VILLAGE OF VALATIE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 10, 2017

7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT** **ABSENT**  **AUDIENCE**

Mayor Diane Argyle Trustee David Williams, notified Chief Rustin Dolan

Trustee Frank Bevens 1st Asst. Chief Joe Loeffler

Trustee Larry Eleby 2nd Asst. Chief Sam Becker

Trustee Angelo Nero Randall Schmit- VERA

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq. Columbia Paper Reporter

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

Mayor Argyle opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 pm for Local Law # 5 of the year 2017 amending the Code of the Village of Valatie in relation to the Collection of Waste Materials.

There were no public comments, therefore Mayor Argyle closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 pm. Attorney Fitzsimmons read the Local Law to the Board and audience. Mayor Argyle asked the Board if they had any comments regarding the Law. Trustee Nero asked whether the Village would notify multi- families of this law and if it would start on January 1st. Mayor Argyle stated that a notice will be placed in the January water bill newsletter therefore it may not actually start until February 1st. Attorney Fitzsimmons read the SEQR.

**Resolution #39** was made by Trustee Nero to declare a negative declaration for purposes of SEQR for Local Law # 5 and to approve Local Law #5. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Argyle opened the Public Hearing for Local Law #6 at 7:05 pm, the Fire Alarm Law. Attorney Fitzsimmons read from the law. The Board discussed having a charge of $100 being assessed to the property/business for continuous false alarms. Chief Dolan and Chief Loeffler asked how this could be enforced? A couple of suggestions were made and the Board and Fire Department will continue to work together on this.

Mayor Argyle closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 pm.

**Resolution # 40** was made by Trustee Bevens to declare a negative declaration for purposes of SEQR for Local Law # 6 and to adopt Local Law #6. Trustee Eleby seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #41** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2017. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 42** was made by Trustee Nero to approve claims 2017-5, #179-227 for a total of $28,105.16 and $30,278.72 for off abstract bills, which includes a BOND payment of $16,758.75 (Church St.). Total of all bills is $58,383.88. There is a correction for two bills for September. One bill had been paid already ($687.00) and the other should have been $309.60 making the total abstract of bills for September to be $22,241.79. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Public Comment**-Emelia Teasdale questioned the Board on why there was a need for the Fire Alarm Law? The Board explained the number of incidences of repeat alarms.

**Fire Dept**.-Chief Dolan stated that there were 11 alarms since the last meeting and he would like to purchase some adapters and other items for the new fire truck. He stated that there is money left from the boot drive to help with the cost.

**Resolution #43** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the items Chief Dolan asked for for the fire department. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Argyle asked if the fire truck would be ready to pick up around the beginning of November? Chief Loeffler stated probably more near the end of the month. Mayor Argyle commented that she will contact the bank for payment and the Bond Counsel.

**Theater**- no report

**Parks**-The bathrooms have been closed for the winter. There is no news on the Pavilion therefore the Board decided to have a draft written up for a public notice to accept bids to build a new pavilion.

**Water/Sewer Dept**.- Mayor Argyle stated that there was a meeting with Jeff Smith from Smith Well Drilling. He will give the Village the cost to finish well #4. We have not heard back yet from the County regarding filters. The suit against the Village has been postponed for a future court date and the new tractor has not arrived yet.

**V.E.R.A.-** Randal Schmit commented that the Artisan festival was a success and the Vendor’s did very well. Work is now being directed toward Winter Walk.

**Clerk’s Office**- The Village Clerk Office will be closed due to election day on November 7th and the shredding program is once again going on for a couple of weeks outside the office. Items will be collected again this year for Operation Adopt A Soldier for the troops who are overseas. Items can be dropped off with the Village Clerk who will deliver the items to the Veterans group.

Resident Lee Linderman has expressed an interest in filling the vacant position on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A letter was received from the Valatie Rescue Squad “Thanking” the Village Board for supporting the 2nd Annual Deborah Simonsmeier Golf Tournament. Almost $20,000 was raised at this event which will be used toward providing EMS Scholarships and providing high quality pre-hospital care to the community.

**Resolution # 44** was made by Trustee Eleby to appoint Mr. Lee Linderman to fill the vacant position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Senior Center**- Mayor Argyle stated that she is still looking into getting a sign for the front of the Senior Center. Other places that need signs still are Holly Hills and Callan Park. Ruth Miller has now officially retired and there is only one person working at the center now.

**Highway Dept**.- The Island on Church Street has now been removed. Historian Dominic Lizzi sent a letter to the Board informing the Board that many Historical markers are now missing around the Village and that a load of stone/gravel should be placed at the entrance of Pachaquac Park. He also stated that trees seem to be damaged in the MH Glynn Square. He would also like to see the Village continue with the Spirit of Valatie Award.

**Building Dept.-** Resident Charles Ballard attended the meeting and stated that he is doing well at clearing up the brush around his garage as requested by the Village. He is currently working with Highway Superintendent John Ruchel and he assured the Board that the building is secure and that it will not collapse. Mayor Argyle stated that as long as Mr. Ballard has complied with the Board and the Building Inspector’s request, he did not have to appear before the Board again.

**Water/Sewer forgiveness**- A resident had a water leak from their water heater while they were away and are now asking for some relief on the sewer portion of their bill since the water went into their dirt cellar. They are asking for a relief of $91.

**Resolution # 45** was made by Trustee Nero to give $91.00 in relief of their water/sewer bill since there was no negligence on the part of the homeowner. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Franchise Agreement**- There will be a Public Hearing at the November meeting of the Board of Trustees.

**Applications for MHG/ Callan Park**-

**Resolution #46** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the applications for use of the MHG building. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

1. Northern Columbia Girls Softball
2. Boy Scout Troop 114- Veteran’s Run
3. Volleyball in the gym
4. Girl Scout Troop- Room 106
5. NYS Auction of Land on State Farm Road- Nov. 9 from 9:30 am- 12:00pm
6. Boy Scouts Troop 113
7. Whitney Fields Home Association Mtg.
8. Valatie Rescue Squad training days
9. Little Owl Pre-School- will be charged for use of the building because it is not a not for profit organization.

**Resolution # 47** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the above applications with the exception of Little Owl’s Pre-School. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

All applications are on file in the clerk’s office.

**Resolution # 48** was made by Trustee Bevens to enter into executive session at 7:45 pm to discuss some matters before the Board. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 49** was made by Trustee Bevens to exit executive session at 8:08 pm. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 50** was made by Trustee Bevens to sell the old fire truck for $3500 (once all equipment has been removed) to the Accord Race Track. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

The Board and the Fire Chiefs had some discussion regarding the money received from the Town of Kinderhook compared to other fire departments with a contract with the Town. Members of the Fire Department and the Mayor will attend a meeting on October 19th regarding the fire contract.

Trustee Eleby attended some training regarding Solar. He will try to set up a meeting with Robyn Reynolds from the grant programs for NYS and the Village Building Inspector Vince Concra to discuss Solar issues for the Village.

There will be another Trail Meeting held at the MHG Building on November 27th at 6:30pm.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution # 51** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A Fischer, RMC

Village Clerk/Treasurer