**Village of Valatie**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**March 10, 2020**

**7:00 pm**

**Attendance** **Audience**

Mayor Diane Argyle Asst. Chief Joe Loeffler

Trustee Frank Bevens Craig Hancock, Mark Thaler

Trustee Larry Eleby Randall Schmitt

Trustee Angelo Nero Patrick Rogers

Trustee David Williams Columbia Paper Reporter

2 Deputy Sheriffs

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Resolution # 95** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the minutes of February 11, 2020. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 96** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve claims 2019-10-#399-441 for a total of $74,526.08 and $14,671.09 for off abstract bills. Total of all bills is $89,197.17. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Fire Department**- Assistant Chief Joe Loeffler reported that there were 3 calls since the last meeting. There was damage to one of the trucks at a call and it is now being repaired. He did not have an estimate yet and it is now in the hands of the insurance company and the repair shop. Hoping to have the truck repaired by April.

**Theater**- Craig Hancock and Mark Thaler attended tonight’s meeting. Craig stated that the play “Ella Fitzgerald” was extremely successful with an almost sold out house at 300 attendees. The Theater is working on the schedule for the season and lining up an evening for a band with the hopes that the Village would sponsor the night? The Board was in agreement with this with a future date to be determined.

Mark Thaler is working on a Preserve NY Grant for a “Feasibility Study” for the Theater, which is due by April 6, which would include how the building can be modified to meet their programming needs. They will take the existing conditions and do a cost estimate for the work. The previous grant was for a Technical Assistance Grant for a building survey.

Mr. Thaler will also apply for a Consolidated Funding Grant (CFA).

**Resolution # 97** was made by Trustee Bevens for the Theater to apply for the 20% matching grant for the Valatie Theater. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**VERA**- Randall Schmitt reported that the Village will hold movie night on August 14th with the Village Wide Tag sale being held on Saturday, August 15th.

They are working on getting an estimate for the flower box at the end of Main Street to be repaired and updated. They will also get work done on the sign above the flower box.

Randall stated that he spoke to someone regarding removing the trees on Main Street and he was told that the property values on Main Street would go down about 20%. Mayor Argyle and Trustee Bevens walked Main Street and believe that all the sidewalks really need to be replaced if the Village can afford to do this but that will need to be determined money wise.

**Parks**- Mayor Argyle and Trustee Bevens looked at the playground at Callan Park. The playground equipment needs to be replaced and the Board can look into replacing at least a few pieces a year. The Pavilion needs to be replaced as well and they will get the engineer to look at this and provide a quote to replace it.

The Board decided on May 16, 2020 for Village Wide Spring cleanup day. Residents will be asked to sign up at the Village office to have their “items” picked up by the garbage company that day.

**Water/Sewer Dept**.- (report on file) There were power failures affecting the lift station and water pumphouse #2. The department will need to advertise for someone to work at the sewer plant and attend classes if they are not already qualified. The Superintendent will be retiring around March of next year.

**Resolution #98** was made by Trustee Eleby to advertise for someone to work for the Wastewater Treatment plant until they get up to speed to fill a vacant position due to an employee retiring next March. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Clerk report**- The clerk is looking into a company who does electronic recycling. Election Day is March 18th and there will be a Free PERMA Conference to attend in May.

Clerk Fischer also worked with the PERMA representative regarding the workplace violence and sexual harassment policies. Also worked on was the hazard communication program and the blood borne pathogens program.

**Resolution #99** was made by Trustee Bevens to adopt the workplace violence, sexual harassment and blood borne pathogens programs through PERMA. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried

**Resolution #100** was made by Trustee Eleby to allow the clerk to attend the free PERMA Conference at the Sagamore Hotel in Bolton Landing, NY in May. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Argyle stated that it will cost approximately $1,000 to replace the fence at Pachaquack Park.

**Resolution # 101** was made by Trustee Bevens to have the fence at Pachaquack Park replaced at a cost not to exceed $1,000. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Argyle reported that there will be a Resiliency review on the Kinderhook Creek and they need to hire an engineer to do this.

**Resolution # 102** was made by Trustee Bevens to hire Weston and Sampson Engineers to work on the Resiliency Study on the Kinderhook Creek. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

The Greenway Grant meeting was cancelled.

**Senior Center**- A quote was received to replace the lock system at the Senior Center to a key fob system. The lighting at the Senior Center is all done except for 2 lights.

**Resolution # 103** was made by Trustee Nero to hire Joe Mangione to change the lock system at the Senior Center to a key fob system at a cost of $4,221.00 with a $30.00 per month “cloud fee”. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Argyle asked the Board to hire Tim Stever to put up a new flagpole at the triangle on Main Street.

**Resolution # 104** was made by Trustee Eleby to hire Tim Stever to replace the flagpole at the triangle on Main Street and Route 9. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Argyle will look into getting a cost to replace sections of the sidewalk on Main Street. She also stated that some businesses do not want the Village to take out the trees on Main Street.

**Highway**- Mayor Argyle and Trustee Bevens met with the Town of Kinderhook Supervisor to work on the one year highway contract. The cost will be the same at $120,000.

**Resolution # 105** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the one year highway contract with the Town of Kinderhook at a cost of $120,000. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

Brush pickup by the highway department will be from April 13-June 1st.

**Building report**- none

Nick Becker has once again asked to do a “Volunteer Spring Cleanup” throughout the Village and a date will be determined for this.

**Resolution # 106** was made by Trustee Bevens to allow the water department to perform water shutoffs according to the list prepared by the Village Clerk and the Water Department. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Applications for MHG**-

1. Clippers Travel baseball at Callan Park
2. Dave Ames- Cannons Baseball at Calla Park
3. Northern Columbia Softball League at Callan Park

**Resolution # 107** was made by Trustee Nero to approve the above applications. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Other business**- Mayor Argyle, Trustee Bevens and Attorney Fitzsimmons met to discuss the Energy Onyx building sale. The Village will hire another real estate broker. The US Hotel sale is still on hold for now and Tim Holt would like to put in 30 homes for seniors on Upper Main Street.

Mayor is working on the garbage contract.

**Public Comment**-

Emelia Teasdale inquired about the sale of the Energy Onyx building and if the Board heard anything about the Coronavirus from the state yet?

Mayor Argyle stated that there are concerns about the Coronavirus but there is nothing from the State yet.

**Resolution # 108** was made by Trustee Eleby to enter into executive session at 7:49pm. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 109** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session with no decisions being made. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 110** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk