**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**JANUARY 14, 2020**

**7:00 PM**

**BOARD MEMBERS**  **AUDIENCE**

Mayor Diane Argyle Chief Rustin Dolan

Deputy Mayor Frank Bevens Randall Schmit, Anne Schaefer

Trustee Angelo Nero

Trustee Larry Eleby

Trustee David Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.- absent- notified

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm. There was no public hearing.

**Resolution # 75** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the December 10, 2019 minutes. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #76** was made by Trustee Nero to approve claims 2019-8-#316-357 for a total of $32,250.84, which includes a BOND payment and $102,003.64 for off abstract bills which includes the last half of the year Town of Kinderhook Highway contract. Total of all bills are $134,254.48. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Public Comment**/Correspondence- none. Astral Solar did not appear.

**Fire Department**- Chief Rustin Dolan reported that there were 2 calls since the December meeting. There was another false alarm at St. Luke’s Church and noted the cause was a faulty sensor. Chief Dolan received the ISO Report and they did better than they have in the past 3 years possibly due to replacing 3 hydrants.

**Theater**- A Preservation League grant of $4,000 was received by the Village of Valatie to do a building study of the theater which will be done in February. Also, the sign in front of the theater will be repaired and they plan on doing a play based on the life of Ella Fitzgerald in February.

**VERA**- Winer Walk went very well and they are now getting ready for this year’s events starting with the July tag sale. The article by Jessie Greenwald on VERA will be available soon.

**Parks**- Some signs are down on the fence which will need to be taken care of. Three grants have now been received for work at the parks in conjunction with the Village of Kinderhook. We are waiting on quotes for another grant for Shoreline Resiliency.

The Board discussed whether they should issue a proclamation for School Choice Week. The Board decided to table this until more information regarding this is looked into.

**Water/Sewer Department**- (Monthly report on file) Three quotes were received for the grinder at the sewer plant. The Board reviewed the quotes and relied on the recommendation of the Wastewater Superintendent Paul Warner.

**Resolution #77** was made by Trustee Bevens to accept the quote from Shrier Martin for a Moyo Annihilator Grinder at a cost of $23,260.00 on the recommendation of the Wastewater Superintendent. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

The Board also reviewed quotes from 3 companies for a new dumpster at the sewer plant. The cost of the current company has been increasing.

**Resolution # 78** was made by Trustee Eleby to contract with Carmen Barbato for a 4 yard dumpster at a cost of $165.00 per month. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Clerk’s Office**- The clerk presented another quote for a message center to be placed outside the village office near the metal mailbox. The cost would be $721.00 plus shipping without posts. The Board decided that we could have Tim Van Wagner who works for the Village get posts and put up the message center for us.

The clerk commented that she did not attend the PERMA Class but instead had them send the power-point presentation. She will work on getting the Village of Valatie policies for staff (such as a computer policy, harassment policy, workplace violence, etc.) with attorney Rob Fitzsimmons and noted that a resolution needed to be made to appoint election inspectors for the March 18, 2020 election.

**Resolution # 79** was made by Trustee Bevens to appoint Jane Pulver and Mary Ann Carr-Perez as election inspectors for the March 18, 2020 election. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 80** was made by Trustee Bevens to purchase just the message center and ask Mr. Van Wagner to purchase posts and place the message center outside the Village office. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Argyle commented that we will also need 4 new computers in the Village offices because the current ones are getting outdated. We are getting quotes from the Columbia County IT department for 4 new computers with anti-virus protection and the cost of installation plus a new computer for the cameras in Callan Park.

**Resolution # 81** was made by Trustee Williams to continue working with the Columbia County IT Department (since we now have a contract with them), to work on getting new computers for the Village offices and the Fire Department. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Senior Center**- The lights are 80% completed now because 2 lights in the parking lot were missed. Tree limbs will need to be taken care of so they do not block the parking lot lights. The Fire department and waste- water treatment plant lights are also now changed over to LED lighting. We are now in the process of working with the Town of Kinderhook to get the lights changed over at the MHG Building. The lights would cost $4,117.00 and there would be a National Grid incentive of $1,776.00 or maybe a little higher. We are also working on replacing the lights on Main Street which are already LED but are burned out.

**Highway**- no report

**Building Department**- We received a draft of the Building Code from General Code for review before the final rendition is completed. Rob Fitzsimmons is reviewing the draft and making suggestions and the building department is as well. He suggested adding items regarding Air BnB’s, Tiny Homes and storage containers and RV’s. He will get a copy of the Village of Kinderhook’s code to compare some items. Rob also suggested that the Village adopt the model NYS Law for Building Inspectors.

The Board discussed issues that the Village and the Town of Kinderhook have with scheduling rooms at the Martin H. Glynn Building for use by various groups. Currently rooms are being reserved at one year intervals which is causing problems when people do not call to renew or supply an insurance certificate.

**Resolution # 82** was made by Trustee Bevens and seconded by Trustee Nero to cooperate with the Town of Kinderhook to only reserve rooms for community use in the Martin H. Glynn Building for a 6 month period of time instead of the entire year. All in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 83** was made by Trustee Bevens to ask the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office for enhanced enforcement. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Applications for MGH Building use**:

1. Lady Clippers

2. Chaos basketball team

3. ENY Blackhawk baseball practice

4. Town of Kinderhook Volleyball

The Board also received a request for May 30th for the Run for Hope 5K around the Village.

**Resolution #84** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the above applications, Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Public Comment**- Emelia Teasdale asked who she should contact regarding tree limbs needing clearing and she was told to contact State DOT. She also asked about who will be doing the garbage pickup this year. She was informed that the Village is looking into a new vendor at this time.

**Resolution #85** was made by Trustee Eleby to enter into executive session at 8:07 pm to discuss delinquent water and sewer billing for two properties. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #86** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 8:30 pm with no decisions being made.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution** **# 87** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm, seconded by Trustee Bevens. All in favor, carried.

Respectfully,

Barbara Fischer, RMC

Village Clerk