VILLAGE OF VALATIE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 9, 2016

**Present** **Audience**

Mayor Diane Argyle 3 residents

Trustee Frank Bevens 1st Assistant Fire Chief, Rustin Dolan

Trustee Angelo Nero Columbia Paper Reporter

Trustee Phil Bickerton Dr. Ballairgeon

Trustee David Williams

Mayor Argyle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Resolution #187** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the minutes of July 12, 2016. Trustee Bickerton seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 188** was made by Trustee Bickerton to approve claims #2016-2, #102-158 for a total of $120,172.97 and $137,394.20 for off abstract bills ($80,423.65 for Bonds and WWTP Truck of $37,665.00). Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

There were no public comments.

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

First assistant Chief Rustin Dolan “Thanked” the Community for supporting the Boot Drive for the Thermal Imaging Camera and he asked that the money that was left over from insurance, be used toward the purchase of a Thermal Imaging Camera which will be stored on the Ladder truck. He also stated that cars are parking in front of fire hydrants and dedicated parking spots on Main St.

**Resolution #189** was made by Trustee Frank Bevens to change the motion from the July meeting (to use the entire money left over from insurance for turn out gear), to use $1,000 toward the purchase of a Thermal Imaging Camera. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

The fire department will discuss writing a letter regarding possibly selling a portion of

“Firemen’s Park” to Joe Staib so he can expand his business.

Trustee Bevens gave an update of the Engineer regarding the replacement of the floor at the firehouse. A timeline regarding a proposed schedule to do the work was given to the Board (and on file). The Morris Associates Engineer costs for the design is $16,000.

**Resolution #190** was made by Trustee Williams to continue with the design from Morris Associates Engineers for a cost of $16,000. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Theater**-

Dr. Baillargeon commented that there was a good showing for the youth theater, the talent show and an accoustical music show with 80 people in attendance. Brighton Beach Memoirs will begin this week at the Theater and they have sent in the paperwork to get a liquor license for a benefit musical fund raiser to be held on August 20th. On September 16th, the Amy Ryan Band will perform and Shawn Rowe will perform on October 1st. A work party will be formed to move the items out of the old shed behind the Theater. Around 70-75 cast iron seats will be stored in the new shed and an extra lock will be placed on the new shed.

Mayor Argyle stated that the old shed will be moved (at Village cost) to the fire house for storage while the floor is being replaced. She also stated that the Board would like to open the street next to the Theater with a possible sidewalk.

Mayor Argyle also commented that there will be a Valatie Community Day to be held on September 17th. The time and agenda are still being determined.

**Parks**-

The roof on the gazebo at Pachaquak needs work and 3 bids will be sought for work on the pavilion in Callan Park.

**Water/Sewer Dept.-**

There has been a smell from the sewer plant at the Lutheran Church due to sewage coming in from the Village of Kinderhook not coming in fast enough for a continuous flow. The sewage lays there for a while causing a smell. The issue is with the pump in the Village of Kinderhook. Work is being done to resolve this.

The union contract has been discussed between the Village and the WWTP employees.

**V.E.R.A-**

Randall Schmitt stated that the Community Wide Tag Sale went very well. There were 21 participants on the map but more added on as the date grew closer. He stated that there was a rumor going around that V.E.R.A. was charging $25.00 to be placed on the map and this was not true. It has always been free to add your name to the list.

The Artisan Fair will be held on October 8th this year and there will hopefully be some book signings.

**Clerk’s Office-**

Taxes are online on both the Village website and the County website and there has been a great response to this by Title agencies and Attorney offices.

**Valatie Rescue Squad-**

There will be a Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament held on September 1st in honor and memory of Debbie Simmonsmeier. The Board discussed sponsoring a “Flag” at a cost of $150.00.

The entire Board was in agreement to sponsor a flag for $150.00.

**MHG** – No applications for use

There will be a joint meeting held between Town Board members and Village Board members regarding use of the Martin H. Glynn building. Trustees Frank Bevens and Dave Williams as well as Mayor Argyle will meet with members of the Town Board.

**Cell Towers**-

The Board has been having discussions regarding the future of cell towers and the possibility of selling the towers. Trustee Bevens handed out paperwork regarding the future of cells towers and has asked that Cell Carriers be asked to attend a meeting to discuss this further. Trustee Bevens will contact carriers.

**Senior Housing Law/ Trailer interpretation** -

Village Attorney Rob Fitzsimmons is working on a draft for all Boards (Village, Planning/Zoning) to review.

**Highway**-

Mayor Argyle and Trustee Bevens are working on getting signs. The Village will be negotiating the contract with the Town of Kinderhook. Mayor Argyle and Trustee Bevens will meet with members of the Town Board for discussions.

**Building Department/Code Enforcement**-(Report on file in Clerk’s Office)

The Building Inspector visited the U.S. Hotel to do the annual inspection and will give a report to the Board once he has completed his inspection findings.

**Water /Sewer forgiveness**-

EmKay Cleaners has asked for relief regarding their bill. The Board discussed their bill but decided that they can’t set a precedence and denied the request for relief. The Mayor will contact Emkay Cleaners.

**Resolution # 191**was made by Trustee Williams to deny the request for water/sewer relief for Emkay cleaners stating that this would set a precedence that the Village can not afford to do. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried. Vote- Trustees, Bevens, Nero, Bickerton, Nero, all voted no. Request is denied.

**Resolution # 192** was made by Trustee Nero to enter into executive session at 7:46 pm to discuss possible litigation and other matters before the Board. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 193** was made by Trustee Nero to exit executive session, Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 194** was made by Trustee Nero to hire Tim Van Wagner to replace Cruz Rivera as the new general maintenance person for the Village. Trustee Bickerton seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 195** was made by Trustee Nero to authorize the signatures for approval for the UPSEU Union contract between the Village and the WWTP employees. Trustee Bickerton seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Argyle stated that the new WWTP truck has been delivered and the lettering of the truck will take place on Friday.

The Board discussed possibly borrowing $100,000 on a 10 year BAN for the Fire House.

With no further business to discuss,

A motion was made by Trustee Bickerton to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Trustee Williams seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk