**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**January 12, 2021**

**SENIOR CENTER- 7:00 PM**

**Board members present** **Audience**

Mayor Diane Argyle Michael Castellano

Trustee Frank Bevens

Trustee Larry Eleby

Trustee Angelo Nero

Trustee David Williams

Clerk Barbara Fischer

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center due to COVID-19. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Resolution #58** was made by Trustee Williams to enter into executive session at 7:01 pm to discuss the Energy Onyx Building. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #59** was made by Trustee Nero to exit Executive session at 7:26 pm. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 60** was made by Trustee Eleby to accept the bid of $350,000 for the purchase of the Energy Onyx Building on River Street with the purpose of using the building as Senior Housing for a 55 and older community subject to working out contract terms. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

Attorney Fitzsimmons will investigate more information on the buyer of the Energy Onyx building and report back to the Board. He was not able to do a thorough screening of the buyers’ information before this meeting. Mr. Fitzsimmons will also ask for a formal contract with contingencies. Mr. Castellano will contact the other two prospective buyers, the Rescue Squad and Heights Advisors. If this sale falls through, both companies will be contacted again.

**Resolution #61** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the minutes of December 8, 2020. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 62 w**as made by Trustee Bevens to approve the abstract of bills #2020-8-#280-314 for a total of $36,967.02, (which includes a BOND payment. of $8,021.24), off abstract of bills that total $16,142.28 for a total of all bills of $53,109.30. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Fire Department Report**- (on file in the clerk’s office)

There were 3 calls in December. Air- pak flow testing was completed on 12/22 by DiVal Safety. The fire department is looking to replace 2 entry doors in the Ladder Bay area that would need new frames and doors. Two more doors may need to be replaced soon as well since they are at least 43 years old. Three quotes were sought but only one was received in the amount of $8,073.00 from Douglas Construction. There were no false alarms.

**Resolution # 63** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the fire department replacing two entry doors and frames in the ladder truck bay area at a cost of $8,073.00 and possibly two more in the future. Trustee Eleby seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

The Board received a quote from Fine Lines Pavement Marking regarding painting lines on the curbing and parking areas on Main and Upper Main Street at a cost of $2,100.00. The entire Board agreed to accept the quote.

**Resolution # 64** was made by Trustee Williams to approve the Fine Lines Pavement Marking quote to paint the curbing and parking areas on Main and Upper Main Street. The cost of the project is $2,100.00. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Clerk’s Report**- The Martin H. Glynn Building is closed now to the public as a precautionary measure due to the COVID virus.

**Other business**-

Mayor Argyle and Trustee Bevens will meet with the Arborist on January 13th on Main Street to look at the trees and hopefully make some suggestions on what the Village can do with the trees.

Mayor Argyle and Deputy Mayor Bevens met with Engineer Ray Jurkowski at the Senior Center to look at the Senior Center roof. According to Mr. Jurkowski, the roof will need to be replaced at a cost of approximately $60,000. The Board discussed using the sale of the Energy Onyx Building money to be put toward upgrading the Senior Center to make it into Village Offices. The issue would be whether there are any restrictions with getting anyone else to occupy the current Village space at the Martin H. Glynn building? The Board needs to look at whether the Senior Center will ever continue as a Senior Center and if the Village would need to pay MHG expenses even though the office had moved. The Village would also need to see if we can get out of the contract for use of space at the MHG building if there is a specific clause stating what we can or cannot do.

Mayor Argyle stated that well #4 is now online and we will need to increase well # 1 to at least double its capacity. If this does not work, we will need to drill a well behind it. Well #2 is the biggest producer of water but if that well shuts down, the Village will need to increase the capacity of well #1. If we need a filter system put in the Water Treatment Plant, a filtration system will cost around 2 million dollars to put in. Discussions are ongoing with the Engineer.

Superintendent Paul Warner is looking to retire around April 26th depending (barring) on any issues that arise through NY State Retirement.

The Board discussed the position of the director of the Senior Center. Since the Center is now closed and there are no signs of re-opening the site at this time, the Board unfortunately decided to lay the Director off by the end of the month and thank her for work there.

**Building Inspector Report**- no report

**Applications for MHG Building**- on hold until further notice.

**Water-Wastewater Department**- Report on file in the clerk’s office.

One of the Village of Valatie’s very own veterans, Mr. Harold Williams, will finally be receiving his high school diploma from the Ichabod Crane Central School District. Mr. Williams left to enlist in the service before he graduated from High School to fight for our country and we gratefully thank him for his service! Mr. Williams is now living in a nursing home in Albany and there will be a ceremony held a couple of days before his 97th birthday to honor him and celebrate him in receiving his diploma. The Village Clerk will write a “Proclamation” thanking Mr. Williams for his service and congratulating him on receiving his diploma. The Board announced that January 23, 2021 will be forever proclaimed as “Harold Williams Day” in the Village of Valatie. Mayor Argyle will present Mr. Williams’ family with the proclamation with Mr. Williams looking on via a Zoom meeting.

**Resolution # 65** was made by Trustee Larry Eleby (who is also a Veteran) to declare January 23, 2021, as “Harold Williams Day” and to “Thank” Mr. Williams for his service and “Congratulate” him on receiving his High School Diploma and wishing him well on his birthday. Trustee Frank Bevens seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

The Board wishes to Thank all our Veterans for their service and sacrifice for our Village and our Country!!

**Comments from Audience**-none

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution #66** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Fischer

Village Clerk