**Village of Valatie**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**December 12, 2023**

**6:30 PM**

**Board members** **Audience**

Mayor Frank Bevens Meg Todisco, Randall Schmit,

Trustee Angelo Nero Warren and Donna Mistler

Trustee Patrick Rodgers- absent, notified Donna Welton, Diana and Gabriel Carter

Trustee Matthew Carter

Trustee Larry Eleby

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.- absent notified

Barbara A. Fischer- Village Clerk

Mayor Bevens opened the meeting at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Resolution #54** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

**Resolution #55** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the abstract of bills 2023-2024- #7-282-328 for a total of $123,423.07 which includes an EFC loan amount of $76,000 (Actual off abstract total is $47,423.07) and $41,729.64 for the off abstract of bills which includes a NYS Retirement annual invoice). Total all bills $165,152.71 Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Climate Smart**- (Meg Todisco)- (Full report is on file in the Clerk’s Office) Meg reported that the committee has not met since the November meeting but there was a meeting in Columbia County regarding the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. CARP will be incorporated into the Hazard Mitigation Plan which will then get submitted to FEMA. The Heat Pump grant reached its goal of 5 homes that were needed. If the grant is approved, the Village will need to let NYSERDA know what the money will be used for.

**Parks**- Trustee Carter stated that he and his daughter Abigail started cleaning out the bittersweet that is invading parts of the walkway at Pachaquack Park.

**Public Comment**- none

**Fire Department Report**- no report

**V.E.R.A**.- Randall Schmit reported that Winter Walk went very well. John Farrell, who played music, and the face painter had the best time this year. The only negative response he heard was that there was no winner chosen for the window decorating contest; everyone received an award. Many shops worked hard on their display and they were disappointed. The scavenger hunt went very well and the tree lighting ceremony was a hit with people which kept them around until after that. Mayor Bevens commented that he is having the windows re-judged. He also stated that a drone video of Winter Walk is now on the website.

**Theater**- no report

**Highway**- The Highway department is keeping busy. Please keep cars in your driveway during the snowy winter season so they can clear the roads safely and easily.

**WWTP**- (full report on file)- All routines were performed as scheduled. A failed phase monitor was replaced in the generator transfer switch at WPH2. Stuyvesant Mechanical replaced the heater in the bar screen room at the WWTP. Trees were trimmed or removed around WPH2, the lift station, and the WWTP. The department and Stuyvesant Mechanical repaired a service line leak at 3630 Mechanic Street. The roadway was repaired the following week. A new aluminum utility service body has been installed on the F-250 pickup. A spray in bedliner was also installed and the truck has been returned to service.

Fourth quarter water readings have begun. Any dead meters have been tagged for replacement.

The steel water tower on Albany Avenue has had a series of repairs. The first leak was in August of 2022 with the second one in June of 2023, followed by another one in July of 2023. In September of 2022, Statewide Aqua Store completed a video inspection of both tanks. A full report is available at the WWTP. The department also reached out to two tank coating companies for general quotes for reference. The department recommends starting a project to recoat and repair the Welded Steel Standpipe on Albany Avenue.

**Building Dept**.- no report, very busy

**Clerk Report**- The March 19, 2024 Village elections will be upon us before we know it. A resolution is needed to identify the polling place and hours of the election and a resolution for election inspectors will also be needed.

**Resolution # 56** was made by Trustee Eleby to advertise and identify the polling place as the Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building as the polling place between the hours of 12 noon and 9 pm for the March 19, 2024 election. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #57** was made by Trustee Carter to appoint MaryAnne Carr-Perez and Theresa Lux as election inspectors for the March 19, 2024 Village of Valatie election. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Also, the shredding dates for 2024 were just announced by Columbia County. The next shredding date will be March 11-March 21, 2024.

**Applications for MHG**-

1. AARP Tax Aid service
2. EG Xpress Mayhem softball practice
3. Friends of the Electric Trail

**Resolution # 58** was made by Trustee Carter to approve all applications. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Other business-**Warren and Donna Mistler from the Pickleball Club were inquiring about putting permanent lines on the gym floor. They had been at the Town of Kinderhook meeting and they were advised to see the Village Board as well. Mayor Bevens stated that both boards need to consider the cost of doing this project, but the boards are also considering having the floor re-done. Until the cost and process of going through going out to bid are completed, there could not be a decision made at this time. Phil Bickerton from the Town Board is working on this project.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution #59** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Fischer

Village Clerk