

**Village of Valatie
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 24, 2024
6:30 PM**

Board members

Mayor Frank Bevens
Trustee Larry Eleby
Trustee Patrick Rodgers
Trustee Matthew Carter
Trustee Angelo Nero
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.
Barbara A. Fischer- Village Clerk

Audience

Meg Todisco, Donna Welton
Diana Carter, Laura Canemello
Amy Freinberg, Craig Hancock

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

Resolution #60 was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

Resolution # 61 was made by Trustee Nero to approve the abstract of bills 2023-2024- #8-329-386 for a total of \$55,077.00 Additional vouchers for January meeting #387-405 for a total of \$29,310.85 Off abstract of bills total \$20,187.28. Total all bills (with a wire transfer of \$7,625.00 for a Water Serial Bond) is \$112,200.13. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Climate Smart- (Meg Todisco)- (Full report is on file in the Clerk's Office) The committee gathered information for 5 heat pumps for the campaign to receive \$5,000. The money needs to be spent specifically on items that are okayed by NYSERDA. There is a list to go by and the Village must use this list to receive the money.

There is a benchmark report on the website, and it is being updated to 2022-2023. If this is completed, we will get 1 building energy cost analysis to find out what to improve. They are adding the Theater to the municipal portfolio. A new version of CEC with a new Tier 2 & Tier #3 have been applied for. We stand to gain \$50,000 plus get an additional 3,000 points in the system to get an additional \$10,000.

Donna Welton and Laura Canemello- There will be a spring event to get new trees and bushes and they will be working with Trustee Carter and Trustee Rodgers. There will be a cleanup of River Street Park on May 4. They will be doing a river sweep and then planting trees followed by a speaker in the afternoon at the Valatie library. There are over 100 trees to plant.

Mayor- The letter of Intent for the County Hazard Mitigation contract has been signed. The first meeting session was held this date at the Columbia County Fire Training Tower.

Parks-none

Public Comment- none

Fire Department Report- (For December 2023 & January 2024)- There were 7 calls in November and 12 calls in December. There were two fire alarm activations at Barnwell and will be tracked for the Village Fire Alarm Law. Truck servicing has been completed and they are prioritizing repairs.

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V.E.R.A.- no report

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Highway- The Highway department is keeping busy, and we thank them for all their work this winter and for responding to the Village whenever needed.

WWTP- (full report on file)- All routines were performed as scheduled. There was an alarm call for the WWTP for power outages on two occasions. There was a tree down on wires on St. Lukes Drive and behind the WWTP. The water control panel lost the program to run the water system. Smith Controls reprogrammed the panel to return to normal. A new backup battery is on order since the current battery is almost 25 years old and most internal parts are no longer available.

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Fourth quarter meters reads were completed, and all dead meters have been tagged for repair. Water shutoff for non-payment was completed on December 19th. All but one account is back on. The homeowner is away.

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Clerk Report- Notices for the March election were sent to the local papers. The notice for this meeting change had also been sent to the paper for information only. They don't need to be posted in the paper of the change.

Applications for MHG-none

Resolution # 62 was made by Trustee Eleby to enter into executive session to discuss matters before the Board at 7:02 pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

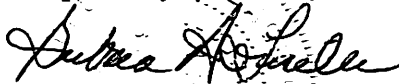
Resolution # 63 was made by Trustee Rodgers to exit executive session at 7:26 pm with no decisions being made. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Other business- none

With no further business to discuss,

Resolution #64 was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Respectfully submitted,



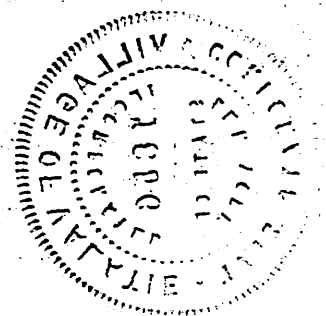
Barbara Fischer
Village Clerk

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REPORT:

Water-Wastewater Department

Village of Valatie, NY

Submitted January 2024

Routines: All performed as scheduled. All results within acceptable limits.

Mechanical Failures/Alarms:

-Alarm call for WWTP on 2 occasions for power outages. Tree down on wires on St. Lukes Drive and tree on wires behind the WWTP. Water Control Panel lost the program to run the water system. Smith Controls were able to reprogram the panel and return it to normal operation. A new backup battery is on order and will be replaced upon arrival. Smith control did advise the panel is approaching 25 years of service and most of the internal parts are no longer available. The department advised them that we may have an upcoming project for the controls to be updated.

-A loss of pumping rate was noticed on well 2 and upon further investigation it was determined the supply line from the well to the pumphouse had a leak near the well head. Stuyvesant Mechanical and Smith Well Drilling completed repairs and we have returned the well to normal use.

UPDATES:

-Fourth Quarter water meter reading have been completed. All dead meter locations have been tagged for repair and the department will be scheduling appointments for repairs.

-Water shut off for non-payment were completed on Dec 19. All but one account is back on.

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NEW or CRITICAL ITEMS:

-The Steel Water Tower on Albany Ave has had a series of repairs. The first leak was in August of 2022 (1 patch), the second in June 2023 (2 patches), and the third in July 2023 (2 patches). In September of 2022 Statewide Aqua Store completed a video inspection of both tanks. It was determined the interior coating of the steel tank has failed and there are areas of rust and corrosion. The bolted steel tank inspection was also completed and received an overall rating of good condition. Although the Cathodic Protection System was determined to be in need of replacement. Inspection reports are available at the WWTP.

The department reached out to two tank coating companies for general quotations for reference. These are also available at the WWTP.

The department recommends at this time to start a project to recoat and repair the Welded Steel Standpipe on Albany Ave.