

**VILLAGE OF VALATIE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAY 11, 2021
7:00 PM**

SENIOR CENTER DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING

Board members

Mayor Frank Bevens
Trustee Sean Casey
Trustee Larry Eleby
Trustee Angelo Nero
Trustee David Williams
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.
Barbara A. Fischer- Village Clerk

Audience

Craig Hancock- Valatie Theater
Emelia Teasdale- The Columbia Paper

Mayor Bevens opened the meeting at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution # 114 was made by Trustee Williams to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 Tentative Budget/Final Budget/Organizational Meeting. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

Resolution # 115 was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the abstract of bills #2020-12, #447-494 for a total of \$54,282.64. The off abstract of vouchers totaled \$13,399.66 making the total of all bills, \$67,682.30. Trustee Casey seconded, all in favor, carried.

Public Comments- none

Theater- Craig Hancock stated that the Theater members are trying to decide how to re-open the Theater since the pandemic is starting to subside a little. There will be a theater workshop with a murder mystery that was written by a 14 year old student. Clean up of the theater will begin soon and they hope to have a performance possibly around June 6th. It is still undetermined whether there will be an open mic night. They have been granted/ keep looking into a couple of decentralization grants which help to take care of some of the operational costs. Marty McDermott will contact Mayor Bevens regarding a possible Village sponsored event.

A card was received by Valatie Rescue asking for support of the Deborah Simonsmeier Annual Golf Tournament that will be held on August 19, 2021.

Resolution # 116 was made by Trustee Williams to support the Valatie Rescue Squad Annual Golf Tournament at the cost of \$150.00 for reuse of the flag marker. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

Fire Department- The annual Chicken Barbeque is scheduled for June 17, 2021. Tickets may be purchased through any fire department member.

Cameras/Callan Park- One of the cameras in Callan Park is bad and is in need of replacing. A quote was received from S & F Technologies to replace this camera with 3 stationary ones. Wide angle, high resolution camera.

Resolution # 117 was made by Trustee Casey to purchase three stationary cameras. Wide angle, high resolution camera for Callan Park at a cost of \$2,817.75. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Playground update- The playground at Callan Park should be open within the next 2-3 weeks. The Town Highway Department is doing a great job at installing all of the new playground equipment and the Board is thankful to them. The pavilion replacement has not started yet..

Callan Park roof- Quotes were sought to replace the roof on the bathrooms at Callan Park that have been on the building for at least 30-40 years. There was only one written quote received by Phelps roofing for \$1400.

Resolution # 118 was made by Trustee Casey to have Phelps Roofing replace the roof on the bathrooms at Callan Park at the quote of \$1400. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

Building Department Report- A report was received by the Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer and is on file in the clerk's office. There were 64 Building permits issued last year and there are 25 so far for this year. Violation letters were sent out to residents who had "junk items" in residential parcels. In 202, there were 16 Tenancy Inspections done and so far this year there have been 4. Two false alarm violation letters have been sent out for a total of \$850 in fines received.

WWTP Report- (On file in the Clerk's office) All routines have been performed as scheduled with all sample results within acceptable limits. There was a leak in the 2" plastic line that feeds the plant just outside the plant and has been repaired by Stuyvesant Mechanical. Meter repairs have been completed, hydrant flags have been installed and this will continue for the next few weeks. The yearly cleaning of the disinfection tank and wet well have been completed. Assistant Operator Robert Hills will soon be attending classes for his wastewater training at SUNY Morrisville in August. A hydrant riser has been installed on the hydrant on the corner of River and Kinderhook Streets. Head WWTP Operator Ed Czyzewski, gave a reminder to start thinking about an exploratory well near Pumphouse 1. Paul Warner has officially retired as of May 5, 2021.

Electronic Recycling Day will be held on September 18, 2021 between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 noon. This will take place at the Town Garage. Details will be posted on the Village website for more information.

Village Wide Tag Sale- The Village will hold the annual Village Wide Tag Sale on July 24, 2021. A sign up sheet is on the counter in the Village Office and the antique store owned by Joan Gavigan.

Clerk's Report- We were unable to re-levy delinquent water bills on to the Village taxes this year thanks to the pandemic rules through NY State. The April water billing season is complete

and we are now at the start of the tax season. The Standard Work Day Resolution will need to be completed and posted in the Village Office and sent to the NY State Comptroller's Office.

Resolution # 119 was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Nero to have the clerk fill out the annual "Standard Work Day" Resolution for the NY State Comptroller's office and post the form at the Village Clerk's office. All in favor, carried.

Applications for use of the MHG building are still on hold.

Korean War Veteran Clifford Johnson is finally making his journey home to be buried. A service will be conducted at the BOND Funeral Home and then a parade through the streets of Valatie will take place after the ceremony. Mr. Johnson's body will be taken to the cemetery in Schuylerville, NY for his final resting place. We thank him for his service to our country.

Town Clerk Kim Pinkowski has asked to use the pavilion across from the MH Glynn building to perform a wedding ceremony on June 25, 2021 at 1:00 pm. All Board members were in agreement.

Resolution # 120 was made by Trustee Eleby to allow Town Clerk Kim Pinkowski, use the MH Glynn pavilion to perform a wedding ceremony on June 25, 2021 at 1:00 pm. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

The End of the Year meeting will be held on Monday, May 24th at 6:00 pm. (* meeting ended up moved to May 25th)

Other matters before the Board_ Emelia Teasdale asked if the old mill building (Energy Onyx building) had been sold and she was informed yes. Ms. Teasdale also asked for permission for the Valatie Library to use the pavilion during the day. All Board members were in agreement.

Resolution # 121 was made by Trustee Williams to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:30 pm. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Resolution # 122 was made by Trustee Casey to exit executive session at 7:46 pm. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Resolution # 123 was made by Trustee Eleby to hire Erin Brady as the new Deputy Clerk for the Village and to start on June 2, 2021. Trustee Casey seconded, all in favor, carried.

Resolution # 124 was made by Trustee Eleby to hire Ed Czyzewski provisionally as the new WWTP Superintendent due to the retirement of Paul Warner, until he takes and passes the civil service exam for the Water and Wastewater Superintendent position. Trustee Casey seconded, all in favor, carried.

Resolution # 125 was made by Trustee Eleby to appoint Alicia Everett to replace outgoing ZBA member Matt Carter. Mr. Carter was also the chairman of the ZBA. A small ceremony will take place at the next ZBA meeting to thank Mr. Carter for his many years of service to the Village of Valatie. Ms. Anne Schaefler is now the new chairperson. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

Attorney Fitzsimmons commented that the Board will need to hold a Public Hearing in July to pass a Local Law regarding the Zoning Code for the Village before it will be passed on to General Code for final publication.

With no further business to discuss,

Resolution # 126 was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer
Village Clerk/Treasurer