Village of Valatie Board Meeting

September 10, 2013

Approved Minutes

**Parties Present**

Mayor Argyle

Tr. Bevens

Tr. Bickerton

Tr. Nero

Tr. Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons

12 members of the public and 2 members of the press

**Regular Village Board Meeting**

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting at 7:30pm

Pledge to the Flag

***Presentation Board of Elections:***

* Jason Nastke and Virginia Martin in attendance
* Apologized for not coming to Village sooner
* Board of Elections designates locations and property owners have to accommodate.
* Consolidating for efficiency and cost savings
* Board of Election will evaluate after the elections and will meet with the Village and Town of Kinderhook in January to share the results.

Public Comment Received:

* Mrs. Kelly thanked Mayor Argyle, Historian Dominic Lizzi, Community Day committee, Board members, and all that worked towards making Community Day a huge success.
* Complaint concerning Williams Street as one way. Extensive discussion
* Discussion concerning garbage created at Callahan Park.

***Crawford Associates representing Barnwell Nursing Home***

* Discussion concerning early stages of expanding Barnwell Nursing Home. Presently at 136 beds, adding an additional 100 beds for assisted living and creating 50 to 60 jobs. A lot of work needs to be completed and would like to begin discussing with the planning and zoning board jointly. At preliminary stage.

***Minutes*** from August 8, 2013 tabled to October meeting.

**Motion,** Tr.Bevens audit meeting conducted, seconded by Tr. Bickerton, all members present voted yes.

**Motion**, Tr. Bickerton approves paymentof claims 2014-04-01 to 2014-03-44, seconded by Tr. Bevens, all members present voted yes.

**Committee Reports:**

***Fire Department Report*** – There were 6 calls last month

***Theater Report*** – No one present to give an update. Tr. Bickerton worked on the front door. Covered old doors for a temporary fix.

***Building Dept****.* – No report

***DPW Report*** – Mayor Argyle read report from John Ruchel. Luther Street, Lake Street, and Upper Main Street were paved (drag box). The ramp at the firehouse was also dropped boxed.

***Trash Pick-Up*** is planned for October 12th, 7:00 to 12:00. Will have senior curbside pick-up. Tr. Bevens will check into how this was done in the past.

***VERA*** – President Randall Schmitt provided a verbal report.

* Artisans Fair October 19th. Inviting 125 individuals to be a part of the Fair.
* Great deal of diversity this year.
* An abundance of advertising is planned
* Beginning work on the Winter Walk, December 14th
* Have asked Melissa Martino-Morin to provide a list of all the expenditures from last year’s event.
* Looking for a budget of $4000.00
* The Board is committed to assisting the group with this event; need more specifics for the next Board meeting

***Parks Report*** –

* + Complaints concerning unleashed dogs
  + The missing swings have been located and will be put up.

***Water/Sewer -*** Mayor Argyle provided a verbal report. Collected half of the delinquent water/sewer bills. Shut-offs performed today. Looking into hiring someone for the water/sewer plant. Everett MacCormack will be retiring soon.

***No Correspondence***

***Applications for the Gym:*** Tabled by the Town of Kinderhook. We will look at again at the October meeting

***Use of Senior Center:***  The Lions Club would like to use the senior center the 1st Mondays of the month for meetings. Occasionally it may also be needed the 3rd Monday of the month as well. Cruz has been approached; is willing to open and close the building for the club. Need from 6:30 to 9:00.

**MOTION**, Tr. Bevens to allow the Lions Club use of the senior center on the first Monday of the month as well as a few third Mondays, seconded by Tr. Nero, all members voted yes.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Yes

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

***Smith Circle:***  The trees in circle are dying. A volunteer has offered to remove the trees and replace with smaller evergreen trees.

**MOTION**, Tr. Williams to allow volunteer to remove trees and replant new, seconded by Tr. Nero, all members voted yes.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Yes

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

***Village Office Hours:***  Mayor Argyle discussed other than one or two occasions, there has been no one coming into the Village Office on Mondays between 3:00 to 6:00. The Town clerk also has the same hours and would like to change the hours. Recommended the hours be changed the 1st Monday in October, and new hours advertised in the newspaper. Members of the Board will conclude their research in obtaining a drop box.

**MOTION**, Tr. Bevens to allow Clerk to change office hours to 9:00 to 3:00 and Fridays by appointment, seconded by Tr. Williams, all members voted yes.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Yes

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

**Motion**, Tr. Bevens to enter into executive session at 9:17 pm to discuss personnel, seconded by Tr. Bickerton, all members voted yes.

**Motion**, Tr. Bevens exit Executive session at 9:40 pm, seconded by Tr. Bickerton, all members presented voted yes.

**Motion**, Tr. Bevens to accept the contract for Melissa Martino-Morin, seconded by Tr. Bickerton, all members present voted yes.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Yes

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

**Motion**, Tr. Williams to make an offer to Ed Czyzewski to fill open position at the water/sewer plant, seconded by Tr. Bevens, all members present voted yes.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Yes

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

**Motion**, Tr. Bevens to allow Mayor Argyle to hire someone for one week to work at the sewer plant at $15.00 an hour if needed, seconded by Tr. Williams, all members present voted yes.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Yes

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

**Motion**, Tr. Bevens to adjourn meeting at 9:49pm, seconded by Tr. Nero, all members present voted yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Martino-Morin

Village Clerk