

Village of Valatie  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
November 12, 2024  
6:30 PM

**Board of Trustees**

Mayor Bevens  
Trustee Larry Eleby  
Trustee Patrick Rodgers  
Trustee Matthew Carter  
Trustee Amy Freinberg-Trufas  
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.-  
Rebecca Daley-Village Clerk

**Audience**

Jennifer Clark  
William Fiato  
Cathy Fiato

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

**Resolution #45-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve the minutes of October 8, 2024, meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

**Resolution #46-** was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the abstract of bills-**2024-2025-#252-317**. For a total of \$74,260.93. Off abstract of bills total \$14,377.61. Total bills are \$88,638.54. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

There was a zoom meeting held by Pure Sky. The presentation was done regarding their community solar program.

**Resolution #47-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve the Village to sign up with Hudson Energy. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

Public comment-None

**Parks-** River Street Park had their final cleanup day. Twelve people addended. Now that they have done a lot of clean up this year, they are hoping to be able to manage and maintain all the knottweed and vines.

Residents have been complaining that people are smoking in Callen Park around the playground.

**Resolution #48-** was made by Trustee Carter to put up a no smoking signs in the Callen Park. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

**Climate Smart-** The committee is working on putting together a presentation for residents on how to save money. There is a possible Climate Smart meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Fire Department Report-** Report on file.

**VERA-**none

**Theater-**The theater held a Comedy Show-Harkes/Habacker on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The Holiday Open House and Open Mic will be on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Face painting will be held in the lobby on the 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 as well. They are gathering all their information to submit for a \$50,000. grant to be used for roof and electrical work.

**Highway-** Fall Brush pick up will end November 25<sup>th</sup>.

**WWTP Report-** report is on file.

**Building Department Report-** Busy.

**Clerk Report-** None.

**MHG Applications-** AARP requested the use of the building for taxes.

**Other business-** Mayor Bevins signed a contract for the use of the land for the Verizon cell tower.

On Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> Evelyn Hix's had her Friendship Bench installed at Callen Park. She earned her Girl Scout Silver Award. Congratulations Evelyn.

The Village purchased a Menorah for the up coming holidays. It will be installed at the end of Main Street.

The village would like to pass a resolution that no one may put signs of any kind in the triangle at the end of Main Street.

**Resolution #49-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve the resolution that no one can put signs in the triangle. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #50-** was made by Trustee Rodgers to accept SEQRA with a negative declaration. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #51-**was made by Freinberg-Trufas to enter executive session to discuss matters before the board at 7:43pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #52-** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 8:22 pm. with no decisions being made. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

With no further business to discuss.

**Resolution #53-** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Rebecca Daley

Village Clerk