

Village of Valatie  
Board of Trustee Meeting  
November 10, 2025  
6:30 PM

**Board of Trustees**

Mayor Bevens

Trustee Larry Eleby-Absent Notified

Trustee Patrick Rodgers

Trustee Matthew Carter

Trustee Amy Freinberg-Trufas

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.-Absent Notified

Rebecca Daley-Village Clerk

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

**Resolution #45-** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the minutes of October 14, 2025, meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #46-** was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the abstract of bills-**2025-2026 - #242-290**. For a total of \$335,113.12. Off abstract of bills total \$12,379.36. Total bills are \$347,492.48. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Revised Abstract of bills from the October 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustee Meeting. Original Total was \$128,820.67. Corrected Total is \$127,276.82. Voucher numbers on the bills changed from 181-243 to 181-241.

**Resolution #47-** was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the revised abstract of bills from the October 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Public Comment-** None

**Parks-** The Board of Trustees needs to pass a resolution to pursue the DEC grant for invasive species treatment in Pachaquack Park. This multi-treatment will help with the Hemlock growth in the park.

**Resolution #48-** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the application for the DEC Invasive Species Grant Program. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Climate Smart-** None

**Fire Department-** Monthly fire report is on file in the clerk's office.

The firehouse must have furnace repairs.

The Town of Kinderhook and The Village of Valatie signed an agreement extending fire protection. The term of the Agreement is extended for a period of one year from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026.

**Resolution #49-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve the agreement extending fire protection. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**VERA-** Has asked the Board of Trustees to declare Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of November as "Shop Small Saturday in Valatie".

**Resolution #50-** was made Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to declare Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of November as Shop Small Saturday in Valatie. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Theater-** None

**Highway-** Brush pick up will end on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**WWTP Report-** Report is on file.

**Building Department-** The village is still looking for short-term help in our office while our Building Inspector is on medical leave.

**Clerk Report-** None

**MHG Applications & Callan Park-**None

**Other Business-** For all village elections scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, the village Board of Trustees must pass a resolution designating Wednesday, March 18, 2026, as village election day.

**Resolution #51-** was made by Trustee Carter to approve March 18, 2026, as the village election day. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

The Village of Valatie needs to adopt the Columbia County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**Resolution #52-** was made by Trustee Rodgers to adopt the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

The Village board suggested setting a budget of \$3,500.00 for the Winter Walk.

**Resolution # 53-** was made by Trustee Carter to approve a budget of \$3,500 towards Winter Walk. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

The Town of Kinderhook accepted a bid in April from Stuyvesant Mechanical to convert the whole Martin H Glenn School building with heat pumps. The bid amount was \$593,000.00. The Village is responsible for \$200,000.00 towards the project. The Village will pay the Town of Kinderhook \$20,000.00 over a 10-year period.

**Resolution #54-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve paying the Town of Kinderhook \$20,000.00 over a 10-year period. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #55-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to enter an executive session to discuss matters before the board at 6:56pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #56-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to exit executive session at 7:14pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

With no further business to discuss.

**Resolution #57-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to adjourn the meeting at 7:14. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Rebecca Daley

Village Clerk

