

Village of Valatie

Planning Board

Valatie, NY 12184

February 5, 2025

Board members present

Also present

John Bryan, Chairman

David Pickett

Rebecca Smith

Nate Keenan

Lee Linderman

Scott Olson

Diana Carter

John DeCarlo

Matthew Carter

Larry Eleby

Amy Freinberg- Trufas

Frank Bevens, Mayor

Patrick Rogers

Dave Malsan

The meeting of the Valatie Planning Board was joined with the Village Board. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bevens at 6:30pm. Mayor Bevens had Chairman Bryan take roll call, a full quorum was present.

Chairman Bryan asked for approval of the June 5th and July 2nd, 2024, minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mrs. Carter and seconded by Mr. Linderman. Chairman Bryan called for a vote; All were in favor.

The first item on the agenda was an application submitted by Verizon Wireless for the installation and operation of the new personal wireless service facility live tower, including 130' tower on the MHG municipal grounds.

Attorney Fitzsimmons explained the process of why both the Planning and the Village Board are present at this meeting. The Village Board makes the determination if it is exempt from zoning. The Planning Board is here for an advisory position.

Mr. Olson, who represents Verizon Wireless, shared his plans with the Board. Mr. Olson went over the different MHz and the areas that they would cover. He then explained that the site complies with FCC emissions regulations and went over the guidelines. Mr. Olson then explained where the tower would be placed.

Mayor Bevens asked if the tower would cover the entire Village of Valatie. Mr. DeCarlo, Verizon's RF engineer, explained that it will cover the area. There was a discussion on the height difference of the tower 125' vs. 105'. The proposed tower is 125'. The fencing around the tower was discussed as well as some plantings around the area.

Chairman Bryan asked for a Balloon test, or a view shed to get a visual as to what the different tower heights will look like. Mr. Olson agreed to the view shed.

Mayor Bevens would like to see the tower at 105'. He feels this will work for the Village. Mr. Olson will provide new information on the 105' tower so the Board can decide.

The next meeting will be held on Monday March 10, 2025.

Mayor Bevens asked the public if they had any questions, no questions were asked.

Mayor Bevens asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Elderly made a motion, Mrs. Frienberg-Trufas seconded. All in Favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathleen Frances

Village Of Valatie

Clerk of the Planning Board

February 19, 2025