**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MONTHLY MEETING**

**AUGUST 16, 2022**

**Board Members Audience**

Mayor Frank Bevens Meg Todisco

Trustee Matthew Carter

Trustee Larry Eleby

Trustee Angelo Nero

Trustee Patrick Rodgers (absent, notified)

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

**Resolution # 22** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the minutes of July 12, 2022 as presented. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 23** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the abstract of bills 2022-2023, #3- #83-136 for a total of $212, 890.38. The off abstract of bills totaled $100,287.50 which includes an electronic transfer for a water system BOND. Grand total of all bills is $313,177.88. Trustee Carter seconded the motion, all in favor, carried. ( A correction of the total bills for July was listed with the total for the July bills being #135,339.26).

**Main Street**- Stuyvesant Mechanical is still busy and will get to the sidewalks soon. The food truck festivals are well received.

**Old Mill**- Another part of the roof collapsed and the area has been secured with a snow fence to keep people away. The building is still titled to the LDC. Attorney Fitzsimmons spoke to the buyers attorney and the group is still moving forward with the purchase of the old mill. Audits are completed and the dissolution papers need to be drawn up to move forward with the closing.

**Dogs**- There is an issue with dogs running up to people at Pachaquack and River Street Parks and owners are not picking up after their dogs in Little Falls. Another reminder notice of the leash law and owners are to pick up after their dogs will be placed in the quarterly newsletter again for the October water billing.

**Climate Smart**- Meg Todisco attended the meeting to explain the points of the Climate Smart Task Force and what it means for the Village of Valatie. A Resolution needs to be passed to establish a Climate Smart Communities Task Force and appoint a Climate Smart Task Force Coordinator. The Task Force must have at least 5 members and meet at least twice a year. The meetings will be treated like any other recorded meeting; with members and any other attendees signing in. Minutes will also be kept. Cornell Cooperative Extension will be the Technical Advisors for the Climate Smart Task Force.

Suggested names for other members for the Task Force were made and they will be contacted to see if they would have any interest in joining in.

**Resolution # 24** was made by Trustee Eleby to appoint Meg Todisco as the Climate Smart Coordinator for the Village of Valatie. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #25** was made by Trustee Eleby to accept the proposed wording for the “Establishment of the Climate Smart Communities Task Force and Appointment of the Coordinator”. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

Meg also commented that since the Village has been accepted by the Partners for Climate Action to be a member of this year’s “Champions” program, there are grants available through that organization to address erosion along the stream and other ecological restoration projects. Applications are due by September 30th.

Meg and Stephanie will set up an informational table at the last Food Truck night on Main Street to start getting the word out about the Climate Smart Task Force and the mission to win Bronze certification.

A link from the Village website will be established to view the Climate Smart Communities Task Force information and updates.

**Public Comment**- none

**Fire Department Report**- no report

**VERA**- Randall Schmit emailed his report stating that the Village Wide Tag Sale will be held on October 1, 2022. Sign up sheets will be available in the Village Office by September 1st. Also, they are still waiting for the reflective paint to come in from the company they are dealing with for the Welcome sign on Main Street.

**Theater**- Trustee Rodgers submitted the grant application for the theater that he has been working on. There are other matching grants that he will hopefully be working on for the Theater.

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

**Building Department/ Code Enforcement Officer**- Stephanie is kept quite busy and is doing a great job!

**Highway Department**- Paving will not start until early September since they are backed up at the moment.

**Clerk**- no report

**MHG Applications**- 1. Northern Columbia Chaos Softball- use of gym for practice.

**Resolution # 26** was made by Trustee Nero to approve the application. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 27** was made by Trustee Carter to enter into executive session at 7:32 pm to discuss matters before the Board. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 28** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 7:36 pm with no decisions being made. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #29** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk