

Village of Valatie
Board of Trustee Meeting
February 10,2026
6:30 PM

Board of Trustees

Mayor Bevens

Trustee Larry Eleby

Trustee Patrick Rodgers-Absent Notified

Trustee Matthew Carter

Trustee Amy Freinberg-Trufas

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.-Absent Notified

Rebecca Daley-Village Clerk

Mayor Bevens opened the meeting at 6:31 pm. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution #73- was made by Trustee Carter to approve the minutes of January 13, 2026, meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Resolution #74- was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the abstract of bills-**2025-2026 - 395-442**. For a total of \$58,653.99. Off abstract of bills total \$50,520.65. Total bills are \$109,174.64. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Public Comment- None

Parks-None

Climate Smart- Donna Welton thanked the board for accepting their request to plant trees on Arbor Day at the last board meeting. Donna asked if Nate Becker could continue watering the trees after they are planted. The Climate Smart committee will take care of getting all the mulch and compost needed for the trees.

Donna also asked, would the Village support the committee submitting an Open Space Conservation grant proposal to DEC to acquire a conservation parcel along Kinderhook Creek? The Board of Trustee will review this.

Fire Department-December and January reports are on file in the clerk's office.

Michael Blasl was accepted as an active firefighter at the December 6, 2025, fire meeting.

Resolution #75- was made by Trustee Eleby to approve Michael Blasl acceptance into the Valatie Fire Department. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Congratulations Michael!

Theater- Jen Clark stated that the Theater is doing well. The Theater has received a few anonymous donations, and they are very grateful for that. They are set to perform nine plays this upcoming year. The Theater is planning on having a Galla on May 24, 2026. They are looking for historical items for the Galla. Jen asked the board for donations towards the Theaters' upcoming concerts.

Resolution #76- was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve that the Valatie Village donate \$500.00 towards two concerts. \$1,000.00 total. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Highway- Mayor Bevens wanted to thank the Kinderhook Highway Department for their countless hours on snow removal from January 25, 2026, snowstorm. The Village thanks them.

WWTP Report- None

Building Department- Our building inspector is still on medical leave.

Clerk Report- None

MHG Applications & Callan Park:

-Valkin Athletic Club requested the use of the MHG gym.

Girl Scouts requested the use of MHG gym for a Sky lab event sometime in April or May.

Valatie and Kinderhook Library requested the use of MHG gym for a Dinosaur Rock traveling museum on Monday July 6th from 3-6pm.

Church Street Preschool would like to host its annual Run for Hope 5K on May 9th from 8:45-11am and would like the use of MHG Square.

Resolution #77- was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve all the requests for use of the MHG gym and MHG Square. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Other Business- Mayor Bevens had a meeting with the Contract Manger of Verizon. Verizon is anticipating starting the project towards the end of March early April and hoping to be finished by the end of September 2026.

Environmental Facilities Corporation and the Department of Health will be attending the Village Hall along with News channel 10 to present to the Village Board a \$5.5 million dollar check on Wednesday February 12, 2026. This money will be used for a water quality improvement project.

Resolution #78-was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to enter an executive session to discuss matters before the board at 7:11pm. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Resolution #79- was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to exit executive session at 7:32pm. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

With no further business to discuss.

Resolution #80- was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 7:33. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Rebecca Daley

Village Clerk