

Village of Valatie
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 11, 2025
6:30 PM

Board of Trustees

Mayor Bevens

Trustee Larry Eleby

Trustee Patrick Rodgers

Trustee Matthew Carter

Trustee Amy Freinberg-Trufas

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Rebecca Daley-Village Clerk

Audience

Jennifer Clark

Emilia Teasdale

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

Resolution #79- was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the minutes of February 11, 2025, meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

Resolution #80- was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve the abstract of bills-**2025-2026-#480-529**. For a total of \$45,666.59. Off abstract of bills total \$19,100.44. Total bills are \$64,767.03. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Public Comment-None

Parks- Volunteers will be meeting on the third Saturday of April, May and June from 10-1 pm to clean up River Street Park.

Climate Smart- The committee ordered a diversity of trees and plants to be planted on River Street in the spring. They also will be planting some wildflowers in Pachaquack park in the fall.

Fire Department-Fire report is on file in the clerk's office.

Columbia County has issued a burning ban from Tuesday March 12th through Sunday March 16, 2025. New York State has issued a burning ban from March 16th through May 14, 2025.

A resolution is needed for the Village Fire Department to have a grant writer help them to try to offset the cost of new Airpack's. They are still usable currently, but they are outdated.

Resolution #81- was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the village on contracting a grant writer for the Valatie Fire Department. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

VERA-None

Theater- The committee has continued working on fixing up the theater. They are planning on holding a Gala sometime in early May and having a Mariachi Band play at the MHG Gazebo later in the year.

Highway- None

WWTP Report- Report on file

Building Department Report- None

Clerk Report- Preparing for the March 18, 2025 election.

MHG Applications- Darryn Cooke requested the use of the gym located in MHG building on Wednesdays from 4 to 6pm. Dates of use will be February 26 through April 30, 2025

Resolution #82- was made by Trustee Carter to approve the use of the gym. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Church Street Preschool requested the use of the gym on April 4th from 5 to 9pm. for their 50th Anniversary.

Resolution #83- was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve the use of the gym. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Northern Columbia Softball League requested the use of V2 field at Callen Park on Sundays from April to September.

Resolution #84- was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the use of Callen Park. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

The Columbia Pickleball Organization is requesting to make changes to the 1 pickleball court in the gym. They would like to change the markings on the gym floor to make the court into 2 courts by using blue painter's tape. Mayor Bevens suggested that the pickleball organization and the basketball organization hold a meeting together to discuss this matter before the Village Board of Trustees vote on it. The board of trustees agreed with the mayor.

Resolution #85- was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to table the idea of changing the courts. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Other Business- Valatie Senior Community Center located at 3302 Willaims St. is now serving nutritious lunches. Lunch is provided with reservations on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 1:30pm. Please call and reserve your meal 24 hours ahead. On Fridays no reservations are needed, and the cost will be \$5 per person. Friday's hours will be 10 to 3Pm.

The Village of Valatie Planning Board and the Village Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on April 2nd at 6:30 to discuss the Verizon Cell Tower.

The Village of Valatie will be holding a public budget hearing on April 8th at 6:30. The Village Board of Trustees will conduct their regular monthly board meeting right after.

May 3rd will be our annual village wide cleanup day. Items that you cannot put out are listed in the quarterly newsletter.

There has been another company looking into the Energy Onix building. (Old Mill) They are still looking into how much it would cost them to demolish the building.

Resolution #86- was made by Eleby to enter an executive session to discuss matters before the board at 7:13pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Resolution #87- was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 7:35 pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

With no further business to discuss.

Resolution #88- was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Rebecca Daley

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Village Clerk