**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**August 10, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

**Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building**

**Board members** **Audience**

Mayor Frank Bevens Randall Schmit, Lisa Hill, Bob Clark

Trustee Sean Casey Nancy Kohler

Trustee Larry Eleby Emelia Teasdale- Columbia Paper

Trustee Angelo Nero

Trustee David Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Barbara A. Fischer- Village Clerk

Mayor Bevens opened the Public Hearing for Local Law # 2 of 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Fischer read the Public Notice for Local Law #2 which “Provides for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and Zoning law of the Village of Valatie.”

Mayor Bevens gave an explanation of the Building Codes of the Village of Valatie and opened up the hearing to any public comments. Upon having no questions, Mayor Bevens closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 pm and asked for a motion to adopt Local Law #2 of 2021.

**Resolution #23** was made by Trustee Eleby to adopt Local Law #2 of 2021 which is “A Local Law Providing for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and Zoning Law of the Village of Valatie.” (on file in the Clerk’s Office) Trustee Casey seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Bevens opened the regular monthly meeting at 7:09 pm.

**Resolution # 24** was made by Trustee Williams to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #25 w**as made by Trustee Casey to approve the abstract of bills #2021-3-#77-129 for a total of $ 50,328.83. The off abstract of vouchers totaled $83,579.42 (which includes a BOND payment) making the total of all bills, $133,908.25. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Bevens commented on the status of the “Valatie Main Street Traffic Safety Committee” and asked for a Resolution to be passed by the Board to allow the Committee to meet with NYS DOT.

**Resolution # 26** was made by Trustee Eleby to allow the “Valatie Main Street Traffic Safety Committee” to meet with NYS DOT. Trustee Casey seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Bevens stated that he and Trustee Eleby are working on the sidewalks that need to be replaced. They are working on the linear footage and the bricks that need to be removed. This project will need to go out to bid and then the Board will discuss all options.

**Public Comments**-

Bob Clark presented the Board with information regarding traffic safety that he received. He suggested that a Traffic Safety Study be performed and for the Board to request quotes from 3 different engineering firms. He encouraged the Board to negotiate costs with these firms. Mr. Clark also credited Mayor Bevens with getting the “Blind Curve” signs for Lake and Luther Streets.

Lisa Hill commented that someone had fallen on the Main Street sidewalk recently and had broken their wrist. She commented that bricks were also loose around the US Hotel and suggested the Village use “marking paint” to mark dangerous areas on the sidewalk. She also commented that there was a lot of gravel in the crosswalk of the Theater.

Ms. Hill also stated that “Octoberfest” in Valatie will be held on September 18th. She is concerned about whether “Winter Walk” will take place this year. Randall Schmit commented that it will take place unless there are more concerns with COVID-19. V.E.R.A. meets in September/October to plan this event.

**Fire Department**- (report on file in Clerk’s Office)

There were 7 fire calls in June and 10 calls in the month of July. There were 3 fire alarm activations and during the annual truck servicing, the 2009 Ladder Truck had an engine part failure causing the truck to not be able to start. The truck was towed by Milton Caterpillar to be repaired.

The annual hose testing was done one July 23 & 24th and some hose failed testing. Supplier NY Fire Equipment, LLC was contacted to get replacement hose at a cost of $1498.00 to keep the trucks in compliance.

**V.E.R.A.-** Randall Schmit stated that they are waiting for an estimate to repair the sign. VERA will not be doing the Artisan Fair this year due to lack of vendors. They will be holding a Village Wide Tag Sale in conjunction with the Presbyterian Church on October 2nd.

**Theater-** Craig Hancock asked the Board if they would like to sponsor another concert? The Board discussed the cost which would be approximately $550.

**Resolution # 27** was made by Trustee Casey to approve sponsoring another concert with the Valatie Theater at a cost of approximately $550. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**WWTP Report**- (On file in the Clerk’s office)

All routines were performed as scheduled. The alarm dialer was struck by lightening and had to be repaired by Sensaphone. The company supplied a loaner alarm dialer while the Village dialer was being repaired.

The fire department flushed the hydrants and each hydrant was inspected and flushed. The Village truck was inspected, serviced and the tires were rotated at Van Allens. Water-Wastewater Assistant Robert Hills is attending classes at SUNY Morrisville for the Basic Operations of Wastewater Treatment Course. Quarterly water meter readings will begin in September and Stuyvesant Mechanical has replaced a section of sidewalk in front of Magdelenas’ after replacing the water shutoff.

**Building Department Report**- no report

**Other business**- Tru- Green will be spraying the sidewalks cracks throughout the Village.

**Cannabis Stores in Towns and Villages**- According to Mayor Bevens, every Town and Village in NY State has the option to opt in to allowing Cannabis stores in their municipalities. They have until December 31, 2021 to decide. The Town and Village Boards are forming a committee to work on this and discuss the pros and cons. The Village would receive 75% of the 4% local sales tax revenue for sales. A public hearing would need to be held.

**Electric Rebate**- The Village received a rebate check of $767.62 since we changed electric suppliers.

**9/11 Memorial Service**- There will be a 911 Memorial Service/ Parade held on September 11, 2021 at 5:pm at the Town Park on State Farm Road. All residents are invited to attend.

**Firefighter Recognition Day**- There will be a Firefighter Recognition Day held on October 16, 2021 at the Town of Kinderhook Park. No time has been set yet.

**Portable Radar sign**- Mayor Bevens asked the Board to consider purchasing a radar sign for traffic that is going a little too fast in the Village. The cost, with a one- time $260.00 cost of software, would be $3500. The Board could look at a demo sign before the actual purchase.

**Resolution # 28** was made by Trustee Williams to purchase the Radar Sign at a cost of $3500, which includes a one- time software fee of $260. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Pavilion-** Should be completed by the end of August.

**Recycling Day**- There will be a Recycling Day on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at the Town Garage on Rapp Road. The event will be held rain or shine. A list of what is/isn’t acceptable will be in the Village office and on the Village website.

**Callan Park usage**- We received a request to use Callan Park on September 5th from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm for a child’s 5th birthday party.

**Resolution # 29** was made by Trustee Casey to allow a family to use Callan Park for a childs’ 5th birthday party. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Clerk’s Report**- The shredding program will be held from August 30-September 9th this quarter. The clerk received pricing from Display Sales for the Honor a Veteran Banner Program. The logistics are currently being worked on to be reported at a later meeting.

**Use of MHG Building/Parks**-

1. Whitney Fields HOA- Annual meeting on August 20, 2021 at 2:00 pm in the MHG building.
2. Girl Scout Troops 1105 and 1076- Use of room 106, Monday evenings from 5:45 pm-7:45 pm for troop meetings.
3. Kinderhook Basketball Association- Use of Gym at MHG- dates provided.

**Resolution #30** was made by TrusteeCasey to approve the applications. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 31** was made by Trustee Williams to enter into executive session at 7:55 pm. Trustee Casey seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 32** was made by Trustee Casey to exit executive session at 8:12 pm. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #33** was made by Trustee Casey to transfer Zoning Board member Alicia Everett to the Village Planning Board. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution #34** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. Trustee Casey seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk/Treasurer