**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**March 12, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE** **AUDIENCE**

Mayor Diane Argyle Tom Barber, Jennifer Furey

Trustee Frank Bevens Tom Burall, Commander Am. Legion

Trustee Larry Eleby Randall Schmit

Trustee Angelo Nero Christina Driscoll, Peter Bujanow

Trustee David Williams Carol Williams, Emelia Teasdale

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq. 1 resident

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

**Resolution # 94** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the minutes of February 21, 2019. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #95** was made by Trustee Bevens to pay claims #2018-10, #418- 455 for a total of $30,451.67 and $1448.42 for the off abstract bills. Total of all bills is $31,900.09. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Public Comments**-Tom Burall, Commander of the Valatie American Legion Post 47, presented the Board with a Certificate of Appreciation and a challenge coin to the Village of Valatie in support of Veterans and the American Legion as they celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion. Mr. Burall also commented that there will be a dinner held at the Elks Club in Kinderhook that members of the Board and community are invited to. A date and time is still to be determined.

Trustee David Williams commented that his family would like to donate medals to the Village of Valatie that belonged to family member Roger Mazal, a decorated War Veteran from Valatie.

Hair Zone owner Jennifer Furey asked the Board what will be done with the sidewalk in front of her business that is in disrepair and the damage that has occurred to her building that she believes was a result of snow and ice on the sidewalk. Mayor Argyle explained to Ms. Furey the Village’s responsibilities as well as business owners and residents of the Village in regard to maintaining sidewalks. There was some discussion as to whom should be responsible for repairs to the sidewalk and to her building. The matter is being discussed with the Village attorney.

Christina Driscoll, the new owner of the Valatie Bar & Grill needed an amended liquor license for her business to include dancing at the property.

**Resolution # 96** was made by Trustee Williams to amend the liquor license to include dancing on the premises. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Fire Department**- no report

**Theater**- Tom Barber met with Duke Huyck at the Theater to go over the electrical. Phil Bickerton will be doing sheetrock and Sheriff Electric will work on the electrical. This project will need to be looked at by the Building inspector before the sheet rock is put up. The Board also asked that a date to have the project completed could be made so that this is not dragged on for a long time. Mr. Barber stated that he will speak to Mr. Bickerton about that.

Mr. Barber explained that the mailings that went out with the water bills did not bring in that much money so they are trying another mailing to each home. He also inquired about applying for grants. Peter Bujanow, who deals with grants happened to be in attendance at the meeting, stated that the Theater could apply for a grant through the Capital District Region of the NYS Regional Development Council. Not for profit groups can apply for a grant even though the building is owned by the Village.

**Parks**- no report

**Water/Sewer**-(A report is on file in the clerk’s office) The mayor stated that we are going to have electric out of the pump house to the sewer plant for backup for the generator. One of the pumps will need to be re-wired and we will need to dig a new well around well number 1. Wells 3 & 4 have new filters that were put in. There was some discussion regarding the Village putting in a filtration plant. Mayor Argyle stated that she does not believe that the Village should do that by ourselves because we just funded a sewer plant. The Village also wants to repave some streets and we don’t have enough money for both projects. We would have to get a BOND but also ask for assistance from the Town and Village of Kinderhook. We need more growth in the Village before we can think about a filtration plant. There was also discussion that there may be two new developments coming into the Village so discussions need to be made on what to do if this should happen.

**V.E.R.A**.- A list of dates for events is outside the Village office and a list will be put in the newsletter. A meeting was held for new ideas for fund raising/advertising. Randall commented that there is not much indoor space available on Main Street for vendors to display their wares so they are looking for other areas such as possibly the gym at the MHG building if the Board would approve that. If it rains that day, they are also looking for other things to do. He also spoke to Village Historian Dominic Lizzi regarding re-printing his walking tour brochures.

Mayor Argyle commented that there will be a Public meeting on March 27th at 7:00 pm at the MHG building for Kinderhook Creek Access.

**Clerk’s Office**- The shredding bins will be outside the Village Office from March 18-28th. Election Day is March 19th from 12 noon to 9:00 pm.

**Senior Center**- The mayor discussed hiring a handy man to fix things in the Village Office and the Senior Center.

**Highway**- none

**Building Department- none**

**Applications**-

1. Photo Show at the Senior Center by the Library

2. Library to use gym for a Planetarium Show July 24th

3. Dave Ames for use of Callan Park for Baseball season

4. Crop Walk

**Resolution #97** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve all applications. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #98** was made by Trustee Bevens to enter in to executive session at 8:07 pm. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #99** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 8:55 pm. Truste Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #100** was made by Trustee Bevens to have Chuck Rothermel do sidewalk repairs in front of the Hair Zone business owned by Jennifer Furey. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

The Board discussed the tentative budget and there will be no tax increase according to Mayor Argyle. The Board was asked to look over the budget and contact her for any questions. A Public Hearing for the Tentative Budget will be held on April 9, 2018 where members of the public will be allowed to ask questions.

There will also be a Public Hearing for Local Law #1 of 2019 to provide Emergency Access Systems in the Village.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution #101** was made by Trustee Bevens to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer, RMC

Village Clerk