VILLAGE OF VALATIE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MAY 10, 2016

**MEMBERS PRESENT** **AUDIENCE**

Mayor Diane Argyle 1st Assist. Chief Rustin Dolan

Trustee Frank Bevens Dr. Baillargeon

Trustee Philip Bickerton 5 residents

Trustee Angelo Nero Columbia Paper Reporter

Trustee David Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons. Esq.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Diane Argyle at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Resolution # 155** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the April 19th and April 27th meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 156** was made by Trustee Nero to pay claims # 2016-12-#534-568 for a total of $8,661.85 and an off abstract total of $46,933.37 which includes the final payment for C. O. Falter Construction. Trustee Bickerton seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Public Comment-**

Residents Anne Pulver and Brian Hubert addressed the Board regarding letters they received from the Village Building Inspector in reference to RV’s being parked in each of their front yards. According to Village Code, RV’s are to be parked in the back yard of residents’ property. She commented that she had consulted with her attorney who stated that if someone is living in the RV, it is ok to do so. Ms. Pulver would like the law changed to reflect that. She does not feel that it is fair to have to put the RV in storage and asked the Board if there was anything that can be done to give people a little freedom? Attorney Rob Fitzsimmons stated that according to the Building Code it is not permitted to live in an RV on Village property. Rob explained the Zoning Law and the process of going to the Zoning Board for an interpretation of the law. Mr. Hubert was advised to pick up a building permit application.

Ms. Pulver also stated that there are many people parking on the wrong side of the street facing traffic. Mayor Argyle said she would inform the Sheriff Deputy.

**Fire Department**- (May report on file in the Clerk’s Office)

1st Assistant Chief Rustin Dolan reported that the fire department will be hosting a Chicken BBQ on June 16th from 4-6:30 pm. Take- out orders only. There will also be a boot drive taking place on Saturday, June 23rd to help fund the purchase of a new Thermal Imaging Camera.

**Theater**-

Dr. Baillargeon stated that the SUNY Potsdam Female Chorus and Men’s Acapella Chorus will have a performance soon and there will be another performance by Rory Block at 8:00pm on Saturday, May 14th. The Theater would like to hold a non- alcoholic reception at the Senior Center after this concert. Trustee Bickerton is still working on the side door. There will also be a garden party fund raiser on June 12th which they have applied for a liquor license. There will also be a kid’s talent show on Friday, July 1st, a musical performance on July 16th, a young children’s play starting from July 28th-31st and the Senior class, grades 8-12 will perform Brighton Beach Memoirs sometime after that.

**Resolution # 157** was made by Trustee Bevens to allow the Theater to hold a garden party reception on June 12, 2016 for a fund raiser for the Theater. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 158** was made by Trustee Bevens to allow the Theater to apply for a liquor license for the Garden Party Fund Raiser. Trustee Bickerton seconded, all in favor, carried.

Trustee Williams will look into getting another storage container for behind the Theater which will be at least 12x20. At least 3 quotes will be sought for the shed. The street next to the Theater will be opened again soon and Trustee Bevens will ask John Ruchel to at least put in cold patch on this street.

**Parks**- The Mayor and Phil will once again work on putting in mulch at Callan Park sometime after Memorial Day. There was a request to use the Pavilion on August 6th for a graduation party for a residents’ son.

**Resolution # 159** was made by Trustee Bevens to allow use of the pavilion for a graduation party on August 6th. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

Trustee Bevens commented that another 3 sections of fence were put up in front of the pavilion to prevent people from driving over into the neighbors’ lawn. People are also jumping on the cable in between posts and knocking them down. For another $500, another section of fence can be put up.

**Resolution # 160** was made by Trustee Williams to purchase another section of fence at a cost not to exceed $500. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Water/Sewer Department**- Monthly report on file in the Clerk’s Office. A copy of a letter from WWTP Superintendent Paul Warner to Penn Steuerwald regarding meters is on file in the Clerk’s Office.

**V.E.R.A.-** Randall Schmitt reported that some members will replace the plantings in the VERA box on Main Street. There has been a good response to the Artisan Fair. Randall did some research on the trees on Main Street and found out that the trees have reached their maturity and they should be ok to leave them alone for now. The only concern is the roots possibly cracking the sidewalk. The Community Wide Tag Sale will be July 23rd. Visit the VERA website for more details.

**Clerk’s Office**- Shredding will again take place outside the Village Office from June 6-17. Taxes will be mailed out by June 1st.

**Other Business**-

A movie day for children in the community is being planned for sometime this summer. Trustee Bevens will look into getting a screen or something else to possibly show the movies on the side of the Martin H. Glynn building. The cost may possibly be around $250.

An example of a monthly Operating Statement was given to the Board from the new Bookkeeper for review. Once the new system for the Bookkeeper is up and running a monthly report will be given to the Board for review.

Sanacore property- The Village Engineer has been consulted regarding this driveway issue.

**Memorial Day**- The parade will line up at 9:00 am and step off at 10:00am and proceed from Holly Hills to Main Street to Church Street to the Veterans Memorial at Glynn Square for a service.

Trustee Bickerton and Trustee Nero will attend a meeting with the Village Planning Board to discuss the Senior Housing Law. The chairman of the Zoning Board, Marty McDermott, will be asked to attend this meeting as well.

**Senior Center**- no report

**Highway Department**-

Mayor Argyle and Trustee Bevens met with Highway Superintendent John Ruchel regarding Genesee and Oak Drive. It was discussed getting a private contractor to do complete overhaul of these roads and apply to CHIPS to get the cost back. The island on Genesee Drive will be removed and the trees transplanted in other spots. Lisa Hill asked about reopening Williams Street and she was informed that this street and Patton Lane will be worked on soon.

**Resolution # 161** was made by Trustee Bickerton to allow John Ruchel to get quotes to work on Genesee and Oak Drive and then apply for CHIPS. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Other Business**-

The Board decided to hold the End of the Year Meeting on May 24th at 6:30pm at the Martin H. Glynn Building. The Public is invited to attend. There will be a Memorial Day Committee Meeting prior to this meeting at 6:00 pm.

The Mayor noted that there was an error in the tax base which was corrected on the budget. The tax rate was corrected to 4.03366 from 3.85184 making the taxes $27 per $1,000.

Cell site quotes- The Mayor received another buyout quote for the cell sites totaling $640,000. She commented that she believes this would help alleviate having to borrow more money for the floor for the fire house or taking out any more BANS/BONDS. The mayor will continue to get more quotes. Rob Fitzsimmons researched whether cell tower revenue located on a Village water tank could be used for any purpose or must be used for water purposes only. This memorandum is on file in the Clerk’s Office.

Defibrillator- Trustee Bevens will look into getting an AED for the Martin H. Glynn Building.

An email was received from Gunther Fishgold asking for the Village to reallocate any leftover grant money that was set up last year for businesses on Main Street to update their facades. He would like to give the balance to the Family Resource Center that will be moving into the Martin H. Glynn building. There is one application pending and then a check for the remaining amount will be given to Mr. Fishgold. This email which had other concerns listed, is on file in the Clerk’s Office.

Applications for MHG use-

1. Apogee Center- held at Board meeting, awaiting ore information.
2. Blizzards- use of Gym
3. Whitney Fields HOA- Annual membership meeting
4. Valatie Free Library- Library Children’s Programs

**Resolution # 162** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve those applications listed and hold one application until more information is received. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Public Comments**-

Lisa Hill inquired whether there would be a guard rail put up by the new Valtucket homes. The Board will look into this. Rob Fitzsimmons will prepare easement documentation for Valtucket stating that the Village will have access and rights to all water lines to the Senior Complex and Valtucket. The Village will not be held liable if anything breaks.

**Resolution # 163** was made by Trustee Bevens to go into executive session at 8:50 pm to discuss matters before the Board. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 164** was made by Trustee Bevens to exit executive session at 9:26. No decisions were made. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 165** was made by Trustee Bevens to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 pm. Trustee Bickerton seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk