**Village of Valatie**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**October 10, 2023**

**6:30 PM**

**Board members** **Audience**

Mayor Frank Bevens Meg Todisco, Randall Schmit,

Trustee Angelo Nero Fire Chief Joe Loeffler,

Trustee Patrick Rodgers Donna Welton

Trustee Matthew Carter- absent, notified mayor

Trustee Larry Eleby

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq. – absent, notified

Barbara A. Fischer- Village Clerk

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

**Resolution #40** was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

**Resolution #41** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the abstract of bills 2023-2024- #5-182-220 for a total of $37,589.40 and $13,381.44 for the off abstract of bills. Total of all bills was $50,970.84 Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Climate Smart**- (Meg Todisco)- (Full report is on file in the Clerk’s Office) Meg gave a brief update on the Green House gas inventory and distributed a copy to the Board. This report provides a base line for the municipality. The goal is to create a climate action plan and to produce a Green House Gas emissions plan/report/spreadsheet.

A CARP meeting was held on September 27th and was attended by member David Pickett and Meg. The group listened to a summary of the questionnaires that were turned in. The questionnaire stated what resources were the greatest threat, etc. The result stated flooding is the #1 threat. The group will meet again on October 25th.

**Environmental Management Council**- Resident Donna Welton was appointed to this Council. Thank you, Donna, for stepping up to do this.

**Heat pumps**- Columbia County wants Towns and Villages to look at how many permits have been granted for installment of heat pumps in the County. There will be a TASK Force meeting on October 12 at 6:30 pm to discuss this.

Meg provided a response letter from Brad Tito from the Solar Company Power Market who did a zoom meeting with the Board. The letter was in response to a question regarding solar farms just selling the power they generate to the Grid? Why make a requirement to have these solar farms to get subscribers? This will be tabled for now and brought up at the November Board meeting.

**Parks**- no report

**Public Comment**- none

**Fire Department Report**- (Report on file in Clerk’s Office)

Chief Joe Loeffler reported that there were 5 calls in September. A list of Fire Alarms for the Village Fire Alarm Law was read to the Board. The new Command Vehicle was picked up from Deer Park on 9/22/23 and radios have been ordered and cabinets & shelving have been re-worked. They are awaiting the lettering and the striping.

Fire department driver training class will be held on 10/11/23 and the driving portion will be held on 10/15/23 at 8:30 am.

The fire department will be handing out candy for Halloween on 10/31 at 5:00 pm.

The smoke detector giveaway by the department has been going very well. So far 155 detectors have been handed out. There will be another give away on 10/21 to Village & Town residents.

**V.E.R.A**.- Randall Schmit reported that the Artisans Festival will be held on October 14th. There will be live music and a couple of authors in attendance. A map will be placed online on the V.E.R.A. website.

**Theater**- no report

**Other business**- Mayor Bevens reminded everyone that dogs should be on a leash if they are being walked. There have been a couple of recent issues with a dog being off a leash. If this continues, the Building Inspector will send a violation to that person.

Trash cans need to be taken off the side of the street and put away by the night of pickup.

There will be a County Hazardous Waste Day on Sunday, October 29th at the Fire Training Center. A flyer will be posted outside the Village office.

**Cell Service**- The Mayor will hopefully be meeting with a Verizon Representative soon to discuss cell service in the Village.

There will be Narcan Training in the Martin H. Glynn Building on November 13the in the meeting room. Valatie Rescue and Greener Pathways will be conducting the training starting at 6:30 pm.

**Tax Exemption**- The Town of Kinderhook passed the 10 % Tax Exemption relief for Volunteer Fire and Ambulance workers. The Village Board will review this at the November meeting.

**Key Fob system**- The Town is looking into getting a key fob system for the MHG building to keep better track of who is coming into the building when the offices are closed. A quote of $6565 was received from Mangione. S & F Security offers a monthly maintenance fee of $15 which will be cheaper in the long run. The initial charge with S& F is more than Mangione. Having a key fob system does not solve the problem of people entering the building without being noticed.

**Resolution #42** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve contacting S& F Security for the Key Fobs. Trustee Rodgers seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Highway**- The Highway department is keeping busy.

**WWTP**- (full report on file)- A letter was received from Joe Herwick regarding a water leak. The Board reviewed the water bill and decided to give Mr. Herwick some relief in his water bill payment. The original amount of the bill is $846.05.

**Resolution #43** was made by Trustee Eleby to give relief of half the amount of the bill making the amount owed to be $423.03. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Building Dept**.- no report

**Clerk Report**- The Village Clerk attended the NYCOM Conference in Lake Placid the week of September 18-22. The classes were very interesting and informative. She brought back information for many Village Departments.

**Applications for MHG**-none.

**More Business**- Meg Todisco stated that the Green House Gas Emissions questionnaire does not need to be approved but does need to be recorded in the minutes. Therefore…

The Village of Valatie Board of Trustees received on record, the Green House Gas Emissions Survey Questionnaire as of this date, October 10, 2023.

**Resolution # 44** was made by Trustee Eleby to enter into executive session at 7:22 pm to discuss matters before the Board. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution # 45** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit out of executive session at 7:49 pm with no decisions being made. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution #46** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Fischer

Village Clerk