**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**July 11, 2017**

**7:00PM**

**PRESENT** **ABSENT** **AUDIENCE**

Mayor Diane Argyle Trustee Angelo Nero, notified 2nd Assistant Chief Sam Becker

Trustee Frank Bevens 1st Assistant Chief Joe Loeffler

Trustee Larry Eleby 1 reporter

Trustee David Williams Anthony Buono

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq. Joe Laviano

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Resolution #14** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the July 11, 2017 minutes as presented. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #15** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve claims 2017-2-#37-82 for a total of $25,952.27 and $45,859.98 for off abstract bills. (Total of all bills $71,812.25).

Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Public Comment**- Joe Laviano asked the Board for help in slowing vehicles down on Spring Street. Trustee Bevens had spoken to Highway Superintendent John Ruchel regarding putting speed bumps on that road but he was informed that this was too hazardous. A sign stating no right turn will be placed.

Anthony Buono, who had spoken to the Mayor prior to this meeting regarding putting in more houses just outside the Village line, asked if a sewer district needed to be formed? Mr. Fitzsimmons stated that this would be classified as “Out of Village users” and not a district since only Towns have sewer districts. Mr. Buono will send a letter to the Mayor stating his intent to place more houses just outside the Village and would like to get a memorandum of understanding before he contacts the Town of Kinderhook. Mr. Fitzsimmons stated that he will contact Columbia County Health to discuss this project.

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

Second assistant chief Sam Becker reported that the fire department responded to 9 calls for the month of June and participated in 2 drills and 1 work detail. The annual hose testing will take place on Saturday, July 15th and 55-10 had its annual chassis service and DOT inspection done. 55-13 is out of service due to damage done when a tire blew out while on the way to KME for its annual service. The Chiefs will discuss with the Board whether it is feasible to keep this truck and make repairs or start looking for another truck to replace it.

The annual Boot Drive will take place on July 22nd from 8:00 am- 2:00 pm.

Trustee Eleby inquired about a residents’ concern with the siren being too loud. Assistant Chief Loeffler stated that the siren can not be turned down, only the duration of the siren sound can be turned down from 30 seconds in length to 15 seconds in length, which was done.

The Floor grant papers have been taken care of and now we wait for the Governors signature.

**Theater**- Need to get keys back from former Trustee Phil Bicketon

**Parks**- Pachaquack roof has been taken care of and the Boy Scouts will do the painting of the gazebo.

**Community Day-** The movie night (Inside Out) will take place on August 11th at 8:30 pm. Popcorn, hot dogs and snow cones will be served. Trustee Bevens will meet with the Community Day Committee again to discuss plans for a bigger event next year.

**Cell Site RFP**- On the advice of Mr. Fitzsimmons, the Board should ask companies to help with writing a request for proposal (RFP) and ask if they would be buying just what we have or the entire cell site. All current leases and all addendums will be gathered to review before the Board moves forward. If Columbia County wants to put up a tower with the Village, an inter-municipal agreement will need to be drawn up between the Village and the County.

**Liens on property**- The Board discussed a property in the Village that has basically been abandoned and the Village needed to mow the lawn. Attorney Fitzsimmons stated that if we could send the current owner a bill and receive payment for the lawn mowing that would be ok. If not, it may have to be placed on the lien for the property.

**Water/Sewer Dept**.- (Report on file in Clerk’s Office) WWTP Superintendent Paul Warner is out on sick leave for a little while. The sewer line on the island over the bridge has been clogged twice and has been taken care of.

**Shared Services**- The Village received a letter and agreement with the Columbia County IT Services department to provide computer support on an as needed basis at $50.00 an hour.

**Resolution # 16** was made by Trustee Bevens to sign the agreement for Computer Support with the Columbia County IT Department on an as needed basis for $50.00 per hour. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor. Carried.

**V.E.R.A.-** no report

**Clerk Update**- The taxes for the June collection are done and the new quarter water bills are out. The meeting date for August has been changed to August 16th at 7:00 pm due to the Clerk’s vacation.

**Senior Center**- no report

**Highway Dept**.- Emelia Teasdale inquired about the island near Barnwell. She was informed that it will be taken out to make it easier for Fire Trucks and Snow Plow Trucks to go down the street.

**Climate Smart Energy**- A resolution will be formulated to use clean energy such as street lights and charging stations. This will be done at a later time.

**Building Dept**. – no report other than regular inspections and permits being issued.

**Water/Sewer forgiveness**- none

**MHG Applications**-

Applications received: none

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**Resolution # 17** was made by Trustee Eleby to enter in to executive session at 8:38 pm to discuss matters before the Board. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 18** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 8:55 pm with no decisions being made. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

With no further business to come before the Board,

**Resolution # 19** was made by Trustee Williams to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm, seconded by Trustee Eleby, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer, RMC

Village Clerk