**Village of Valatie**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**November 14, 2023**

**6:30 PM**

**Board members** **Audience**

Mayor Frank Bevens Meg Todisco, Randall Schmit,

Trustee Angelo Nero Fire Chief Joe Loeffler,

Trustee Patrick Rodgers Donna Welton, David Pickett

Trustee Matthew Carter

Trustee Larry Eleby

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Barbara A. Fischer- Village Clerk

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

**Resolution #47** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

**Resolution #48** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the abstract of bills 2023-2024- #6-221-281 for a total of $55,686.90 and $23,937.77 for the off abstract of bills. Total of all bills was $79,624.67 Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Climate Smart**- (Meg Todisco)- (Full report is on file in the Clerk’s Office) The Task Force met on November 9. The Heat Emergency Plan and Culvert assessments were discussed. The Task Force does not recommend signing any letters. The Task force did discuss working with Cornell Cooperative regarding composting and the possible set up of a digester in the village. They also discussed the Green House Gases Inventory which is also on the village website. The Heat Pumps Campaign is not doing very well at this time due to only one true installation.

The Task Force is looking to form a composting and weatherization plan for the Village. More details at a later date.

The Community Solar Campaign will be postponed since there has been only one response for being a part of this in the village.

**Environmental Management Council**- Clerk Fischer read the Resolution of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors regarding the appointment of Donna Welton to this council. Congratulations again Donna!

**Parks**- no report

**Public Comment**- none

**Fire Department Report**- (Report on file in Clerk’s Office) There were 3 Fire Calls in the month of October. A list of false alarms was given to the Board which turned out to be an alarm malfunction that was re-set by staff. There were 391 smoke detectors given out to Village and Town residents. The annual fire apparatus servicing has been completed and some minor repairs need to be fixed. Annual driver training took place on 10/11 & 10/15/23 with 11 driver/operators qualified.

The New (2015) Chiefs Command Vehicle is in service and the striping and lettering have been completed. Waiting on 3 new radios to be installed and a vehicle usage policy.

**V.E.R.A**.- Randall Schmit reported that Shop Small will take place on Saturday, November 25th. The reading of the Proclamation that the mayor signed, will be read at 10:30 am on the 25th in front of the Beaver Cotton Mill Antiques shop.

There will be a tree lighting ceremony on Main Street at the end of the Winter Walk festivities at 8:00 pm. The mayor asked for a motion to spend no more than $3500 for winter walk festivities this year.

**Resolution # 49** was made by Trustee Carter to approve spending up to $3500 for the Winter Walk Festivities this year. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Theater**- Mayor Bevens is working on having the High School Band play in the Theater during winter walk. If they cannot make it, then John Farrell will be playing music that night.

**Highway**- The Highway department is keeping busy. Brush pickup continues until November 27th.

**WWTP**- (full report on file)- The department tagged a property in the Village for a second time for meter replacement. They have not received any response from the homeowner; therefore a certified letter will be sent if no response is received by 11/17/23.

The continuous chlorine monitor has been installed at WPH 2. The 6 month calibration has been completed on the 4 gas meter at AJ Vele.

Water has been shut off at the Callan Park restrooms and the water spigot at Glynn Square Park for the winter.

The fence at well 4 has been repaired and the fence lines along well #3 and #4 have also been cleared.

The new utility truck body will be installed on the village truck on Wednesday, November 23rd.

The Steel Water Tower on Albany Avenue has had a series of repairs. It was determined that the interior coating of the steel tank has failed and there are areas of rust and corrosion. The water department has reached out to two tank coating companies for general quotations for reference and the quotes are available at the WWTP. The department recommends, at this time, to start a project to recoat and repair the welded steel standpipe on Albany Avenue.

A quote from Stuyvesant Mechanical was received for a sewer plant explosion proof heater to replace the existing heater with a new Chrommlox heater at a cost of $8,935 which includes labor.

**Resolution #50** was made by Trustee Eleby to purchase the explosion proof heater and have Stuyvesant Mechanical install it at a cost of $8,935 which includes labor to install it. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, motion carried, none opposed, carried.

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

**Clerk Report**- Shredding bins will be outside the Village office starting November 27 until December 7, 2023.

**Applications for MHG**-none.

**Other business-**

There will be an Open House meeting at the MHG building for the LWRP on Wednesday, 11/15/23 starting from 4:30 -7:30 pm.

Mayor Bevens attended a Narcan training in the MHG on Monday, November 13th. Unfortunately, there was poor attendance to this event. This program was put on by Valatie Rescue Squad and Greener Pathways.

**Resolution #51** was made by Trustee Carter to enter into executive session at 7:04 pm to discuss matters before the Board. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #52** was made by Trustee Rodgers to exit out of executive session at 7:12 pm with no decisions being made. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution #53** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Fischer

Village Clerk