**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**TENTATIVE BUDGET/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**April 11, 2023**

**6:30 PM**

**Board Members Audience**

Mayor Frank Bevens Meg Todisco- Climate Smart TF

Trustee Matthew Carter Randall Schmit, Craig Hancock

Trustee Larry Eleby

Trustee Angelo Nero

Trustee Patrick Rodgers

Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons

Clerk Barbara Fischer

Clerk Fischer performed the swearing in of the Elected Officials at 6:25 pm.

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

Clerk Fischer read the Public Notice for the Tentative Budget Hearing. Mayor Bevens spoke about the budget and explained that the Village is below the tax cap by $4.00. The Mayor opened the meeting up for Public comment and there was none. Mayor Bevens asked to close the Public Hearing at 6:33 pm and asked for a motion to pass the budget.

**Resolution # 92** was made by Trustee Eleby to pass the tentative budget as the final budget. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

The list of Village appointments were read with the standard resolutions.

**Resolution #93** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #94** was made by Trustee Rogers to approve the abstract of bills **2022-2023, #11 #** **477-520** for a total of **$37,267.54**. The off abstract of bills totaled **$11,454.38** for a **grand total of $48,721.92**. Trustee Carter seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

**Climate Smart Task Force**- Coordinator Meg Todisco submitted the following:

1. An Open House will be at the Valatie Fire House on April 22 and the Climate Smart group will have a table set up for information between the hours of 10:00 am- 1:00 pm
2. Need a Resolution passed for the Establishment of a Stand- Alone Website for the Climate Smart Communities Task Force.

**Resolution # 95** was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the Establishment of a Stand -Alone Website for the Climate Smart Communities Task Force. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

In other news, Trustee Rodgers stated that there is Federal money available for EV Fast Charger Stations. We are also in Region 2 to get free technical assistance from Syracuse University for help with funding.

**Parks**- Nate Becker found the code for the sign at Pachaquac Park so that information can be changed out. The current information is from 2016.

Summer Camp- A resolution is need to send Village kids to the Town Summer Camp.

**Resolution #96** was made by Trustee Rodgers to pay for 5 children from the Village to attend the Town Summer Camp. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Spring Cleanup**- Cleanup Day is May 6th

**Public Comment**- none

**Fire Department Report**- Mayor read the report for April- on file. There were 10 calls in March with a total of 84 calls between 4/1/22-3/31/23. All warranty repairs and services have been completed on the new fire truck.

Annual Election of officers for 2023-2024:

Fire Chief- Joseph H. Loeffler

Asst. Chief Rustin Dolan

Asst Chief Phil Martel

Captain Anthony Bashford

**Resolution # 97** was made by Trustee Patrick Rodgers and seconded by Trustee Matthew Carter to re-appoint Diana Carter to the Village Planning Board and Ann Schaefer to the Zoning Board of Appeals. All in favor, motion carried.

**VERA**- Randall reported that the new “old” sign is back up in its place. The next Village wide tag sale will be August 5th.

**Theater**- Craig Hancock There will be a concert on Saturday, April 15th On July 8th, there will be a Village Sponsored Concert of “Beer Stain Fiddle”. Kleeber Insurance Agency would like to co-sponsor the event. There will be food trucks available for this event that do not need to be approved by the Village. Craig asked that the Village and Theater have a joint committee to discuss roof repairs for the Theater.

**Resolution # 98** was made by Trustee Eleby to have the Village and Kleeber Insurance co-sponsor the band for the July 8th concert. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Memorial Day-** The parade will be in Valatie this year.

**National Grid-** The Village had a contract with Atlantic Energy but the price has risen. According to a representative who deals with the various energy companies, Hudson Energy is at the lowest cost this year so far which would save the Village at least $4,128.69 annually.

**Resolution # 99** was made by Trustee Carter to sign the contract with Hudson Energy for the Village Electric. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Hazardous Waste Day**- This year’s date is in April 29 from 8:00 am- 12:00 noon and will once again be at the Fire Training tower site.

**Highway Dept.-** Paving will begin by the end of April or beginning of May. The cost will be the same as the quote given last year at $10,000 for Callan Park. The following will be paved; Holly Hills, Spring St, Peters Lane, Dunham, and Smith Circle.

**WWTP**- report on file. Influent Sewage Pump #1 failed but a spare pump was available so the pump could be repaired. The department located a water main leak at the intersection of Route 9 and St. Lukes Drive. The leak was repaired by Stuyvesant Mechanical. Water shut offs were completed for non- payment and all are back on now. There 10 fire hydrant Storz adapters installed at locations requested by the fire chief and 3 broken water shutoffs were repaired at 3 residences. Ed and Robert attended 2 days of contact hour training at NYRWA in Ghent.

A letter was received from the Presbyterian Church requesting relief for their water bill due to a leak. It was suggested that the bill be cut in half to $410.43.

**Resolution # 100** was made by Trustee Nero to give relief for the water bill for the Presbyterian Church by half the amount billed making the total due of $410.43. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Building Department/ Code Enforcement Officer**- Busy as usual.

**Clerk**-The Military banner information has been sent to the company for 29 banners this year. Water bills are out and we are now collecting payments and getting ready for tax season.

**MHG Applications**-

1. Request for use of the Senior Center for a funeral reception on April 22, 2023 from 12 pm to 7 pm
2. Request for use of the softball field by the Northern Columbia Softball League.
3. Use of Callan Park for Dave Ames for the week of 7/17/23-7/21/23 for the annual baseball camp.

**Resolution # 101** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the requests. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #102** was made by Trustee Nero to enter into executive session to discuss matters before the Board at 7:17 pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #103** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 7:42 pm with no decisions being made. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution #104** was made by Trustee Rodgers to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk