**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MONTHLY MEETING**

**December 13, 2022**

**Board Members Audience**

Mayor Frank Bevens Meg Todisco Climate Smart TF

Trustee Matthew Carter Randall Schmit

Trustee Larry Eleby

Trustee Angelo Nero

Trustee Patrick Rodgers

Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons

Clerk Barbara Fischer

Mayor Bevens opened the Public Hearing with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm

for Local Law #2 of 2022 for; “A Local Law to provide for the Codification of the Local Laws, Ordinances and Certain Resolutions of the Village of Valatie into Municipal Code to be designated the Code of the Village of Valatie”. This Law includes additions and any repeals of Local Law #1 of 2022.

Mayor Bevens asked for any comments from the audience and there were none.

**Resolution #55** was made by Trustee Eleby to issue a negative declaration for purposes of SEQR for Local Law # 2 of 2022 for the Codification of the Local Laws, Ordinances and Certain Resolutions of the Village of Valatie Municipal Code. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 56** was made by Trustee Nero to adopt Local Law #3 “to amend Chapter 48 of the Code of the Village of Valatie for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention Code and Building Code (the Uniform Code) and the State Energy Conservation Construction Code (the Energy Code) and the Zoning Law for the Village of Valatie, which replaces the outdated administration. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 57** was made by Trustee Carter to have Mayor Bevens close the Public Hearing at 7:04 pm and started the monthly meeting. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #58** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the minutes of November 8, 2022 as presented. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 59** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the abstract of bills 2022-2023, #7-273-327 for a total of $137,803.26 with the addition of #328 in the amount of $44.58

 ($137, 847.84) and the off abstract of bills total of $42,885.28 for a grand total of $180,733.12. Trustee Carter seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

**Climate Smart**- Climate Smart Task Force Coordinator, Meg Todisco, stated that the committee met on November 30 and approved their initial draft of the proposed actions that the Climate Smart Task Force is considering for the Climate Smart Communities Certification. The group is now researching sidewalks between the Village of Kinderhook up to the Ichabod Crane School. They are also looking into information regarding the sidewalk link project between the Villages of Valatie and Kinderhook that took place around 2013 so they can narrow down what will need Village Board approval.

In other news, the Unity Lodge #9 on Main Street attended the December Town of Kinderhook meeting and spoke about a “Free” Store. This is a “store” of free items that are donated for anyone who may need them and they are “held” in a storage area or “store” that may be in conjunction with an area food pantry. The Town of New Lebanon currently has this program in their Town Hall. Meg stated that the Unity Lodge may contact the Village for some sort of assistance in doing this “store”.

The Village of Valatie is currently “ahead of” presenting the Hazard Mitigation Multi- Jurisdictional Plan that will need to be submitted to the County by May of 2023. When the Village signed on to the Climate Vulnerability Plan, this was the precursor to the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**Parks**- no report

**Public Comment**- none

**Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals**- The Village will need to hire a new clerk for these Boards since our Building Inspector Stephanie will be busy with the Calcagno and River Street projects as the building inspector and will not have enough time to devote to both jobs. Thank You Stephanie for a great job!

**Fire Department Report**- (On file in clerk’s office)- Mayor Bevens stated that the Fire Contract between the Village of Valatie and the Town of Kinderhook needs to be voted on and signed. The total amount signed by the Town is $18,399.92.

**Resolution # 60** was made by Trustee Carter to accept the fire contract with the Town of Kinderhook in the amount of $18,399.92. Trustee Rodgers seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

**VERA**- Randall Schmit stated that Winter Walk had great weather and everyone seemed to enjoy the parade. The VERA sign is up and they are in talks again with the Valatie Now Group regarding joining forces to coordinate activities.

**Theater**- Trustees Carter and Rodgers are working with Theater on grants.

**WWTP**- Report is on file in the clerk’s office and will be attached to the minutes.

There was a water break above the water tower near the Job Lots Plaza. A boil water advisory was sent out for properties between 1427 Albany Avenue and Dr. Starkmans’ Dental Office. The chemical feed pump was replaced at WPH 1 and the fourth quarter meter readings are nearing completion. Statewide Aquastore has completed a comprehensive inspection of the bolted water tower and a visual inspection of the steel tank water tower. One of our Wastewater Operators, Robert, has passed his Grade IIB-GW water operator license and is now a fully certified operator for both water and sewer. The complete WWTP report is on file in the Village office.

**Building Department/ Code Enforcement Officer**- no report other than she is very busy.

**Highway Department**- The highway department did a great job with the last storm as usual. They are short on staff and trucks but they will be cutting trees this week.

**Clerk**- The Clerk will send a card to our Village of Valatie Library Clerk, Elizabeth Powhida, for a job well done!

**MHG Applications**- AARP would like to use the meeting room for the AARP- Tax Aide service on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons beginning February 2nd through April 13, 2023.

**Resolution # 61** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the AARP Tax Aide Service in the meeting room from February 2nd through April 13, 2023 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #62** was made by Trustee Eleby to enter into executive session to discuss matters before the Board at 7:25 pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #63** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 7:38 pm. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 64** was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the mileage for the building inspector that she accrues. This is an annual approved budget item normally. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #65** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 7.39 pm. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk