**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**April 9, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE** **AUDIENCE**

Mayor Diane Argyle Fire Chief Rustin Dolan

Trustee Frank Bevens Peter Bujanow, Randall Schmit

Trustee Larry Eleby Carol Williams, Craig Hancock

Trustee Angelo Nero Emelia Teasdale, 1 resident

Trustee David Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:00 pm for the Knox Box Local Law. Mayor Argyle asked the audience if there were any questions and there were none.

Trustee Bevens made a motion to close the Public Hearing for the Knox Box Law at 7:02 pm. Trustee Eleby seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Argyle opened the Public Hearing for the Tentative Budget for 2019-2020. The mayor asked for any questions from the audience and there were none. She did mention that the Highway budget for the next year would be $120,000 per Supervisor Pat Grattan.

Trustee Larry Eleby made a motion to close the Public Hearing for the 2019-2020 Tentative Budget. Trustee Nero seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Argyle opened the Organizational meeting at 7:10 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Resolution #102** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the minutes of March 12, 2019. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #103** was made by Trustee Williams to pay claims #2018-11, #456- 494 for a total of $30,577.74 and $15, 424.74 for the off abstract bills. Total of all bills is $46,002.48. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Public Comments**- Emelia Teasdale asked if there was any change in the budget? Mayor Argyle commented that the tax base is up so the taxes will go down a little bit. The AIM money is not included in the budget because we may not be getting it. There is money in the budget for sidewalks but we need to update the local law.

Mayor Argyle presented the Board with the Organizational list of Committees for review. The only question was whether Chuck Rothermel could bid on projects. Attorney Fitzsimmons stated that he could because he is just a contractor with the Village. (List on file in the Clerk’s office).

**Fire Department**- (Report on file in the Clerk’s Office)-Chief Rustin Dolan reported that there were 5 calls since the last meeting with no false alarms. There were a total of 88 calls for 2018-2019. The fire company organizational year is from April 1st – March 31st. Chief Officers for 2019-2020 are as follows:

Chief- Rustin Dolan

1st Assistant Chief- Joseph H. Loeffler

2nd Assistant Chief- Sam Becker

Truck 55-10 has been repaired and is back in service. The floor in the fire house has peaked up a little bit and needs to be repaired. The rest of the fire house looks good and the new kitchen items are coming in. Randall Schmit said he has a range hood that he would donate to the fire house.

**Parks**- no report other than a tree fell on the River Street parking area.

The mayor asked to hire a ‘Handyman” to do odd jobs for the Village. Matt Laverack is a sub- contractor who has his own insurance and she would like to hire him to make repairs in the Village office as well as at the Senior Center.

**Resolution # 104** was made by Trustee Bevens to hire Matt Laverack at a rate of pay of $20.00 per hour to be a sub-contractor Handy man for the Village. Trustee Willimas seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Water/Sewer**- no report.

**V.E.R.A**.- Randall Schmit asked if VERA could use the MHG building to hold meetings for people to gather and come up with ideas to use the areas by the Route 9 & 9H bridge and the Pachaquack Park area. There will be a meeting on April 11th at 7:00 pm at the Van Buren Hall in the Village of Kinderhook for the waterfront restoration.

**Library**- The Library would still like to use the gym to hold a planetarium show but they are having some issues. They are still working on this and asked if the Village would sponsor the show. The Board was in agreement with sponsoring this.

**Other business**- The Village has received 2 requests from residents to have chickens on their property. Trustee Nero stated that the Village of Chatham has them but our Board would need to look into this further. Board members had some questions that would need to be resolved.

The parking lines on Main Street need to be repainted.

The Board received the annual request to “sponsor a flag” for the annual Deb Simonsmeier Golf tournament put on by the Valatie Rescue Squad to be held in August. The cost is the same at $150.00.

**Resolution #105** was made by Trustee Bevens to again sponsor the flag for the Annual Deb Simonsmeier Memorial Golf Tournament at $150.00. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Argyle asked the Board if it would be ok for Colarusso to store items at the sewer plant to work on the trail system. The Board was in favor of this.

**Theater**- Craig Hancock reported that they are refurbishing the outside of the building and working on getting grants. They are also doing a direct mailing to all of the residents to hopefully get some donations. There will be a banner hanging in front of the building with a schedule of events for the year. He was advised to check with the building inspector to make sure that was ok. They are also requesting some more signs showing where to park off Main Street for people attending events at the Theater. They are also looking into possibly getting a new or another storage shed.

**Clerk’s Office**- The clerk asked to set the end of year meeting. The Board agreed to May 29, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

**Senior Center** – Waiting for lights outside the Senior Center. Duke Hyuck will put them up and give the Village a bill. Trustee Eleby is working on getting LED lights for the whole building.

**Highway**- Brush pickup is from April 15- June 3rd on Mondays only. The Village will have a Village wide garbage day pickup on Saturday, May 18 and residents are asked to sign up in the Village hall.

**Building Department-** none

**Applications**-

1. Kinderhook Republican Committee Caucus

2. Valatie Rescue Squad for classes on June 1, 2019

3. Capital District Rockets- gym for practice

4. VERA- use of gym for Artisans Fest

5. Clippers request for use of fields

**Resolution #106** was made by Trustee Nero to approve all applications. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

The mayor showed a picture of the new sign for the Senior Center to put on the front of the building. The Board was ok with the sign. The cost of painting the awning will also need to be looked into.

**Resolution #107** was made by Trustee Bevens to enter in to executive session at 8:07 pm. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #108** was made by Trustee Bevens to exit executive session at 8:30 pm. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

The Board will try to do a survey of the condition of the sidewalks in the Village.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution #109** was made by Trustee Bevens to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,