

**VILLAGE OF VALATIE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

Board Members Present

Mayor Diane Argyle
Trustee Frank Bevens
Trustee Larry Eleby
Trustee Angelo Nero
Trustee David Williams
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.- absent- notified

Audience

Fire Chief Rustin Dolan
Marilyn Huffman
Peter Bujanow
Randall Schmitt, Patrick Rodgers
Craig Hancock, Emelia Teasdale
Michael Rivenburg

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Argyle announced the following:

The dedication of the Route 203 Bridge at the end of Main Street in honor of Roger Mazal would be held at 11:00 am on September 15, 2019. All are invited to attend.

The Village website will list an assistance to Seniors program.

There will be early voting at the Martin H. Glynn Building. A complete list of dates and times will be listed on the Village website.

Resolution # 32 was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the minutes of August 13, 2019. Trustee Eleby seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

Resolution # 33 was made by Trustee Bevens to pay claims #2019-4, #138-190 for a total of \$87,885.04 and \$109,630.03 for off abstract bills which includes a BOND payment making the total of all bills \$197,515.07. Trustee Williams seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

There was no public comment.

Fire Department- Chief Rustin Dolan reported that there were 4 calls since the last meeting and no false alarms. The fire hydrant in front of the fire house needs to be repaired and a repair form has been submitted to the Village office.

Chief Dolan was informed that there is no update yet for the ISO Audit. Chief Dolan stated that the fire department will once again be out with the fire trucks on Halloween handing out candy to the children around the Village.

V.E.R.A.- Randall Schmitt announced the Artisan Fair will be held on October 5th and vendor sign ups are going well.

Mayor Argyle commented that there have been no other comments regarding kids riding bicycles on Main Street other than from Randall. The Village Board agreed that until there are more complaints, they will not develop a local law requesting no bicycles on Main Street. A draft of a local law to regulate the use of bicycles and other wheeled devices has been postponed.

Mayor Argyle stated that the VERA sign at the end of Main Street is in need of repair. As funds are available, Randall stated that the board will be repaired.

Theater- Craig Hancock reported that the theater had a successful Youth Theater and there will be another production around Halloween. The de-centralization grant is due by Friday, October 13th. They are trying to contact Kathy Mackey regarding help with a Walmart Grant. The Theater Board would like to purchase a sign board to place in the triangle at the end of Main Street announcing up- coming events. The cost is approximately \$459.00. Discussion ensued stating that they may have to postpone this idea until the Village knows what State DOT will be doing at that intersection. Mayor Argyle made a suggestion that when the time comes, maybe the Village would purchase the sign?

Peter Bujanow who has offered to work on getting a grant for the Theater to help with getting the roof repaired on the building, has been in touch with Mark Thaler. Mr. Thaler determined the source of the roof leak and Peter will work with him on getting it repaired.

Mr. Bujanow will also work with Mr. Thaler on an Historic Preservation League Grant to get funding to provide a condition survey of the Theater Building. A drain is needed to get water away from the building and to divert it to Williams Street. Peter will complete the application and get an RFP out, etc. for this grant. This grant will be separate from the roof leak issue.

Resolution #34 was made by Trustee Eleby to allow Peter Bujanow to work with Mark Thaler on an Historic Preservation League Grant for the Village Theater. Trustee Bevins seconded, all in favor, carried.

Parks- Patrick Rodgers was asked to help write a Hudson River Greenway Grant for the Kinderhook Creek project in conjunction with the Village of Kinderhook. He commented that he hoped there would be additional planning around the Kinderhook Creek to prevent erosion.

Resolution # 35 was made by Trustee Bevins to have Patrick Rodgers work on the Hudson River Greenway Grant for the Kinderhook Creek Project in conjunction with the Village of Kinderhook. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried. The Board Thanked Mr. Rodgers for his help.

Mayor Argyle also stated that Mr. Rodgers applied to be the newest member of the Village Zoning Board of Appeals to replace outgoing member Marilyn Huffman.

Resolution # 36 was made by Trustee Nero to approve the appointment of Patrick Rodgers as the newest member of the Village Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

Water/Sewer- A kink in the design of the ^{filtration for the} water pump ^{holes} was corrected.

Clerk- The clerk asked to move the October meeting due to vacation plans. The Board agreed to move the Regular Village Board meeting to October 22nd at 7:00 pm.

The clerk again had information regarding getting Veteran banners to be placed on Village Streets from Mr. Nick Becker. She will look into this some more and report back at a later date.

Senior Center- Brick work is needed to be done on the side of the building. S leak will need to be fixed then repointing of the brick will need to be done to the side of the building.

Trustee Eleby has been working on getting LED lights for the Senior Center. The cost would be \$6,229.00 but National Grid will pay an incentive of \$1,988.00. This cost includes outside lights and a pole outside.

Resolution # 37 was made by Trustee Bevins to allow Trustee Eleby to move forward on getting the LED lights installed at the Senior Center with a National Grid incentive. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

Highway Department- Hopefully the paving of Luther, Lake and High Streets will take place this week. The Dings property is also being looked into for a drainage problem that has been a long -standing problem according to Trustee Nero. The Board discussed having the Highway Department and Chuck Rothermel take a look at this situation that should have been repaired many years ago by the current Village Board. Board members expressed their concern that other residents may ask for help with drainage issues but since this has been looked at before by the Village Board it needed to be fixed. The Board expressed that if this does not fix the problem, it is out of their hands for the future.

Resolution # 38 was made by Trustee Williams to have the Highway Department and Chuck Rothermel work together on trying to fix the drainage issue at the Dings property that should have been fixed many years before. If this issue is not fixed, it is not the Boards responsibility any longer to make any further attempts at repair. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Building Dept.- no report

MHG Applications- There are 9 applications before the Board. All paperwork is on file in the clerk's office.

1. Kinderhook Basketball Association
2. Capital District Royals
3. Whitney Fields annual meeting
4. Capital District Rockets
5. Northern Columbia Chaos- Matt Konkle
6. Girl Scout Troop 2030
7. Girl Scout Troop 1539
8. Girl Scouts Service Unit 126
9. Northern Columbia Chaos- Paul Strobel

Resolution #39 was made by Trustee Bevens to approve all applications that will be on file in the clerk's office. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

There were 2 other requests made/received:

1. Boy Scout Troop 2114 for a 5K Veterans Day Run at the Gazebo and use of the MHG Bldg.
2. Garden Club to use the Senior Center every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Resolution #40 was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the requests, Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

The Village Clerk swore in Patrick Rodgers as the newest member of the Village Zoning Board of Appeals.

Resolution #41 was made by Trustee Eleby to enter into executive session at 7:52 pm to discuss a personnel matter and a matter for the CDBG loan account. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

Resolution #42 was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 8:13 pm., Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

Resolution #43 was made by Trustee Williams to loan Mr. Michael Rivenbrug, \$20,000 from the Community Block Development Account (CDBG Account) for his new Brewery Business on Main Street. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

Resolution #44 was made by Trustee Eleby to hire Stephanie, Carradine- Ruchel for 10 hours a week in the Building Department at \$15 per hour to work with Building Inspector Vince Concra and to be the new Planning/ Zoning Board Clerk. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Argyle commented that the lines on the parking lot in front of the Martin H. Glynn Building will be painted soon.

With no further business to discuss,

Resolution #45 was made by Trustee Bevins to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer
Village Clerk