**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**March 15, 2018**

**7:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT AUDIENCE**

Mayor Diane Argyle Fire Chief Rustin Dolan

Trustee Frank Bevens Carol Williams

Trustee David Williams Register Star Reporter

Trustee Larry Eleby Randall Schmit

Trustee Angelo Nero

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq., absent, notified

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm. She opened the Public Hearing for Local Law #2 of 2018 at 7:01 pm entitled “A local law amending the Code of the Village of Valatie in relation to Vehicles and Traffic Chapter 124”. The purpose of the law is to amend the law to prohibit parking on Main Street between the hours of 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from Lake Street to Merwin Lane.

Mayor Argyle asked for comments from the audience. Randall Schmit felt that there is not enough parking because the parking lots are overflowing now but he also understands the need. Carol Williams thought this was a good idea. Mayor Argyle explained that the streets are not getting cleaned/cleared because of cars parked on the street. This way we can get our monies worth out of the street sweeper. Trustee Bevens stated that sometimes cars do not move for 2-3 days. He also stated that he received a call from a resident concerned about this. Trustee Bevens feels that the Village is doing the right thing so we can get our streets cleared throughout the year.

With no more public comments, Mayor Argyle closed the Public Hearing at 7:09 pm.

**Resolution # 87** was made by Trustee Williams to approve Local Law #2 of 2018 amending the Code of the Village of Valatie in relation to Vehicles and Traffic Chapter 124. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #88** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the minutes of February 13, 2018, Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #89** was made by Trustee Eleby to pay claims #2018-10-421-455 for a total of $36,062.78 and $88,069.04 for off abstract bills for a total of all bills of $124,131.82. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Fire Department**-(full report on file in clerk’s office)

Chief Dolan reported 14 calls for February with 2 false alarms. Ladder testing has been completed and there are now 2 additional drivers qualified for 55-30. Work has begun in the ladder bay in preparation for the new floor project. New tires are needed for 55-10 and will be purchased per county contract pricing. Need to purchase a gas meter for 55-30 and 3 new Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) batteries for the unit located on 55-20. He is waiting for a second quote. Chief Dolan also presented some information from the Town of Schodack regarding a Knox box for businesses to have the Village Attorney review. He would like our Village to look into doing this as well.

Mayor Argyle commented that she spoke to the business owner who had the solar panels on the roof of the business.

A list of tentative dates for the fire house floor project were presented.

**Resolution # 90** was made by Trustee Bevens to have the village attorney look into the Knox Box Law. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Theater**- Trustee Eleby stated that they are looking into putting solar panels, Thermal Shields, to put on the roof of the Theater. More to follow.

**Additional Fire House & other-** Trustee Eleby stated that he spoke with National Grid and there was a lighting system audit done for the fire house. Looking to replace lights to LED’s inside an outside of the fire house. He will also look into the lights for the sewer plant and he will be speaking with Town Board member Phil Bickerton regarding charging stations in the Village/Town. The Town was thinking about placing one here at the Village/Town offices but the Village was looking into the Senior Center area. The consensus was that we did not need two in such close proximity.

**V.E.R.A**.- Randall stated that the dates for activities are set for the year:

July 21st- Village Wide Tag Sale

Oct. 6- Artisan Fest

Nov. 24- Small Business Saturday

Dec. 8- Winter Walk

Randall has been in touch with some businesses who may want to move to our village.

**Parks**- the contract for Nathan Becker was presented and is the same cost as last year. Taking care of a flower bed at the Senior Center has been added but mowing around the village has been taken out. The park on Main Street next to the hair salon needs to be rebuilt and needs an engineer’s advice.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt again this year put on by the Lion’s Club on March 31st.

There was discussion as to whether the pavilion should be made larger and what type of lighting should be placed where. Trustee Williams will look into the lighting along with Trustee Bevens as to placement of poles.

Mayor Argyle stated that the Trail System is coming to Valatie. NYS is paying for everything to get done and they are buying a lawn mower and weed wacker for the Trail Committee to maintain the trail. There will be a public meeting/open house to discuss this further on March 28th starting at 5:30 p. m. at Ichabod Crane High School.

**Community Day**- Trustee Bevens commented that the committee has been meeting but they are thinking of only doing another movie night.

**Spirit of Valatie Award**- The committee of Trustees Bevens and Nero will meet soon to discuss and awardee.

**Solar-**Trustee Eleby stated that he has been talking with Robyn Reynolds and is working with the building inspector for a solar permit.

**Water/Sewer Report**- A bid from Titan Roofing, Inc. was submitted during the bid opening on March 6, 2018 with the lowest cost for the roof replacement for the Sewer Plant. This company was recommended for the job as being duly qualified to meet the Village’s needs.

**Resolution #91-** was made by Trustee Bevens to hire Titan Roofing, Inc. to replace the roof at the Sewer Plant at a cost of $47,900.00. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

The mayor received a letter from a resident who had a frozen meter and who had received a letter from the Village asking them to pay for a new one to replace the frozen meter. This person objected to having to pay for this new meter. The mayor will speak to Paul regarding this. Mayor Argyle also stated that well #4 will be fixed this month but well #3 was doing ok.

Village wide trash pickup day will be May 19th as decided upon by the Board. The Village of Kinderhook will be on May 5th.

**Clerk’s report**-The clerk reported that Village election day takes place on March 20th from 12 noon to 9:00 pm here at the MHG Building. Shredding will take place outside the office again from March 19-29. Still nothing back regarding electronic waste with Columbia County. There have been two applications so far for the Deputy Clerk position and we are expecting another one.

**Senior Center**- The new lights for the building are currently still on hold for more research.

**Highway Dept**.-The mayor spoke to DOT and she was informed that the Village needs to get permits one time for any utility or non-utility dig up and to sign a one- time contract between the Village and State DOT for shared services.

**Resolution # 92** was made by Trustee Bevens to sign the shared services agreement with State DOT. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

Trustee Bevens will order new signs for no 24 hour parking for parking lots and one for by the Senior Center. Letters need to be sent to residents asking them to move their vehicles at the Senior Center. Mayor Argyle commented that State DOT is looking to put possibly putting in a “No Thru traffic” sign on Spring Street. The State will be trimming around signs and will pave Route 203 as well as rebuilding a portion of Route 203 heading into Niverville.

**Building Department**-no report

Mayor Argyle reported that the Village is now going into court for repossession of the Energy Onyx Building.

Mayor Argyle presented the tentative budget for the Board to review. There is no tax increase. A budget workshop is set for **April 4th at 5:00 pm** and will be noticed in the paper.

**Applications for MHG**-

1. Boy Scouts Troop 113

2. Reformed Church

**Resolution #93** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve all applications. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #94** was made by Trustee Williams to enter into executive session at 8:30 pm to discuss water shutoffs before the Board. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #95** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 8:49 pm. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 96** was made by Trustee Eleby to send out water shutoff notices. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution #97** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

Barbara A. Fischer, RMC

Village Clerk/Treasurer