

Village of Valatie  
Board of Trustee Meeting

May 13, 2025

6:30 PM

**Board of Trustees**

Mayor Bevens

Trustee Larry Eleby

Trustee Patrick Rodgers

Trustee Matthew Carter

Trustee Amy Freinberg-Trufas

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Rebecca Daley-Village Clerk

**Audience**

Donna Welton

Emilia Teasdale

Jennifer Clark

Mayor Bevens opened the meeting at 6:33 pm. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Resolution #106-** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the minutes of April 8, 2025, meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

**Resolution #107-** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the minutes of April 28, 2025, meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

**Resolution #108-** was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the abstract of bills-**2025-2026-#587-640**. For a total of \$79,872.22. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

**Resolution #109-** was made by Trustee Carter to approve Off abstract of bills total \$20,149.67. Total bills are \$100,021.87. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Public Comment-None**

**Parks-**River Street cleanup will be Saturday May 17, 2025. The committee will be planting native species around the park.

All materials needed for the kayak launch were ordered and delivered.

**Climate Smart-** Stephanie Cardine-Ruchel asked Donna Welton to take over as the Climate Smart Task Force leader. Donna agreed.

**Fire Department- None**

**VERA-None**

**Theater-**The theater has applied for several grants and has received some of them. They had to postpone their Gala to the fall.

Bob Cats will be holding their concert at the theater on May 24 2025.

**Highway-** An agreement extending the inter municipal agreement between the Village of Valatie and the Town of Kinderhook relative to street/roadway maintenance and repair will start with the Village of Valatie's fiscal year commencing June 1, 2025 and ending on May 21, 2026. The Village agrees to pay the Town a total of \$170,000 in two payments.

**Resolution #110-** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the contract between the Village of Valatie and the Town of Kinderhook. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**WWTP Report-** The Village has received five bids for the rehabilitation of the village's water tank on Albany Avenue. The bids range from \$1,335,000.00 to \$279,000.00

**Resolution #111-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve the bid from Advanced Coating Equipment for \$279,000.00 to rehabilitate the village's water tank. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

The village is going to implement a \$10.00 water meter fee per quarter to each resident's water and sewer bill. This money will help offset the cost of new meters being installed throughout the village. A new meter costs roughly \$400.00.

**Resolution #112-** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the water meter fee. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried

**Building Department Report-** Meeting with residents for their permits and inspections.

**Clerk Report-** A resolution needed for the clerk to send out the 2025/2026 Village Tax Bills.

**Resolution #113-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve the clerk's request to send out the 2025/2026 tax bills. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**MHG Applications & Callan Park-** Columbia County Board of Elections requested the use of MHG Gym on 11/4/2025 from 5am to 10pm for the General Election.

**Resolution #114-** was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the use of the MHG Gym. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Ashley Sitcer requested the use of Callan Park for a birthday party on May 17, 2025 from 1:30 to 5:00pm.

**Resolution #115-** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the use of Callan Park. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Other Business-**Keith Lynch term has expired for the Zoning Board. He has asked the board to be reappointed.

**Resolution #116-** was approved by Trustee Carter to reappoint Keith Lynch for the Zoning Board. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Alexa Desmonie, who resides on Albany Avenue in Valatie, was appointed to the Planning Board.

**Resolution #117**-was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to appoint Alexa Desmonie to the Planning Board. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Emilia Teasdale thanked the board for the village wide trash pickup day.

**Resolution #118**-was made by Trustee Eleby to enter an executive session to discuss matters before the board at 6:59pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #119**- was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 7:03 pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #120**- was made by Trustee Carter to hold an end of a year meeting on May 28, 2025 at 6:30pm. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

With no further business to discuss.

**Resolution #121**- was made by Trustee Rodgers to adjourn the meeting at 7:04pm. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Rebecca Daley

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Daley", written in a cursive style.

Village Clerk