VILLAGE OF VALATIE

BOARD OF TRUTEES MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2016

PRESENT AUDIENCE

Mayor Argyle 9 members of the audience

Trustee Frank Bevens 1 reporter

Trustee Phil Bickerton

Trustee Anglo Nero

Trustee David Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq., absent, notified

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Presentation**

Boy Scout member Michael Foote presented the final paperwork to the Village Board as a requirement for his Eagle Scout distinction. He thanked the Village Businesses, residents, his parents, the Village Board and his scout troop in helping him with this project of sprucing up the Martin H. Glynn Square. The Mayor presented Michael with a certificate of “Thanks” from the Board for a great job.

Donald Zee, Attorney for Valtucket Cottages, thanked the Mayor and the Water Department Staff for meeting with him and his client Jason Nastke. Clarification has been made for some final issues approving the conveyance of the easement for dedication of the water line to the cottages. He stated that his client will repair the pavement if needed in case there is a problem with the line and that Bordewick Farms has agreed to maintain the water line and the surrounding property. There will be individual shutoffs for each cottage and he noted that the shutoff for the Senior Center is on the east side of Route 203.

**Resolution # 100** was made by Trustee Bickerton authorizing the conveyance of the easement for dedication of a water line to the Valtucket Cottages and to accept the proposal from the Valtucket Cottages and Senior Housing Development. Trustee Bevens seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. A more formal resolution will be drawn up by the Village Attorney.

**Resolution # 101** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the December 8, 2015 minutes. Trustee Williams seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution # 102** was made by Trustee Bickerton to pay claims #2016-08-#321-384 for a total of $66,815.66 and the off abstract total of $34,941.28. Trustee Williams seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comments**

Randall Schmitt commented that the overlook walkway by the bridge has a thin layer of ice on it. The mayor informed him that the Town of Kinderhook takes care of this and she will inform them of this.

Marilyn Huffman stated that there has been an open fire at the new Valtucket Cottages and was concerned because the fire was very close to the buildings. She also stated that she did not believe you could have an open burn in the Village. She called 911 regarding this and was informed that the Fire Chief, Assistant Chief and the Sheriff’s Deputy spoke to whomever was burning the debris. Trustee Bevens stated that he was also under the assumption that you could not burn in the Village but according to DEC, you can burn clean wood and the fire can be no larger than 3x3x3. This can also be looked up on the DEC website. The Mayor will refer this information regarding open burning to the Village attorney.

Emelia Teasdale stated that she attended the open house of the new library and commented that it was very nice.

Mayor Argyle stated that a resident donated money and time to have the clock on Main Street repaired. The donor wished to remain anonymous and the Mayor will present this person with a certificate.

**Old Business**

**Fire Dept**.- No report

**Theatre**- No report

**Parks**-

Trustee Bevens reported that the cameras on Main Street are up and running. They were already used for an incident that happened along the street.

**Resolution #103** was made by Trustee Bevens to allow members of the Board to access the cameras to make sure the equipment is working properly and have access to view any issues if needed. A FOIL request will be needed for anyone else to access the video.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Water/Sewer Dept**.-

Monthly report is on file in the Clerk’s office. The Village is looking for a company to do a test run on well #3. Once the Sewer project is finished, work will begin on the well.

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

Randall Schmitt stated that Winter Walk was a great success and it was well attended. The Village Wide Tag Sale and Artisan Fair and other projects are all in place. Trustee Bevens stated that he knew of 4 more organizations that would like to take part in Winter Walk. He heard many compliments about the parade and that this was a good thing for the Village. Randall stated that he would like to get the High School Marching Band for the next Winter Walk parade.

**Clerk’s Office**-

The battery collection box is outside the Clerk’s office for collection of certain batteries.

The next Village election will take on March 15th from 12 noon to 9 pm.

**Resolution # 104** was made by Trustee Bickerton **not** to schedule a Registration Day for elections due to lack of anyone signing up last year. Anyone who needs to register to vote may do so with a form located outside the clerk’s office that can be mailed in to the Board of elections or they may sign up at the Board of elections located in Hudson at least 10 days before the election. Trustee Williams seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution # 105** was made by Trustee Bevens to name the Martin H, Glynn building as the polling place for the Village election on March 15th from 12 noon – 9 pm. Trustee Bickerton seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution # 106** was made by Trustee Bickerton to name Frank Genovese, Marilyn Ryan, Maryanne Perez and Marcia Anderson as election inspectors for the March 15th election. Trustee Bevens seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Senior Center**- The mayor reported that the leaky pipe has been fixed.

**Highway**- The parking tickets are in and the Sheriff’s Department and the NYS Police are already issuing tickets. Because the Village does not have a traffic division, there is no amount listed on these tickets. Those who are issued a ticket are to plead either guilty or not guilty and turn the paperwork into the Town of Kinderhook Court. The Judge will set the fine. The charges range from $50.00- $300.00 depending on the charge.

No parking signs are up on Main Street stating that there is no parking between the hours of 3:00 am- 6:00 am from November 1st through March 15th.

**Resolution # 107** was made by Trustee Bevens to sign the transportation contract with NYS. Trustee Nero seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Mini Grant application**- Lisa Hill, the owner of the new consignment store The Attic, applied for the mini grant to improve the façade of her building. She is seeking $1300 to purchase awnings for the front of her business. The building meets all requirements of the building code.

**Resolution # 108** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the grant application. Trustee Bickerton seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

The new building inspector submitted a fee schedule that would increase the building department fees to be collected by the Town for the Board to review. This schedule goes by the estimated cost of the project, not the job. The current building fees are also outdated compared to other Towns and Villages.

**Resolution # 109** was made by Trustee Bevens to accept the new fee schedule submitted by the building inspector. Trustee Williams seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

The building inspector has also asked to have an assistant fill in for him when he is away which he would pay for out of his own pocket. The Board will have the Village attorney look into this.

**MHG Applications**-

1. Friends of the Kinderhook Dog Park- Use of building to hold meetings on January 16, 2016 and March 12, 2016.
2. Columbia County Democratic Committee to hold a meeting on January 30, 2016.
3. Kinderhook Cub Scouts Pack 113, use of the gym for the Pinewood Derby.
4. Boy Scout Troop 113 to use the building every Monday night for a meeting from 7:00pm-9:00 pm.

**Resolution #110** was made by Trustee Bickerton to approve the applications. Trustee Bevens seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Another application was received from the East Coast Riders Motorcycle Club to hold a paint and sip to raise money for a certain cause. The Board **unanimously disapproved** of this because of the alcohol liability.

**Resolution # 111** was made by Trustee Nero to enter into executive session at 8:23 pm to discuss matters before the Board. Trustee Bevens seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution # 112** was made by Trustee Nero to exit executive session at 8:42 pm. Trustee Bickerton seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

With no further business before the Board,

**Resolution # 113** was made by Trustee Bevens to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Nero, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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