**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**January 8, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE** **AUDIENCE**

Mayor Diane Argyle Fire Chief Rustin Dolan

Trustee Frank Bevens Craig Hancock

Trustee Larry Eleby Randall Schmit

Trustee Angelo Nero Deputy Jason Garvey

Trustee David Williams 3 Residents

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

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

**Resolution # 69** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the minutes of December 11, 2018. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #70** was made by Trustee Williams to pay claims #2018-8, #340-376 for a total of $26,372.99 and $10,967.23 for the off abstract bills. Total of all bills is $37,340.22. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Public Comments**- Andrew Aubin from Crawford & Associates gave a presentation regarding putting in a sewer line from the Valatie Rescue Squad building to Route 9 near the Cantele Car Wash property. Mr. Cantele has no issue with granting an easement on his property but Village Code restricts crossing one property to another property. If the project was granted, a legal easement would need to be placed in the deed of Mr. Cantele’s property if he should ever sell his property. NYS Department of Transportation is also improving on their property located on Route 9 and they are also looking into hooking into the sewer system. It was decided that the Village Engineers and the State DOT Engineers meet with the Valatie Rescue Engineers to come up with a solution and report back to the Village.

**Fire Department**- Chief Rustin Dolan stated that there were 8 calls in the month of December. There was one false alarm and a second one at Barnwell. There was a discrepancy in the Barnwell call because the alarm computer did not register that there was a call. They are waiting for Chuck Rothermel to return to repair a small piece of flooring where the epoxy had let go of the flooring. The annual spaghetti dinner has been moved to the St. Luke’s Church because the kitchen is not done yet. He got a copy of the Knox Box information from the Chief of the Niverville Fire Department and wanted to know where the Village stood on setting this up. The Board will look at this information and then try set up a Public Hearing for a Local Law.

**Theater**- Craig Hancock stated that they received a grant of $5,000 in memory of Jacqueline Carter and income form a charitable foundation bringing their overall bank account balance up. They also received unanimous approval to allow the Santa Claus Club use the theater. They are getting a detailed electrical list of what needs to be done. The Theater will re-open again in early April.

**Parks**- The fence has been fixed at the River Street Park but a fence at the Pachaquack Park is all mangled and is preventing walkers from gaining access to the trail. Deputy Garvey reported he spoke to owners of the ATV’s that have been driving around the park and informed them that they are not allowed to ride on the property.

**Water/Sewer**- no report

**V.E.R.A**.- Randall Schmitt stated that they are working on their website and everyone seems to be getting along very well. Trustee Nero asked if V.E.R.A. welcomed new businesses that open up in the Village and Randall stated that they do. No other information to report.

**Clerk’s Office**- The election for Mayor and two Trustees will be held on March 19, 2019 from 12 noon to 9 pm in the meeting room of the Martin H. Glynn building. The clerk has been having issues finding election inspectors from inside the Village that are trained to do the job and asked for a Resolution to go beyond the Village border to find trained inspectors as long as they are within Columbia County as stated by Columbia County Board of Elections. Trustee Bevens asked that Village residents be considered first to fill these positions which the Clerk assured that that is where she looks first before filling the positions. Two residents who are within the Village limits are unavailable. Set to do the election inspecting are Maryanne Carr Perez and Dottie Masten. An alternate will need to be found in case an inspector falls ill at the time of the election. It was also asked to make a permanent Resolution to no longer have a registration day held in the Village because residents can sign up either by paper form or through Columbia County.

The Village has received the new Recycling permits from Columbia County and they are on sale now in the office. The Village also received paperwork from Columbia County for the shared services agreement for the Columbia County MIS for our computers.

Mayor Argyle commented that bids went out for lighting at the Sewer Plant and exit signs, etc. at the MHG Building but there has been no response back as of yet.

**Resolution #71** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve election inspectors who do not live within the confines of the Village of Valatie as long as effort is made to allow Village residents first chance to fill the position. Trustee Eleby seconded, Trustee Nero abstained. Trustee Williams approved. Resolution carried.

**Resolution #72** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the hours and the location (Martin H. Glynn Building) of Village elections on March 19, 2019. All in favor, carried.

**Resolution #73** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve **NOT** holding any more registration days at the Village hall since a very few residents have registered at the Village Hall and they can register by paper form or through Columbia County Board of elections up to 10 days before the election. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 74** was made by Trustee Bevens to sign the Shared Services with the Columbia County MIS Department for any computer help if needed when our regular MIS person is unavailable. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Senior Center**- Bids are being sought from Don Mackey, Duke Hyuck and Sheriff Electric for lights at the Senior Center. Trustee Eleby will also have Wolberg Electric come and do an assessment of lights needed.

**Highway**- no report

**Water/Sewer**- none

**Applications**-none

**Resolution #75** was made by Trustee Eleby to enter into executive session at 8:05 pm. to discuss matters before the Board. Trustee Nero seconded, carried.

**Resolution #76** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 8:42 pm with no decisions made. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution #77** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer, RMC

Village Clerk