**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**APRIL 11, 2017**

**7:00PM**

**PRESENT** **AUDIENCE**

Mayor Diane Argyle 1st Assistant Chief R. Dolan

Trustee Frank Bevens 1 resident, 1 reporter

Trustee Larry Eleby Marianne from Tierra Farms

Trustee David Williams Robyn Reynolds- Regional

Trustee Angelo Nero Planning Commission

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

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

The Public Hearing for the 2017-18 Budget was opened at 7:01 pm. Mayor Argyle stated that there will be no tax increase for the 2017-18 fiscal year. There were no comments from the audience therefore Mayor Argyle closed the public hearing at 7:02 pm.

The regular meeting convened at 7:03 pm.

**Presentations**-

Robyn Reynolds from the Capital District Regional Planning Commission stated that she met with Trustee Larry Eleby and Marilyn Huffman at an event held in February regarding Solar Energy. She stated that there is up to $100,000 available in grant money that the Village can apply for once the Village completes 4 required actions. This is on a first come first serve basis with 14 awards available for the Capital District. She provided a fact sheet on Clean Energy Communities.

Mayor Argyle also stated that she spoke to Jake from LAM regarding changing out street lights for us and the Village of Kinderhook. Ms. Reynolds can help with this process which would require us to purchase LED lights from National Grid and they would put them up. We would not have to pay the $1900 maintenance fee.

**Tierra Farms**-

Marianne Schmidt from Tierra Farms would like to move the farmers market to Main Street. They would like to have displays from the Santa Claus Park down to the Valatie Bar and Grill. There would be musicians performing in front of the Theatre and so far they have 7 vendors and approval from at least 3 businesses on Main Street. They would still hold hours from 10-2 on Sundays through Labor Day.

**Resolution # 276** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the March 16, 2017 and March 23, 2017 minutes as presented. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #277** was made by Trustee Williams to approve claims 2017-11-#518-554 for a total of $29,590.17 and $13, 965.93 for off abstract bills for a total of all bills of $43,566.10.

Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Public Comment**-

Carol Williams commented that there has been garbage on Main Street that has been there awhile but she believes the people have moved out. Mayor Argyle said she will have someone pick it up.

Dr. Baillargeon reported that there will be a concert on April 22nd at the Theatre and he has dropped off flyers for this event called “Unplugged”. He also stated that he had some Marquis prices and commented that he was told that if the cost is less than $10,000, the Theater would not have to go out to bid or deal with prevailing wages. Attorney Fitzsimmons agreed but stated that we should check with the procurement policy for the Village. Dr. Baillargeon also commented that he would like to get hand dryers for the bathrooms and he will have a certified electrician install them.

Mayor Argyle handed out the 2017-18 Appointment list for the Board to review. All Board members were ok with the appointments. The list will be on file in the Clerk’s Office.

**Fire Department**-

First Assistant Chief Rustin Dolan gave the Fire Company monthly report which is on file in the clerk’s office. There were 6 calls for the month of March with members participating in 2 drills and 1 work detail for a total of 82 hours devoted to fire calls, drills and details. The bail-out kits have been ordered which was discussed at the special board meeting on March 23rd.

**The new officers for 2017-2018 are as follows:**

**Chief**- Rustin Dolan

**1st Assistant Chief**- Joseph H. Loeffler

**2nd Assistant Chief**- Sam Becker

**Parks**-

Mayor Argyle stated that she received 2 quotes for the gazebo roof at Pachaquack Park and she will be getting a price and looking into getting grants for the pavilion at Callan Park. She will order 4 more garbage cans for Main Street.

**Water/Sewer Dept**.-

Monthly report is on file in the clerk’s office. The annual sampling and analyses for all wells has begun. Smith Well Drilling will be scheduled to perform testing and evaluation of well 4 as soon as danger of adverse weather has passed.

**V.E.R.A.-** no report

**Clerk Update**- Attended a Village Clerk’s meeting in Catskill. An attorney from NYCOM was in attendance and offered to hold a session for Village Officials duties. The next shredding will be in June and we received paperwork from General Code to begin the process of updating our Village Code book. There will be a medication drop off at all police stations in Columbia County on April 29th between the hours of 10:00 am- 2:00 pm.

An end of year Village Board meeting needs to be set. The Board agreed to hold the meeting on May 31st at 6:30 pm.

**Senior Center**- no report

**Highway Dept**.- Mayor Argyle stated that the last bill received totaled over $23,000. Trustee Williams stated that he will do a sidewalk survey for repairs and see which trees need to be removed from Main Street. The Board also discussed putting solar lights up as well. The area along side the road near the Theater also needs to be looked at to put a sidewalk in.

**Building Dept**. –no report

**Water/Sewer forgiveness**- A letter was received from Attorney William Better representing BJ Cantele. The Board discussed the letter and Attorney Fitzsimmons will reply to Mr. Better.

**MHG Applications**-

Applications received:

1. Niverville Fire Department for use of a room to hold firefighter physicals on May 15, 2017 from 4:00pm-9:00pm.

2. US Hoopsters- 9th grade Boys Basketball dates

3. US Hoopsters- 6th grade Girls Basketball dates

**Resolution # 278** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve all applications. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 279** was made by Trustee Williams to enter in to executive session at 8:32 pm. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 280** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 8:41 pm with no decisions being made. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 281** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer, RMC

Village Clerk