**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Budget Workshop/Special Meeting**

**April 4, 2018**

**5:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT AUDIENCE**

Mayor Diane Argyle Fire Chief Rustin Dolan

Trustee Frank Bevens Randall Schmit

Trustee David Williams, absent Columbia Paper reporter

Trustee Larry Eleby

Trustee Angelo Nero

Mayor Argyle opened the workshop/special meeting at 5:00 pm. She stated to the Board that she had forgotten to make a change in the budget regarding disability and she put more money in for sidewalks and parks. She stated that State DOT won’t pave Main Street unless Main Street is handicap qualified. There was discussion as to whether the State was referring to the “bumps” in the sidewalk crosswalk areas. Mayor Argyle will find out.

Mayor Argyle commented that she put more money in the water department under Source of Supply Equipment and stated that someone needs to look at the Santa Claus Park for the retaining wall and the other parks to see what their condition is like.

She also stated that there is an increase in the fire department and a line item now for a Deputy Clerk position.

There was some discussion again regarding the cell tower leases. T- Mobile is coming in to the Village and Trustee Bevens said that Columbia County 9-1-1 was also looking into placing an antenna on the tower. He will contact Director Rob Lopez again for the status of this.

Trustee Nero asked Mayor Argyle if she could get him some long range numbers in writing regarding any costs and how much we would save if the village sells the leases.

Mayor Argyle also commented that we need to look deeper into the HUD Loans because the paperwork needs looking into to straighten it out. She stated that Jane Pulver should be done with getting the delinquent tax information done and then she should be gone by June to allow a new Deputy Clerk to replace her.

Mayor Argyle also stated that the EFC funding still needs to be straightened out as well. The new roof has not started yet on the sewer plant and there will be a cost of re-vamping well #1 since it has not been cleaned since 1987. There may be more money coming into the sewer for an upcoming project. Once wells 1, 2 & 3 are continually running satisfactorily, we should have no problem with expanding.

Mayor Argyle commented that the rate is about the same as last year with no increase in taxes for a rate of 4.03353.

The Trustees reviewed the budget and did not have any changes. A Public Hearing for the Budget will be set for April 10th before the organizational meeting at 7:00 pm.

In other business, there is a rebuttal letter from Paul Warner addressed to the resident who complained about having to pay for a new water meter to replace her frozen water meter. All Board members reviewed the letter and approved of sending the letter out to the homeowner.

There was a question regarding a bill we received from the Town for the repair of two water fountains in the MHG building that we did not approve beforehand. The Board discussed the bill and decided to go ahead and pay for it but that the Town should contact us before they do any work in the building that we would pay a portion of. Mayor Argyle will speak to the Town about only paying half of the bill.

Chief Dolan had a question regarding getting quotes for fire department items. If he does not get three quotes back but has honestly inquired to 3 companies is this ok? The Board will ask the attorney regarding this but believes that if an effort is made to get three quotes but 3 are not returned, that may be ok.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution #98** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 pm. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

Barbara A. Fischer, RMC

Village Clerk/Treasurer