**Village of Valatie**

**Board of Trustees**

**July 9 2019**

**7:00 pm**

**Attendance**  **Audience**

Mayor Diane Argyle Lisa Hill, Randall Schmitt

Trustee Frank Bevens Mr. & Mrs. Domigan

Trustee Larry Eleby- absent 1st Asst. Chief Joe Loeffler

Trustee Angelo Nero- absent Peter Bujanow

Trustee David Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

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

**Resolution # 13** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the minutes of June 11, 2019 and the Special meeting of June 25, 2019. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #14** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve claims #2019-2-#35-76 for a total of $36,912.37 and $95,323.34 for off abstract bills which included a Bond and the Highway contract for a total of $132,235.71 for all bills.

**Public Comment**- Mr. Robert and Mrs. Barbara Domigan who live next to Ryan’s Bar and Grill, complained about the loud music and loud patrons until 12:30 pm over the weekend. Mayor Argyle explained that a letter is being sent to the landlord, BJ Cantle and Ann Ryan, the owner of the bar, warning them that they are in violation of the noise ordinance in the Village. Mayor Argyle expressed to Mrs. Domigan to contact the police if it continues again. The bar is required to be quiet after 11:00 pm and the live music is usually from 7-10 pm.

Randall Schmitt commented that he has a signed petition banning bicycles on Main Street sidewalks and it is signed by some businesses on Main Street. Mayor Argyle commented that businesses are looking for the Village to develop an ordinance banning anyone over the age of 10 years old from riding their bikes on the Main Street sidewalks.

Lisa Hill also commented that this has been a huge problem since last year and continues from the time school is let out until the evening time. This is usually the older kids and the Sheriff’s office has been called regarding this. She has gone so far as to purposely leave two clothing racks perpendicular with a space in between for people to walk by. The businesses have tried speaking to the kids but they do not listen to them.

Ms. Hill also stated that she had issues with the sidewalk next to the Community Theater on Main Street. There are stones spread out all over that are being washed away from the sidewalk. She commented that the Theater is asking for donations for bricks for a patio that she cannot support because they can’t clean up what is there. She would come back to another Board meeting to express her concerns to the Theater representatives in person. She also commented that a crosswalk sign is broken off / missing by the crosswalk and needs to have a cone or something placed over it so no one hurts themselves.

She also had issues with certain areas of the Village not being cleaned up better and asked if whomever was doing the job could do a little bit more.

She also mentioned that she had issues with the post card that was sent out by the Theater.

Trustee Dave Williams, in the Theaters defense, stated that they are doing the best they can.

**Fire Department**-

Assistant Chief Joe Loeffler was in attendance this evening in the absence of Chief Rustin Dolan. He stated that there were 12 calls since the last Board meeting and they started the annual truck servicing with State DOT inspections. Two trucks have been completed and one was found with an oil leak which is covered under the 5 year warranty.

Hose testing will begin on Saturday, July 13th at the fire house. The bill for this will be shared with the Niverville Fire Department because they get a better rate in price for each foot of hose tested.

The boot drive will again take place during the Village Wide Tag Sale. Mayor Argyle inquired about the kitchen at the fire house being completed yet? Chief Loeffler stated that it is not completed yet but they are getting close.

Assist. Chief Loeffler also stated that the ladder truck needs to have its tires replaced which was already included in the budget for this year. They received a quote for Michelin tires which were originally on the ladder truck when they got it. The cost is $7,100 for 10 tires. They will also get the service done on the truck as well.

**Resolution #15** was made by Trustee Bevens to purchase the tires for the ladder truck. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

Trustee Bevens stated that a quote was received from Doyle Security Systems for the fire alarm system at the fire house by the company that originally did the work. The total cost of the system is $2,424.45 but the company has only asked for a deposit of $1,212.23 until the job is completed.

**Resolution #16** was made by Trustee Williams to accept the quote from Doyle Security Systems to have the new fire alarm system put in the fire house at a cost of $2424.45 with a deposit of $1212.23 down until the project is completed. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**V.E.R.A**.- The village wide tag sale has over 30 participants signed up so far. The fire company boot drive will also take place during that time. Randall will have posters to the village office by Thursday. John Bryan has offered to work with someone on the flower box which is in badly needed repair or replacement. Discussion on what to do with the box is in progress.

**Theater**- Mayor Argyle reported that there is a leak in the building and they are looking for someone to fix it.

**Parks**- Nathan is waiting for a quote for pea stone for Callan Park. Trustee Bevens will also get a quote.

**Other business**- Trustee Bevens asked if the village could use the parking lot on River Street for 24 hour parking now since we now own the lot. Attorney Fitzsimmons stated yes and we could put signage.

**Grant with Village of Kinderhook**- The mayor stated that Pat Rogers is helping to move the paperwork along with Ted from Barton & Loguidice.

**Water/Sewer**- Mayor Argyle stated that we need to work on getting an emergency after hours phone number for Paul. We pay him a minimum of 4 hours even if he does not go out.

**Clerk office**- A new credit card machine is on order for the office to make the process a little easier for customers and a Resolution for Standard Work Day for NYS Retirement needs to be approved. The clerk also attended a webinar for the Gov Pay Net credit card system. Taxes have been collected for the month of June. We still have quite a few outstanding bills but they usually come in slowly for the next month with an additional penalty.

**Resolution # 17** was made by Trustee Williams to fill out and sign the NYS Standard Work Day form. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Highway**- Starting on Tuesday, July 16th, Lake, High and Luther Streets will be closed for water main replacement work with the installation of storm drains along with hydrant replacement followed by paving of the streets. It should take approximately two weeks to complete depending on weather and any unforeseen issues. Letters will be sent to all those residents who will be affected.

**Building Dept**.- no report

**Applications**-1. Capital District Rockets

2. Letter from Kevin Beahn requesting use of Callan Park for his son’s 3rd birthday party.

The Board discussed “charging” a $100 refundable deposit now for anyone using the park which an applicant will get back as long as the garbage is picked up and everything is left in good order. All applicants will be need to abide by the No Alcohol, Drugs, and No Smoking Rules which will be expressed to anyone using the park(s).

**Resolution # 18** was made by Trustee Williams to approve both requests and to approve “charging” a refundable deposit fee unless they are an organization and a waiver of the fee could be issued. The check would be “held” until everything is in god order at the park(s). Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Other unfinished business**- Lisa Hill asked for a re-cap of a resolution regarding the non-use of bicycles on sidewalks petition from Main Street at the Route 9 Bridge to Route 203 and would also include Rathbone and New Streets. Attorney Fitzsimmons will draft up a resolution for the next Board meeting in August.

Mr. Fitzsimmons stated that Andy Howard is getting an appraisal from Concra Appraisal for the Energy Onyx building. He also commented that the attorney for Paul Calcagno spoke to him recently regarding Mr. Calcagno clearing some of his land off of Albany Avenue. Mr. Calcagno would like to start the project and hold a joint meeting with the Town of Kinderhook. He closed on the property and would like to move on now.

Peter Bujanow volunteered his time in looking for a structural engineer to get an assessment of the Theater building. He would work on any paperwork for them if needed.

**Resolution # 19** was made by Trustee Bevens to enter into executive session at 8:21 pm to discuss a personnel matter and any other matters before the Board. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 20** was made by Trustee Williams to exit executive session at 8:46 pm. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Argyle stated that Mrs. Stephanie Ruchel will be working as an intern with the Building Inspector and take any necessary courses to receive her building inspector license so that she may replace the current building inspector Vincent Concra who informed the Board that he will be leaving his position by the end of May 2020. Mrs. Ruchel will try to apply for the next Building Inspector Course when it is offered.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution #21** was made by Trustee Bevens to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer, RMC

Village Clerk