

Village of Valatie  
Board of Trustee Meeting

October 14, 2025

6:30 PM

**Board of Trustees**

Mayor Bevens

Trustee Larry Eleby

Trustee Patrick Rodgers

Trustee Matthew Carter-Absent notified

Trustee Amy Freinberg-Trufas

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Rebecca Daley-Village Clerk

Mayor Bevens opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Resolution #39-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve the minutes of September 9, 2025, meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

**Resolution #40-** was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the abstract of bills-**2025-2026 - #181-243**. For a total of \$128,820.67. Off abstract of bills total \$17,935.20. Total bills are \$146,755.87. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Chris Brown (Housing Development Coordinator) gave a presentation regarding the Pro-Housing Community Certification. The Pro-Housing Community Certification will allow the Village and proposed projects within the Village access to \$750M in various NYS funds and programs. The Village can become certified by passing a resolution.

Michael Brennan and Ann Shaffer presented to the board their Capital Project for Ichabod Crane Schools. This project focuses on upgrading aging infrastructure, supporting future-ready instruction and creating spaces that enhance student wellbeing. Residents are encouraged to vote for the Capital Project on December 16, 2025. Polls will be open from 8am to 9pm in the High School Gymnasium.

**Public Comment-** A resident informed the board that there was a power outage last week due to a National Grid Error. It was reported that their breakers were popping and that she lost her dishwasher. She will be following up with National Grid regarding this matter.

**Parks-** River Street cleanup day on September 20th was a success.

**Climate Smart-** Donna Welton informed the board that the Climate Smart Committee met with Columbia County Soil and Water on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire Department-**None

**VERA-** None

**Theater-** The Theaters next production will be Witches in Salem.

**Highway-** Brush pick has started and will run through November 24<sup>th</sup>. Pick up will be on Mondays only. Residents are asked to place all items neatly at the edge of the road. Branches should be laid parallel to the road.

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

Work on the Water Tower has been progressing.

**Building Department Report-** Stephanie Caradine-Ruchel (Building Inspector) has been working on closing out outstanding permits. The office has been looking for a part-time inspector to fill in our office when Stephanie leaves for temporary personal purposes.

**Clerk Report-** Octobers water and sewer bills were sent out. Residents were requested to fill out a form to help update our records (email address). The clerk's office is trying to do more emailing and less postage.

**MHG Applications & Callan Park-**None

**Other Business-** The Board of Trustees monthly board meeting falls on Veterans Day. The meeting has been changed to Monday November 10, 2025, at 6:30.

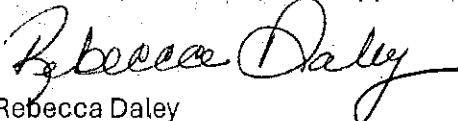
**Resolution #41-** was made by Trustee Eleby to enter an executive session to discuss matters before the board at 6:57pm. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #42-** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 7:23pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #43-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve the Pro-Housing Community Certification Resolution. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

With no further business to discuss.

**Resolution #44-** was made by Trustee Rodgers to adjourn the meeting at 7:28. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

  
Rebecca Daley

Village Clerk