**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**END OF FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 MEETING**

**MAY 28, 2020**

**6:00 PM**

**TELECONFERENCE**

**ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Diane Argyle

Trustee Frank Bevens

Trustee David Williams

Trustee Larry Eleby

Trustee Angelo Nero

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Barbara Fischer, Village Clerk

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting at 6:00 pm with a moment of silence for those lost due to COVID-19.

**Resolution # 125** was made by Trustee Williams to pay claims #532-550 for a total of $48,931.99 and off abstract bills since May 19, 2020 of $6,951.52 for a total of $55,883.51 for all bills. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Argyle explained that a few of the bills approved tonight are for the electric project at the Pump House to run electric to the Sewer Plant (Scheriff Electric, Smith Well Drilling and C & E Rothermel). Another bill is for the new computer for the SCADA System at the Sewer Plant.

**Resolution # 126** was made by Trustee Eleby and seconded by Trustee Bevens to authorize the Bookkeeper and the Mayor to adjust the fund balances for the end of the fiscal year 2019-2020 if needed. All in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 127** was made by Trustee Williams to authorize the Village Clerk/Tax Collector to send out the 2020-2021 Tax Bills. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 128** was made by Trustee Nero and seconded by Trustee Williams to allow the Valatie Theater to switch from First Fuel and Propane to Valley Oil who will work on the heating system for free. Mayor Argyle advised the Theater representative Tom Barber, that the Theater will then own the heating system, not the Village, and any repairs needed will be the sole responsibility of the Theater, not the Village.

There is a request from Dave Ames to move the date to use Callan Park from the beginning of July to the beginning of August. The Board discussed this in length due to COVID-19 and decided to hold off until we know what phase Columbia County/ New York State will be in to re-open parks. The playground needs to be re-done but this may be pushed off until next year now.

There was a complaint made by an area business regarding the use of banners in front of a business. According to the Village Code, Banners are not allowed but due to the Pandemic, the Board is willing to re-visit the code and decide whether to change the law to allow temporary banners with a time frame to be up in front of places. The Board came to the conclusion that the banners should come down and Mr. Fitzsimmons instructed the Board that the Building Inspector needs to send a letter to the person who currently has a banner (s) up to take them down. According to attorney Fitzsimmons, what is in the law now stands. In the future the Village can re-write the law to included temporary banners.

After further discussion, the Board decided to allow the banners to stay up until the law is reviewed for possible change.

With no further business to discuss, the next meeting of the Board will take place on June 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm again via teleconference.

**Resolution #129** was made by Trustee Eleby and seconded by Trustee Williams, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 pm. All in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Fischer

Village Clerk