**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**June 11, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE** **AUDIENCE**

Mayor Diane Argyle Fire Chief Rustin Dolan

Trustee Frank Bevens Randall Schmit

Trustee Larry Eleby Carol Williams, Craig Hancock

Trustee Angelo Nero Tom Barber, Emelia Teasdale,

Trustee David Williams 3 residents, 3 ICC students

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:08 pm.

**Resolution # 1** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the minutes of May 14 and May 29, 2019. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #2** was made by Trustee Williams to pay claims #2019-1, #1-33 for a total of $43,025.25 and $3,000.88 for the off abstract bills. Total of all bills is $46,026.13. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Public Comments**-Randall Schmitt was concerned that kids riding their bicycles on Main Street have been running into people. Mayor Argyle stated that she looked into the Village Code and there is nothing that states you are not allowed to ride on the sidewalks. NYS does not ban bicycles on sidewalks. Trustee Bevens met with the parents of two of the kids and hopefully this will dismay the kids from doing this further. It was also suggested that maybe signs should be placed on Main Street asking bicyclists to give the right of way to pedestrians.

Randall also commented that some businesses on Main Street had some comments regarding the post card that was mailed out by the Valatie Theater. Craig Hancock said that they will try to address any concerns the businesses may have and they are open to speaking and working with all of the businesses in Valatie at any time. Mayor Argyle suggested the Board of directors of the Theater should meet with VERA.

**Fire Department**- (Report on file in the Clerk’s Office)-Chief Rustin Dolan reported there were

6 calls since the last meeting. One new member has enrolled in the 26 week firefighter class and the chicken Barbeque will be held on June 20th. Tickets can be purchased from any member.

**V.E.R.A**.- The tag sale will be July 20th, sign up at the Village Clerk’s office. A map will be drawn up with all tag sales listed. The fire company will also be doing their boot drive during this time. Jessie Greenwald who has the Blog “This is America Too” interviewed Dominic and the mayor. He is writing up his impression of Valatie. VERA members are going to be working on the flower box. Randall also mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce magazine has a nice mention of the Village of Valatie.

**Theater**- Craig Hancock stated that they have had many successful performance so far this season and are looking forward to more. Work is being done on the upper balcony area due to a leak that was found. Vines had been growing into the roof and they need to be removed. Tom Barber asked that Phil Bickerton be put on retainer for the Theater. The mayor commented that this would need to be put out to bid. The Village can’t just hire him. The stucco on the front of the building has been completed and the brick will be done soon. They are looking forward to the Peaceful Country Band that will be sponsored by the Village.

**Parks**- There will be a smoke test done at the park and the mayor will look into a pole barn for the park which would be cheaper.

**Other business**- We received a quote of $2,000 from Fine Lines Pavement Markings for striping the lines for parking on Main Street and the curbing as well as the Village owned crosswalks. Trustee Bevens contacted the State DOT to see when their crew will be around to fill in pot holes and then the striping will be done.

**Resolution #3** was made by Trustee Bevens to accept the quote of $2000 to paint the striping and curbs on Main Street. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Movie Night**- The date for movie night is August 9th here on the grounds of the MHG building. In case of rain, the movie will be shown in the gym. Hot dogs and popcorn and sno-cones will be provided. A snow fence will be placed around the playground during the event.

Mayor Argyle has been working with Mayor Dunham from the Village of Kinderhook regarding getting grants that will help provide money to make certain areas of the Kinderhook creek more user friendly.

**Resolution #4** was made by Trustee Eleby to work with the Village of Kinderhook to work on applying for more Gateway Grants for recreational access for both Villages in the areas of River Street, Pachaquack, Route 9H and the Santa Claus Park and possibly more sites. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Water/Sewer**- Water mains will be replaced on Lake, Luther and High Streets starting in the middle of the month of July. Once the mains are replaced, paving will begin. This project will also include moving two hydrants to better locations on those streets. Resident will not be allowed to park on these streets between the hours of 6:30 am- approximately 4:00 pm. Letters will be sent to those residents informing them of this project and to direct them to park in other various locations in the Village.

Also, the project of running electric from the pump house to the sewer plant is waiting on parts and hopefully will be completed soon.

**Senior Center**- Trustee Eleby stated that lights will be replaced and he is working with Wolberg Electric to do a survey of LED lights and getting a National Grid incentive.

**Clerk**-Taxes were mailed out and we are collecting payments now. The water bills will be sent out by July 1.

**Highway**- none

**Building Department-** none

**Library**- Elizabeth Powhida, the director of the Valatie Library sent a letter to the Board, thanking them for giving them a grant of $300 to help pay for the cost of the summer planetarium program

**Applications for MHG**- none. Edith Hanson asked to use Callan Park to celebrate her Great Granddaughters 4th birthday on 6/22/19 from 1-4 pm.

.**Resolution #5** by Trustee Nero to allow Ms. Hanson to hold a birthday party for her Great Granddaughter on June 22, 2019 from 1-4 pm. She will be informed that alcohol is not allowed and they must clean up after the celebration**.** Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 6** was made by Trustee Bevens to enter in to executive session at 7:54 pm to discuss matters before the Board. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 7** was made by Trustee Nero to exit executive session at 8:32 pm. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #8** was made by Trustee Eleby to hire an appraiser for the Energy Onyx building so it can be sold. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution #9** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer, RMC

Village Clerk