**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**OCTOBER 18, 2016**

**Present** **Audience**

Mayor Diane Argyle 4 residents

Trustee Frank Bevens Dr. Baillargeon

Trustee Phil Bickerton Columbia Paper Reporter

Trustee Angelo Nero

Trustee David Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Mayor Argyle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Resolution #206** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the minutes of September 13, 2016 as written, Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution # 207** was made by Trustee Bickerton to approve claims 2016-4, #213-271 for a total of $57,091.48 and an off abstract total of $57,060.17 which included a BOND payment of $17, 450.63 and a reimbursement for a PILOT of $27,721.68 & $9,164.32 respectively. A revised total for bills for September is $35,297.95 due to a removal of a bill. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Public Comment**-

Mayor Argyle announced the Rabies Clinic will take place on November 5th. The times are 2-3 pm for cats and ferrets and 3-4 pm for dogs.

There were no other comments.

**Fire Department**- No report

**Theatre**-

**Resolution #208** was made by Trustee Bevens and seconded by Trustee Bickerton to allow the Theater members to use the Senior Center on November 12th to hold a dinner for the Mariachi Band that will be performing at the Theater on that date. This will also give the Spanish Club from the Ichabod Crane High School to meet the Band.

Dr. Baillargeon announced that there will be a showing of the Rocky Horror Picture Show at midnight on October 22nd. The cost is $10 per person or you can receive a discount if you show up in costume.

The container behind the Theater has been emptied out and a new shed has been placed behind the Senior Center. The road next to the Theater will be opened in the near future and the barriers removed with a new sidewalk put in as well.

The Theater will be used for Winter Walk on December 10th.

**Parks**-

The Boy Scouts are looking at working on the gazebo at Pachaquack Park as part of another Village Project. Many compliments were received on how nice Callan Park looks.

Trustee Bevens reported that a new camera was installed at Callan Park and the bathrooms are now closed for the winter. The purchase of soccer goals has been postponed for now.

**Other business**-

The Mayor will meet with WWTP Superintendent Paul Warner and the Village of Kinderhook to discuss the ongoing issue with the meter in the Village of Kinderhook. Trustee Bevens asked that the Village of Kinderhook be contacted informing them that we would like to have our staff be involved in the selection of a new meter.

**Small Business Saturday**-

Small Business Saturday will be held on November 26th in the Village. The Village Clerk read the proclamation to the audience and the Board.

**V.E.R.A**.-

Randall Schmitt announced Small Business Saturday again and stated that banners and other items have been ordered announcing the date. The Artisan Fair went very well and the group that shows the puppets will be also be in attendance at Winter Walk as well as the ceramicist returning. Also on December 10th, Family Resources will hold a dance before/during the Winter Walk parade.

**Clerk**- The November meeting has been changed to November 15th at 7:00 pm due to election day.

**Senior Housing Law**-

A public hearing will be held to discuss the Senior Housing Law. This also needs to be referred to the Columbia County Planning Department for their November meeting. Then the Village Board can adopt the Law at the December meeting.

**Senior Center**-

There has been someone sleeping in their car at the Senior Center parking lot. The resident deputy had been notified.

**Highway Dept**.-

Starting November 1st, there will be no parking on Main Street between the hours of 3:00 am-6:00 am. The intersection area at the end of Main Street near the bridge heading to Chatham on Route 203 has been paved. A quote was received to have work done on the walls near Church Street.

**Resolution # 209** was made by Trustee Williams to have Adam Gavin of AMG Masonry repoint and rebuild the stone column on the wall at the parking lot at Church St. and Main St. for a cost of $675 for materials and labor and to repair the actual stone wall along the failed joints for a cost of $915 for labor and materials. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

The Mayor will attend a Mid- Hudson Water-Shed Discovery meeting on October 20th at Columbia County Rural Water in West Ghent.

**Building Dept**.- Report on file in the Clerk’s Office.

**MHG Applications**-

1. Northern Columbia Chaos- Use of gym for softball practice

2. Kinderhook Cub Scout Pack 2113- Pack meetings and the Pinewood Derby to be held in the gym.

**Resolution # 210** was made by Trustee Nero to approve the above applications. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 211** was made by Trustee Bickerton to allow the Little Falls pre-school use of the gym for Thanksgiving and Christmas parties with parental supervision of each one as well as the directors of the school. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 212** was made by Trustee Bickerton to allow the Boy Scouts to hold a 5K run and registration time on Veterans Day before the memorial service at the monument. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Other**-

Marilyn Huffman asked if the island by Barnwell was being dismantled? The Board explained that many accidents have happened there and it is difficult for the Fire Department to navigate trucks in this area to gain access to Barnwell. The highway department also has trouble pushing snow around this area. If the trees are healthy, they will be transplanted to another part of the Village.

The Board again discussed selling the leases to the cell towers and discussed how to attain more cash to pay off some outstanding loans without borrowing more money and an increase in the highway budget among other things. The Board discussed putting the leases out to bid and could agree to the bid or not. The Board tabled this item again and will discuss it at the November or December meeting.

**Resolution # 213** was made by Trustee Bickerton to enter into executive session at 8:30 pm, seconded by Trustee Bevens, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 214** was made by Trustee Bickerton to exit out of executive session with no decisions being made. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

With no other business before the Board,

**Resolution # 215** was made by Trustee Nero to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm, seconded by Trustee Williams. All in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer, RMC

Village Clerk