VILLAGE OF VALATIE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

July 12, 2016

7:00 PM

Present Audience

Mayor Diane Argyle 1st Asst. Chief R. Dolan

Trustee Frank Bevens 7 residents

Trustee Bickerton 1 reporter

Trustee Williams

Trustee Nero- absent (notified)

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the Police Officers that were killed in Florida.

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**Public Comment**-

Ann Pulver inquired about the status of parking signs for New Street. Trustee Bevens stated that the County Highway will be coming up to measure.

Lisa Hill asked about the status of paving the road next to the Theatre. She was informed that work will begin soon. Also, Oak and Genesee Streets will be worked on and a notice will be delivered to all homes on those streets informing residents of the work which will begin around 5:00 am. Also, she informed the Board that a new business and resident activity group named VALATIE NOW has been formed. They will introduce themselves to the community at an ice cream social on Friday, August 5th from 5-7 pm. All residents are invited to attend. Jackie Hennessey, another member of the group read a mission statement outlining the intent of the not for profit group.

**Fire Department**-

First Assistant Fire Chief Rustin Dolan reported that the fire company will hold a boot drive on Saturday, July 23rd from 8:00 am- 2:00 pm. to collect donations for a Thermal Imaging Camera that will cost approximately $12,000. KME will be doing their annual Pump Testing on the fire trucks and an annual hose testing will be done on July 16. The department will need to purchase 2 new sets of turn out gear this year. (Complete report is on file in the clerk’s office).

The Mayor stated that the insurance quote came in lower than expected. The total money the Village would save would be around $3,000-$3,200 to put towards air bottles if needed. Trustee Bevens suggested that the money could be set aside for a Capital Fund if it does not go toward air bottles.

**Resolution #176** was made by Trustee Bevens asking that money that is saved from the insurance be set aside to use toward air bottles or to be placed into a Capital Fund. This would be at the discretion of the Chiefs. Trustee Williams seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

**Theatre**-

The new fence is on order and according to Trustee Bickerton, the door is still done! There is still no news regarding the air conditioner but bricks are being redone, There will be a group of bands playing at the Theater on Saturday, July,16th with admission being $5.00.

**Parks**-

Trustee Bickerton will get prices on replacing the entire roof on the pavilion. The trusses are in good shape but the posts will need to be re-done. Also, Mayor Argyle asked the Board whether they thought putting in “half” soccer fields between the two ball fields would be a good idea. She has been approached by residents to put these in to the park. She will get some price quotes.

**Water/Sewer Dept**.-

The Board received a memo from the Water/Wastewater Superintendent Paul Warner regarding the purchase of a new truck and a tractor. He provided quotes that he received for both items. If the truck is off State contract, the Village will not need to go out to bid. The tractor has a whole in the bucket but the Board would like to hold off on the purchase of another tractor at the moment to see if problems could be fixed if at least temporarily. Rustin Dolan stated that he would ask his father to look at the tractor if he has a chance to see if things could easily be repaired before a new tractor is purchased.

**Community Day**-

The Board is looking for a date to hold Community Day. A date mentioned is September 17th if people are available. The Board would like to have a movie time for the kids, a tour of the Sewer plant and parks and have a band or something else at the Theater.

**V.E.R.A**.- The community wide tag sale is set for July 23rd and around 15 residents have signed up for the event so far.

Assistant Chief Dolan commented that the fire department will have an MSA demonstration at the fire house that day as well.

**Clerk Office**-

Shredding will take place again in the fall. Village taxes are completed for the month of June and we are collecting penalties now. Taxes are now listed on the village website as well as the county website for residents and taxing agencies to look up to see whether a tax has been paid. This has cut down on the amount of calls from title agencies and banks looking for this information.

**Standard Work Day Resolution**-

Resolution # 177 was made by Trustee Bickerton to file the Standard Work Day for New York State Retirement. A notice will be posted outside the Village Office for the next 30 days according to New York State. Trustee Bevens seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

**Garbage bins**-

The Board reviewed catalogues to purchase new garbage bins for along Main Street. The Board decided to purchase one at the moment to see if it would work out well for the street before purchasing more. The Mayor will try to get bulk pricing to purchase 5 more.

**Fence at Holly Hills**-

Resolution # 178 was made by Trustee Williams to purchase a chain link fence and have it installed at a cost of $2150.00. The fence will be 208 ft. long. Trustee Bickerton seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

**Other business**-

Joe Staib would like to purchase about 20 feet of the “Fire House Park” to extend his business out. He would like to work with the fire company regarding this but he was informed by Rob Fitzsimmons that since this is designated a park with New York State, the property can’t be sold unless special permission is given by the fire company and a public hearing would need to be held. Mr. Staib stated that he just wants to expand his business and would have a survey of his property line done. Ann Pulver commented that she felt it would be a shame to use that land for anything other than a historic park.

**Cell sites**-

The Board again discussed the selling of the cell tower leases. Trustee Williams stated that he believes there are going to be big changes in the way things are done with cell towers and thinks maybe the Board should consider the proposal. Trustee Bevens stated that he was not totally against the idea but felt that the entire Board need to be present to discuss the matter with a project this big. Mr. Fitzsimmons stated there would need to be a formal proposal for this and it would take a couple of months to do an RFP (Request for proposal) according to State Procurement Law.

**Senior Housing Law**- Another meeting has been set for August 3rd to continue discussions.

**Senior Center**-

Work is being done on the bathroom and kitchen plumbing.

**Highway**- signs have been ordered for Old Mill Rd., Holly Hills. A welcome to Valatie sign and no parking signs. Mayor Argyle and Trustee Bevens will look to see where signs need to be placed.

**Building Department**- (Report on file in Clerk’s Office) Building inspector provided copies of place cards he will use to drop off at homes/businesses when owners are not home regarding contacting him or if there is a code violation. He also gave a copy of his business card that he is now using.

Mayor Argyle commented that the assessor will be going through exemption paperwork for not for profits. Those that are not up to par will be contacted through his office. Mayor Argyle stated that she has also spoken to the State regarding this.

The Building Inspector and Trustee Williams will inspect the US Hotel looking for any violations and writing a report on their findings.

The Building inspector is not happy with the new Municity program for his department because the company has been very lax in providing information and training. He suggested that the Village continue with the BAS program until all issues are resolved with the Municity program.

Mayor Argyle stated that a close out letter was received for Energy Onyx.

**Water/Sewer forgiveness of penalties**-

A letter was received by Patrick and Tracy Dauria asking for an adjustment of their sewer charge due to the filling of their swimming pool. The Board denied the request because residents should not be filling their pools with Village water as stated in Village Code.

**Applications for MHG Use**-

Mayor Argyle stated that the Town denied the Head Start program use of the building at their last Board meeting.

1. Kinderhook Reformed Church- Stop Hunger Now Food packing event on October 15th
2. American Rd Cross- Blood Drive-September 12th from 11:30-8:00pm

**Resolution # 179** was made by Trustee Bevens to allow both applications. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

A letter was also received from the Cornerstone Fellowship Church asking to have use of Callan Park to hold a “Backyard Bible Club” August 8-12th from 2-4 pm each day.

**Resolution # 180** was made by Trustee Bicketon to allow the Cornerstone Fellowship Church to use Callan Park for the Backyard Bible Club, August 8-12th from 2-4 pm each day. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

The Farmer’s Market is now being held each Sunday from 9:00 am- 1:00 pm until the middle to end of October.

**Resolution #181** was made by Trustee Bevens to allow the Farmer’s Market to continue on Sunday’s from 9:00 am-1:00 pm until the end of October. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Other Business**- Mayor Argyle stated that the Town has appointed a committee to negotiate a new Highway Contract.

The Board discussed quotes for a shed behind the Theater. The Board is waiting for a quote from Storage from A to Z at a cost of approximately $4710 for a 12x 24 shed. The Board may use the current trailer that is behind the Theater for use at either the Fire House or the Sewer Plant.

**Resolution # 182** was made by Trustee Bevens to enter into Executive session at 8:49 pm for matters before the Board. Trustee Bickerton seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 183** was made by Trustee Bevens to exit executive session at 9:32 pm. Trustee Bickerton seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 184** was made by Trustee Bickerton to hire Nataly Dee Jones as the new Planning Board/ Zoning Board clerk as a contractor for now with a possible salaried position in the future. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 185** was made by Trustee Bickerton to increase the Village Clerk salary by $2.00 an hour due to the Deputy Clerk leaving and the Village Clerk taking on her work. Trustee Bevens suggested that the amount be $1.00 an hour which would start immediately with a possible $1.00 an hour more in 6 months. The Board discussed this further with all in agreement then Trustee Bevens seconded the original motion with this revision, all in favor, carried.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution # 186** was made by Trustee Bevens to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 pm, seconded by Trustee Bickerton, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk