

Village of Valatie  
Tentative Budget Hearing/Organizational Meeting

April 8, 2025

6:30 PM

**Board of Trustees**

Mayor Bevens

Trustee Larry Eleby

Trustee Patrick Rodgers

Trustee Matthew Carter

Trustee Amy Freinberg-Trufas

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.-Absent Notified

Rebecca Daley-Village Clerk

**Audience**

Donna Welton

Emilia Teasdale

Mayor Bevens opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The mayor opened the Public Hearing on the tentative budget for discussion with the Trustees. He stated that he was able to keep the budget under the tax cap and that we would meet again on April 28, 2025 for another budget meeting. The Board of Trustees thanked the mayor for all his hard work on the budget. With no questions from the Board, the mayor asked to close the Public Hearing at 6:35 pm.

**Resolution #89-** was made by Trustee Eleby to close the Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget at 6:35 pm, seconded by Trustee Carter. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

The Board moved forward with the Organizational meeting at 6:36 pm.

The mayor read off his 2025-2026 appointments. This copy will be on file in the clerk's office.

**Resolution #90-** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the minutes of March 11, 2025, meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

**Resolution #91-** was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the abstract of bills-**2025-2026-#530-586**. For a total of \$110,595.91. Off abstract of bills total \$20,752.59. Total bills are \$131,348.50. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Public Comment-None**

There has been an offer on the River Street Mill for \$265,000.00. The buyer will use the preexisting footprint that has already been approved.

**Resolution #92-** was made by Trustee Carter to except the offer pending attorney approval. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Parks-** River Street Spring cleanup will be on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Bevans asked if the Board of Trustees would meet with Donna Welton to go over everything needed to finish the kayak launch. Trustee Rogers would like to move forward on getting the materials needed for the launch, hoping to be finished by May.

**Climate Smart-** The Committee will be submitting for reimbursement for the money that was spent on windows and heat pumps for the Wastewater Plant. Also, money that was spent on heat pumps for the Fire Department.

**Fire Department-** Fire calls and report will be on file in the clerk's office.

At the April 1, 2025 meeting Peyton Akers and Roman Turek-Catanzano were granted membership to be firefighters of the Valatie Fire Department.

**Resolution #93-** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve Peyton Akers and Roman Turek-Catanzano to be members of the Valatie Fire Department. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**VERA-None**

**Theater- None**

**Senior Center-** Trustee Freinberg-Trufas applied for a Community Engagement Programming Grant for the Senior Center. The Senior Center was awarded \$4,500.00. This grant will help provide services for our seniors. The mayor thanked Trustee Freinberg-Trufas for all her hard work.

There is a senior center program survey located at the clerk's office. This survey is to help us design a program that our residents will love and benefit from. Examples are Genealogy, art classes, seated yoga, gardening and more.

**Highway- None**

**WWTP Report- Report on file**

**Building Department Report-** Working on a lot of permits and inspections.

**Clerk Report-** The Hometown Hero Banners have been ordered.

**MHG Applications & Callan Park-** Blackhawks requested the use of Callan Park for baseball.

**Resolution #94-** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the use of Callan Park. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

The Northern Columbia Little League requested the use of Callen Park fields from 4:30 to dusk Monday through Friday and all-day Saturdays. Starting in April through July.

**Resolution #95-** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the use of Callen Park. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Donna Francis requested the use of Callen Park on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am. For their annual Lions Easter Egg Hunt.

**Resolution #96-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve the use of Callen Park. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Emily Heins requested the use of MGH gym for yoga group lessons beginning May 13<sup>th</sup>-August 19<sup>th</sup> 2025 on Tuesdays from 5:15 pm until 8pm.

**Resolution #97-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve the use of the gym. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

The Valatie Free Library requested the use of MHG gym for their summer reading kickoff with a planetarium adventure on June 28<sup>th</sup> from 10-2pm.

**Resolution #98-** was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the use of the gym. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Rivero from the Republican Committee requested the use of the meeting room April 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month through November.

**Resolution #99-** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the use of the meeting room. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Other Business-** The public hearing on the Verizon Cell Tower was a success and passed. Verizon hopes to have all their paperwork completed by June.

The Village has changed part of their phone systems to Gabbit.

Valatie Rescue Squad is holding their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on July 25<sup>th</sup>. They have asked the village for support again this year. Last year the village graciously supported the event by providing a Flag Sponsorship of \$200.00.

**Resolution #100-** was approved by Trustee Rodgers to support the Resue Squad again this year with the same Flag Sponsorship of \$200.00. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

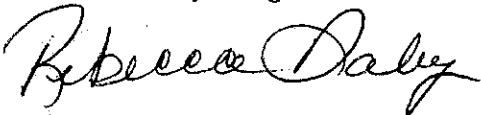
**Resolution #101-** was made by Eleby to enter an executive session to discuss matters before the board at 7:27pm. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #102-** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 7:51 pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

With no further business to discuss.

**Resolution #103-** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Rebecca Daley-Village Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rebecca Daley".