that the Village of Valatie Board of Trustees and the Village of Kinderhook Board of Trustees, enter into a contract with the NYS Department of State for a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and to hire and that the Village of Valatie will hire a grant administrator for this project. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Tru Green contract- There is an approximately $100 increase in the Tru- Green contract for 2021.

**Resolution # 43** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the Tru- Green contract for the year 2021. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Small Business Saturday Resolution**- Saturday, November 28, 2020 is Small Business Saturday in the Village. There will not be a formal gathering to celebrate this occasion this year.

**Resolution # 44** was made by Trustee Bevens to declare Saturday, November 28, 2020 as “Small Business Saturday”. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Winter Walk**- There will not be a Winter Walk this year due to the pandemic. The Santa Claus Club will hold a parade on Christmas Eve around the Village since they are also not handing out gifts to children this year. The parade may start earlier than usual so more children will be able to see Santa.

**Bike Rack on Main Street**- The Board discussed placing two sets of bicycle racks on Main Street and a couple of benches. Trustee Williams also suggested that signs be placed at each end of Main Street pointing out where businesses are located.

**Resolution # 45** was made by Trustee Williams to purchase two sets of bicycle racks for Main Street and at least two benches. It was also decided to look into displaying signs at either end of Main Street that will show the location of Main Street Businesses. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Trees on Main Street survey-** Out of 94 responses, the final result of the Main Street Tree Survey is to trim the trees and contact an arborist. Mayor Argyle will speak to the woman who works on the Greenway Grant who is also an arborist. It was discussed to contact residents to inform them that work will be done on the trees first and then the sidewalks will be replaced. There is $20,000 in the budget for sidewalks for this year but there is another $10,000 left over from the previous year which will be about a 3-year project. The Board may ask the Town Highway to tear up the concrete and put this project in the contract we have with them. This project will need to go out to bid.

**Other business**- Phil Bickerton and Trustee Larry Eleby were able to acquire a NYSERDA Grant for LED lights for the Martin H. Glynn building. They will be working with Chuck and Pete Rothermel on completing this project.

Mayor Argyle, Trustee Bevens, and Rob Fitzsimmons met with Claudia and Chuck Dings regarding the issue on their property. Engineer Ray Jurkowski will be consulted about this issue.

**Theater**- The committee of Trustee Williams, Trustee Bevens, Marty McDermott and Michael Rivenburgh, and Craig Hancock, will be working together to see if they can get some grants for work that needs to be done on the Theater. The Village is unable to put any more money into fixing the Theater. The Village can’t sell the Theater to the Theater group at a reduced price because, according to Attorney Fitzsimmons, the building needs to be sold at market value and the Theater group can not afford to buy it.

**Parks**- The new playground equipment was shipped today. It was discussed to also purchase some hard rubber plastic edging to contain the recently purchased mulch that will go around the playground. The cost to purchase the edging on State contract will be $5,061.48.

**Resolution # 46** was made by Trustee Williams to purchase some hard rubber plastic that will contain the recently purchased mulch that will go around the entire playground area at Callan Park. The cost on State contract is $5,061.48. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

A quote of $9,477.55 was received to purchase cameras for outside the Senior Center.

**Resolution # 47** was made by Trustee Williams to purchase the cameras for outside the Senior Center at a cost of $9,477.55. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Clerk’s Report**- It is time to decide whether to sell the Recycle permits for the Route 9H transfer station in the Village office. It was decided that if the Clerk wanted to sell them again, it was up to her. The Village Office will try another year to sell these recycle permits and continue to advertise that they are for sale again for next year, on the website and in the quarterly newsletter.

The Mayor asked the Board that if the Village Office needed to close due to COVID-19, did she have their permission to do so? The entire Board agreed to use her discretion in closing the office due to the pandemic.

**Applications**- on hold until further notice.

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

**Comments from Audience**-no audience

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution #48** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Fischer

Village Clerk