Village of Valatie Board Meeting

February 11, 2014

Approved Minutes

**Parties Present Absent**

Mayor Argyle Tr. Bickerton

Tr. Bevens

Tr. Nero

Tr. Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons

2 members of the public and 2 members of the press

**Regular Village Board Meeting**

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting at 7:00pm

Pledge to the Flag

Public Comment Received - None.

**Motion,** Tr.Bevens, to accept the minutes from the January 14th meeting, seconded by Tr. Williams, all members present voted yes.

**Motion,** Tr.Bevens audit meeting conducted, seconded by Tr. Nero, all members present voted yes.

**Motion**, Tr. Williams approves paymentof claims 2014-09-01 to 2014-09-41, seconded by Tr. Bevens, all members present voted yes.

**Committee Reports:**

***Fire Department Report*** – No report

***Theater Report*** – No report.

***Building Dept****.* – Building Inspector provided a written report.

***DPW Report*** –No report

***VERA***

* President Randall Schmitt gave his final report of the Winter Walk.
* Mayor Argyle asked President Schmitt to submit a proposed budget for VERA for the 2014/2015 fiscal year

***Parks Report*** – No report

***Water/Sewer -*** Mayor Argyle provided a verbal report.

* Going forth with the screen project. Will begin process with Marybeth at Delaware Engineering
* Have not heard back form the County concerning the water testing.

***Senior Center*** – Tr. Bevens reported

* Fire Alarm is still a work in progress
* Looking for a used upright cooler Will get our own soda to sell at the center rather than ordering thru Coca - Cola

***Applications for the Gym/Building:***

The Hiring committee for the MHG custodian conducted interviews and has decided Cruz Rivera to be the best candidate for the job.

**MOTION**, Tr. Bevens, to allow the hiring committee offer the job opening to Cruz Rivera at $13.00 an hour, 25 hours a week, seconded by Tr. Williams, all members voted yes.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Absent

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

**MOTION**, Tr. Williams to allow Girl Scout Troop use of a room, seconded by Tr. Nero, all members voted yes.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Absent

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

**MOTION**, Tr. Bevens Democratic Committee use of court for monthly meetings, seconded by Tr. Nero, all members voted yes.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Absent

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

**MOTION**, Tr. Bevens to table the application for use of a room by Tri-City Seniors until questions can be answered about Village concerns, seconded by Tr. Nero, all members voted yes.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Absent

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

**ELECTIONS –** Clerk Martino-Morin announced an un-contested race will take place Tuesday, March 19, 2014 12:00pm to 9:00 pm at the MHG Municipal Building. Candidates are: Angelo Nero and David Williams.

**MOTION**, Tr. Bevens, to appoint three election inspectors (Ruth Miller, Barbara Domigan, and Clerk Martino-Morin) for March 19, 2014 trustee elections, seconded by Tr. Williams.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Absent

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

**Budget Workshop** - First workshop scheduled for February 27, 2014 at 6:00 pm in the meeting room at the MHG municipal building.

**Dewey Loffler Resolution**

Village of Valatie

Dewey Loeffel Resolution

Village of Valatie Resolution calling on the United States Environmental Protection Agency, New York State Department of Environmental Commission and the polluting companies to stop further contamination of the Dewey Loeffel site in the Town of Nassau, and to remediate such site in the most expedite and safest methodology presently available.

**Whereas** the Village acknowledges that such contamination has already affected the Valatie Kill, Kinderhook Lake, and Kinderhook Creek and further contamination is unacceptable.

**Whereas** the Village acknowledges that the EPA and the polluting companies are trying to remediate the Dewey Loeffel site by processing leachate liquids to stop further contamination.

**Whereas** the Village is very concerned with the procedure of draining “cleaned “liquids into the Valatie Kill. We acknowledge the fact the “cleaned” liquid process is better than shipping contamination to other locations, but the Village demands a guarantee that the “cleaned” liquids is “cleaned enough” and tested for all possible chemicals that adversely affects all possible living beings.

**Whereas** the Valatie Board is concerned for the safety and well-being of our residents that “cleaned” liquids have “acceptable” levels of chemicals which are safe for swimming, fishing, and drinking. Our wells are located close to Kinderhook Creek even though they are probably not affected.

**Whereas** the Valatie Board acknowledges that the Town of Nassau and the organization, Uncage, have been working diligently monitoring the land fill and fighting for its resident’s safety and for the Village of Valate, the Town of Kinderhook, and Columbia County residents, we extend our thanks and gratitude.

**Whereas** the Village acknowledges, we, the Valatie Board and residents will do more to support the Town of Nassau, Uncage, and the EPA in their efforts to clean up the Dewey Loeffel site and to closely monitor these efforts. It is our environment being affected, and must be more protected for our children’s future.

By Order of Village of Valatie **Adopted**: February 11, 2014

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Mayor Diane Argyle

**Motion**, Tr. Williams to adjourn meeting at 8:37pm, seconded by Tr. Bevens, all members present voted yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Martino-Morin

Village Clerk