

Village of Valatie  
Board of Trustee Meeting

July 14, 2026

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

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

**Resolution #8-** was made by Trustee Carter to approve minutes of the June 9, 2026, meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #9-** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjust abstract bills from June 9, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting. The original amount of \$133,437.14 was corrected to \$135,140.60. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #10-** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the abstract bills-**2026-2027 -# 35-91**. For a total of \$131,452.64. Off abstract bills total \$93,788.99. Off abstract bills also include two water bonds. Total bills are \$225,241.63. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Public Comment-** Emilia Teasdale thanked Trustee Freinberg-Trufas for all her work with Animal Kind addressing the Feral cat population.

Joseph Loeffler asked the board to consider making Lake Street a one-way street. He feels that the road is unsafe. Mayor Bevens replied that the board will consider his request and will do some research on the traffic flow on Lake Street.

**Parks-** Trustee Rodgers stated that some trees came down during the last storm in River Street Park. Cleanup has started.

**Climate Smart-** No report.

**Resolution #11-** was made by Trustee Carter to reappoint Donna Welton to Climate Smart. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Fire Department-** Report will be on file in the clerk's office.

**Theater-** Jenn Clark stated that the Theater has completed their Electric and HVAC inspections. The Theaters 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration will be on October 4, 2026, from 1-4pm.

Jenn requested the use of the gazebo for an upcoming concert. Hammer Head Horns will be performing on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Resolution #12-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve the use of the gazebo. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Highway-** Creighton Manning was hired to do a speed limit evaluation for the village. After reading the study the village board would like to have a public hearing to change the speed limit to 25 miles per hour on village-owned streets. The Public Hearing will be held on August 11, 2026, at 6:30. The Board of Trustee regular monthly meeting will follow.

**Resolution #13-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve the public hearing on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**WWTP Report-** On file in the clerk's office.

**Building Department-** Ron is continuing his training.

**Clerk Report-** None

#### **MHG Applications & Callan Park:**

Morgan Vanat requested the use of Callan Park on July 25<sup>th</sup> for her daughter's birthday party.

**Resolution #14-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve the use of Callan Park. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Whitney Fields requested the use of the meeting room on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm.

**Resolution #15-** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the use of the meeting room if Whitney Fields can show proof of Liability Insurance. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Other Business-** The village is going to be switching our alert system to Text My Gov. If residents would like to receive text messages they can sign up on our web page. [Valatievillage.com](http://Valatievillage.com). If they would like to receive email alerts, they can call the village office at 518-758-9806 and we will sign them up. Our office will also be upgrading our credit card system.

**Resolution #16-** was made by Trustee Eleby to appoint Robert Fitzsimmons as our Village Attorney from June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, through May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #17-** was made by Trustee Eleby to enter an executive session to discuss matters before the board at 7:07pm. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #18-** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 7:31pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #19-** was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve LaBella Engineering Services to oversee the Villages Water Filtration Project. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

With no further business to discuss.

**Resolution #20-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to adjourn the meeting at 7:33. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Daley", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rebecca Daley

Village Clerk