

**VILLAGE OF VALATIE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MONTHLY MEETING**

**March 15, 2023**

**Board Members**

Mayor Frank Bevens  
Trustee Matthew Carter  
Trustee Larry Eleby  
Trustee Angelo Nero  
Trustee Patrick Rodgers  
Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons  
Clerk Barbara Fischer

**Audience**

Meg Todisco- Climate Smart TF  
Tina Driscoll

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

**Resolution #84** was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #85** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the abstract of bills 2022-2023, #10 # 431-476 for a total of \$28,690.42 The off abstract of bills totaled \$12,181.26 for a **grand total of \$40,871.68**. Trustee Carter seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

**Public comment- none**

Climate Smart Task Force- Coordinator Meg Todisco stated the committee reviewed the list of CSC Pledge Elements identifying priority items to work on. Task force member David Pickett set up a spread sheet recording all Village vehicles to be used as a "Fleet Inventory," meeting one of the Climate Smart action requirements. A policy will be set up to do this on an annual basis. Meg attended a webinar put on by CEC with 6 municipalities presenting. The municipalities reported on their success in gaining grants through CEC. We have 900 points to go to be in line for a \$10,000 grant, so the Valatie CSC is looking at actions to take to win those points. There is a New York State Drinking Water Source Protection Program that offers free technical assistance to develop and implement community -specific drinking water source protection plans. The technical assistance is free although Meg asked for approval from the Board to schedule an information session and get input from our water department. All Board members approved. The Village will be establishing a stand-alone website to better communicate Climate activities to the community. It was just announced that high TCE (Tri-chloro ethylene) levels are being found in water testing and the EPA is lowering the threshold again for PFOA's. The committee is mapping out a campaign for heat pumps/insulation.

Attorney Fitzsimmons will work on the website resolution.

**Public Comment-** Tina Driscoll from the Valatie Bar & Grill and the Valatie NOW group, thanked the Village for all their help with the festivals last year. She asked the Village Board if they could waive the open container law restriction for the festival dates this upcoming season. She provided a list of events to the Board.

**Resolution # 86** was made by Trustee Carter to waive the open container law restriction for the upcoming festival season put on by Valatie Now. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Parks-** Northern Columbia Little League has asked to use Callan Park for their season.

**Resolution #87** was made by Trustee Rodgers to allow the NCLL to use Callan Park for their season. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Fire Department Report-** no report

**VERA-** no new business

**Theater-** There will be a festival/concert in July. Trustee Rodgers has been working on grants through NYSERDA but has not found anything. Mayor Bevins stated that the Engineer George Schmidt did a "walk through" of the Theater and found the building to have no real issues. Trustee Eleby has been working with Wolberg Electric and National Grid for the lighting but can only find grant money for regular lighting, not stage lighting.

**WWTP-** on file and will be attached to the minutes. All routines were performed as scheduled and are within acceptable limits. The heater in the bar screen room at the WWTF has failed and a replacement transformer has been ordered through Sheriff Electric. They will also be replacing a blown outdoor lamp post bulb for the disinfection tank.

They have completed all meter changes from the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter readings except for 2 properties. A new curb stop needs to be installed first on one property before the meter can be changed. The first quarter water readings were completed and 2 more meters have been tagged for meter change. Two water leaks were found on service lines and have been repaired. They have been working with Weston & Sampson on the upcoming water system upgrades and the engineer stated that the report is 99 percent complete. They will be meeting with the engineer in the next couple of weeks with a report to follow. They are working with the contractor on the filter project for well #3 and filters have been delivered to the contractor and the project will move forward once the weather permits.

**Building Department/ Code Enforcement Officer-** Busy as usual.

**Highway Department-** Brush pickup will start April 17<sup>th</sup> and will be on Mondays. Great job to the Highway Department during the recent storms we had.

**Clerk-Election Inspectors** for the March 21, 2023 election will be Mary Ann Carr-Perez and Patricia Di Grigoli. The Veterans Banner deadline is fast approaching so please spread the word for everyone to send in their requests by March 30, 2023.

**Resolution # 88** was made by Trustee Eleby to have MaryAnn Carr-Perez and Patricia DiGrigoli be the Election Inspectors for the March 21, 2023 election. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**MHG Applications-** none

**Resolution #89** was made by Trustee Eleby to enter into executive session to discuss matters before the Board at 7:00 pm. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 90** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 7:04 pm with no decisions being made. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #91** was made by Trustee Carter to adjourn the meeting at 7.04 pm. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer  
Village Clerk