

Village of Valatie
Board of Trustee Meeting

August 11, 2026

6:30 PM

Board of Trustees

Mayor Bevens

Trustee Larry Eleby

Trustee Patrick Rodgers

Trustee Matthew Carter-Absent Notified

Trustee Amy Freinberg-Trufas-Absent Notified

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Rebecca Daley-Village Clerk

Mayor Bevens opened the meeting at 6:31 pm. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The mayor opened the Public Hearing on a Local Law establishing a speed limit of twenty-five miles per hour on village streets. This Local Law is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law 10, NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law 1643.

The Village Board commissioned a speed limit evaluation study from Creighton Manning to undertake a field data collection and provide engineering guidance as to appropriate speed limits on Village owned roads. The engineering report opined that a 25-mph speed limit is appropriate for all roads under the jurisdiction of the Village of Valatie.

Resolution #21- was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve a negative declaration for SEQRA. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Resolution #22- was made by Eleby to approve Local Law No. 1 of 2026. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried. Mayor Bevens closed the Public Hearing.

This Local Law shall be effective in accordance with the applicable law after filing with the Secretary of State.

Resolution #23- was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve minutes of the July 14, 2026, meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Resolution #24- was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the abstract bills-**2026-2027 -# 92-145**. For a total of \$56,781.12. Off abstract bills total \$128,304.44. Off abstract bills also include two bonds. Total bills are \$185,085.56. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Public Comment- None

Parks- Trustee Rodgers stated that after the massive rainstorm on July 29, 2026, some trees came down and flooding accrued at the entry way of River Street Park. Cleanup has started and will continue with trail maintenance.

Climate Smart- Donna Welton stated the Climate smart committee will hold a meeting next week to discuss applying for more grants.

Fire Department- July Fire Calls:

The department responded to 37 fire calls in July, 30 of which were related to the storm on July 29th. On the day of the storm, operations ran from 8:04 AM to 11:15PM, resulting in a 15-hour and 10-minute day. A total of 74.46 man-hours were logged for these calls, with 16 firefighters assisting, logging a total of 1,192 man-hours per firefighter.

Mayor Bevins thanked the Fire Department for all their hard work and dedication.

A full report will be on file in the clerk's office.

Theater- Jenn Clark stated that the Theater production of Whinnie the Pooh was a huge success.

Highway- Mayor Bevins thanked the Highway Department for all their help cleaning up from the July 29th rainstorm.

WWTP Report- Report is on file in the clerk's office.

Resolution #25- was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve Labella as the Village Engineer. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Building Department- Ron is continuing his training.

Clerk Report- None

MHG Applications & Callan Park:-None.

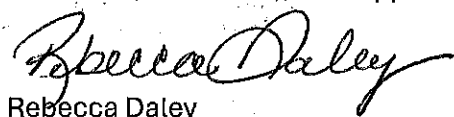
Other Business- The Village has a new credit card system.

Resolution #26- was made by Trustee Eleby to enter an executive session to discuss matters before the board at 7:01pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Resolution #27- was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 7:19pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

With no further business to discuss.

Resolution #28- was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 7:19. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.



Rebecca Daley

Village Clerk