Village of Valatie Board Meeting

January 14, 2014

Approved Minutes

**Parties Present**

Mayor Argyle 2 members from Press

Tr. Bevens 5 Guests

Tr. Bickerton

Tr. Nero

Tr. Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons

**Regular Village Board Meeting**

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Pledge to the Flag

**Public Comment**: NONE

***Presentation by Family Resources***

***Presentation by Delaware Engineering***

* Board agrees to move forward with screening.

**Motion,** Tr. Williams approve minutesfor November 12, 2013 seconded by Tr. Bevens**.** All members present voted yes.

**Motion,** Tr. Bevens approve minutesfor December 10, 2013 seconded by Tr. Bickerton**.** All members present voted yes.

**Motion,** Tr.Bickerton audit meeting conducted, seconded by Tr. Williams, all members present voted yes.

**Motion**, Tr. Bickerton approves paymentof claims 2014-08-01 to 2014-08-36, seconded by Tr. Williams, all members present voted yes.

**Motion,** Tr. Williams to have a special meeting Monday, February 3rd, 2014 at 6:00pm at the Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building to look over and discuss current budget as well as begin discussions of next fiscal year, seconded by Tr. Nero, all members present voted yes.

**Committee Reports:**

***Fire Department Report:***

* 10 calls last month.
* Received report from Paul McCreary concerning his initial inspection of the cracked floor in the fire house.
* Need to conduct test borings to conserve the integrity of the building.

**Motion**, Tr. Bevens to accept Morris Associate estimate of $4500.00 to conduct test borings, seconded by Tr. Bickerton, all members present voted yes

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Yes

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

***Theater Report*** – Dr. Baillergeon provided update. Work is being done in the main hallway by Marty Stallman and the Boy Scouts. Plan is to complete the front hallway and then move onward to another area. The next show is not scheduled until the end of April.

***Building Dept****.* – Provided a report for year-end 2013.

**DPW *Report*** – Mayor Argyle asked Tr. Bevens and Tr. Bickerton to work with John Ruchel on infrastructures needs for the 2015 budget year as well as a long term plan.

***VERA*** – President Randall Schmitt gave a few closing remarks concerning the Winter Walk; Vera Café went well and discussion of possibly changing hours of winter walk to begin earlier, 4:00pm

* Mayor Argyle asked for a budget for 2015. Would like by the end of February.
* Plans to begin working on hoopla in spring and a tag sale in the summer.
* VERA now on twitter

***Parks Report*** – Tr. Bevens reported vandalism at Calhan Park. The individuals have been caught and arrested. Thanks to our community residents for helping.

***Water/Sewer -*** Mayor Argyle provided a verbal report provided by Paul Warner.

***Applications for Room at Martin H Glynn Building:*** Northern Columbia Little League requested a room to store their uniforms and equipment.

**Motion,** Tr.Bevens to allow Northern Columbia Little League use of room in Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building, seconded by Tr. Bickerton, all members present voted yes.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Yes

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

The Valatie Library has requested to share a room with the Village Historian to store their paintings. At present time, they utilize space at Town building but there has been water issues.

**Motion,** Tr.Bevens to allow Valatie Library use of room in Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building for storage, seconded by Tr. Williams, all members present voted yes.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Yes

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

***2014 Elections:*** Clerk Martino-Morin discussed issues of concern with elections. Registration day for 2013 election resulted in paying two individuals for 6 hours, receiving only 3 registration signups. Secondly, being this is not a mayoral election, previous non mayoral elections show very low voting turnout. With this in mind, Clerk Martino-Morin would like to have paper ballots rather than having the expense of voting machines.

**Motion,** Tr.Bevens 2014 Elections will be held on March 18, 2014 12:00 to 9:00 pm at the Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building, seconded by Tr. Bickerton, all members present voted yes.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Yes

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

**Motion,** Tr.Nero to not have a village registration day for the 2014 elections, seconded by Tr. Bevens, all members present voted yes.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Yes

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

**Motion,** Tr.Bevens to use paper ballots for Election Day voting, March 18, 2014, seconded by Tr. Nero, all members present voted yes.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Yes

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

**Motion**, Tr. Bevens to adjourn meeting at 8:20pm, seconded by Tr. Nero, all members present voted yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Martino-Morin

Village Clerk