**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**OCTOBER 22, 2019**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Board Members Present** **Audience**

Mayor Diane Argyle Capt. David Kolb, NYSP

Trustee Frank Bevens Carol Williams

Trustee Larry Eleby Robert Boll

Trustee Angelo Nero Randall Schmitt,

Trustee David Williams- absent Craig Hancock

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq. Michael Rivenburg

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Resolution # 46** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the minutes of September 10, 2019. Trustee Nero seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 47** was made by Trustee Eleby to pay claims #2019-5, #191-243 for a total of $149,832.64 and $57,837.36 for off abstract bills for a total of all bills $207,670.00. Trustee Bevens seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

**Public Comment**- Mayor Argyle introduced the new NY State Police Zone Commander Captain David Kolb who spoke a few words to the Board and audience. He was recently assigned Zone Commander on September 5 and has worked out of the Kinderhook Village Satellite office and has received many questions regarding the Rail Trail. He commented that Trooper David Rose is now an Investigator with the State Police. He advised everyone that they should call the local dispatch number of 518-758-7010 which is a 24 hour dispatch, or 911 if they have an emergency. The office number to the Kinderhook satellite building is 518-758-7092.

**Theater**- Craig Hancock stated that the De-centralization Grant has been completed with many thanks to Peter Bujanow for doing the paperwork. He also attended and meeting for an “Administrative Grant”. There will be one more “open mike” night and a Harry Potter night. In December there will be a production of “Frozen” by an acting company from Schenectady.

There will be an “Open Forum” for all candidates running for local office in the Town of Kinderhook on Tuesday, October 29th. All are invited to attend.

There may be a need for a new heating/cooling system and Mayor Argyle is trying to contact Sam Austin to look at it. Mike Rivenburg stated he believes it may be the blower motor.

Rebecca Brodeur, from the US Census Bureau, gave a presentation explaining the process that the Census Bureau goes through and that they are looking to hire census takers. She explained that all responses are protected by law and they only collect data for statistics. Information was provided to the Clerk’s office to hand out to anyone interested. The census will begin on April 1, 2020.

**Fire Department**- (In the absence of the Chief, the clerk read his report) There were 5 calls for September and 1 false alarm at St. Luke’s Church. This is the 3rd one this year. The chief questioned the status of the ISO Audit and Mayor Argyle stated that the audit was done the beginning of October. The Chief also questioned the status of the Mechanic Street hydrant in front of the firehouse. It apparently has been repaired.

**V.E.R.A.-** Randall Schmitt reported that the Artisan Fair was a great success again this year. There has been talk about combining the Artisan Fair with an Octoberfest event. Randall reported that the current weekend that the Artisan Fair is scheduled on works very well due to the weather but he will discuss it with other members of VERA.

Mike Rivenburg commented that more equipment is coming for his new brewery and they are working on the doorway in the back. They are waiting on National Grid before they can open. Mayor Argyle stated that National Grid is on track for getting LED lighting done in the Village.

**Parks**- The bathrooms will be closed for the season. Emelia Teasdale commented that there was a tree down across the trail at the River Street park.

Mayor Argyle stated that we were awarded at Resiliency Grant for a feasibility study along the shoreline in the parks.

Mayor Argyle asked for a motion to apply for a matching grant under the 2019 Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant Program for a project to locate launch sites for kayaking and canoeing between the Village of Kinderhook and the Village of Valatie.

**Resolution # 48** was made by Trustee Bevens to allow the Village to apply for a matching grant under the 2019 Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant Program for a project that will locate launch sites within the villages of Kinderhook and Valatie for kayaking and canoeing. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Water/Sewer-**

**Resolution #49** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve purchasing a generator for the lift station on Diamond Street. Three quotes were asked for but only one was received. Trustee Eleby seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

**Clerk-**

The clerk displayed a sample veterans banner that could be displayed on streets within the Village and discussed the cost of a 30”x 60” banner but there are other sizes available. This program is currently displayed in other Villages and cities and does not cost the Village to create the banners. This would be offered to residents in the Village if they would like to honor a member of their family who is a veteran. She will gather more information and present it before the Board at the next or a future Board meeting.

**Resolution # 50** was made by Trustee Bevens and seconded by Trustee Nero to once again support “Small Business Saturday” which is slated for Saturday, November 30, 2019. All in favor, carried.

The clerk suggested the Board review and update the Ethics and Harassment policies with the Village attorney.

A thank you was received from Valatie Rescue for our sponsorship of another flag for the Deborah Simonsmeier Memorial Golf Tournament.

The clerk is looking into an electronics recycling program and researching the cost of another dumpster company for a better price.

On the suggestion of our computer expert, we will be researching getting new computers for the clerk’s office.

The clerk will be working on a Village Directory to be distributed throughout the Village and she is again working with BAS to get the other water/sewer program up and running.

According to the Village Bookkeeper, since Deputy Mayor Frank Bevens will be retiring from his full time job, he would need to be removed from office and re-instated in accordance to the rules of New York State Retirement. The entire Board agreed to re-instate Trustee Bevens to the Board for NYS Retirement purposes.

**Senior Center**- The leak in the wall has been referred to engineer Ray Jurkowski. According to Trustee Eleby, the lights have been installed at the Senior Center and he will look at putting in a light over the entrance door. He is also working on the lights for the MHG building.

The Rotary Club will put on another dinner for the seniors at the center.

**Highway Department**- Luther, Lake and High Streets are almost done. Lawns will be seeded, posts will be put in and sidewalks worked on. Carol Williams commented that the Route 203 Bridge gets slippery during the winter months. Trustee Bevens will contact the County Highway which will be contracting with State DOT to look into the bridge.

The intersection of Main Street and Route 9 should be finished by the Spring according to State DOT.

**Building Dept**.- no report

**MHG Applications**- There are 4 applications before the Board. All paperwork is on file in the clerk’s office.

1. Boy Scout Troop 2114- 14th Annual Veterans Run
2. Bluehawks- use of gym for baseball
3. Chaos- softball practice
4. Bluehawks-second team for practice sessions

**Resolution # 51** was made by Trustee Nero to approve all applications that will be on file in the clerk’s office. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 52** was made by Trustee Eleby to enter into executive session at 8:15 pm to discuss a delinquent water account. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 53** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 8:37 pm., Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #54** was made by Trustee Eleby to shutoff the water to the J. Dugan account for lack of payment after Mr. Dugan has been given numerous opportunities to make payments on his account which he or his son have not followed through with. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution #55** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk