**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MONTHLY MEETING**

**February 14, 2023**

**Board Members Audience**

Mayor Frank Bevens Meg Todisco- Climate Smart TF

Trustee Matthew Carter Stephanie Caradine- Ruchel

Trustee Larry Eleby-absent, notified Emelia Teasdale

Trustee Angelo Nero Randall Schmit

Trustee Patrick Rodgers

Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons

Clerk Barbara Fischer

Mayor Bevens opened the meeting at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Bevens started the meeting by reporting on the New Street structure fire and asked that those present to be awarded the Heroism Award step before the audience. The members of the Village Board presented NYS Trooper Joseph Edinger, NYS Trooper Nicholas F. Norton, CCSO Deputy Sheriff Stephen Naegli, CCSO Deputy Sheriff Tyler Suchoski and Fire Chief Joseph H. Loeffler with plaques thanking them for their selfless heroic acts in saving the lives of the residents who were trapped in their home on that early morning in December or 2022. Thank you all for what you do every day!

**Resolution #75** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 76** was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the abstract of bills 2022-2023, #9-369-430 for a total of $62,640.42 which includes a wire transfer of $9,050.00 for a Water System Serial BOND. The off abstract of bills total $35,897.53 for a **grand total of $98,537.95**. Trustee Carter seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

**Public Comment-** Emelia Teasdale commented that there were 2 trees down over the trail at the River Street Park. The mayor will contact Nathan to have them removed.

**Climate Smart**- Coordinator Meg Todisco presented an amendment/correction to the January meeting minutes regarding the Hazard Mitigation Multijurisdictional Plan. “At the time that the Village of Valatie signed on to the Climate Vulnerability and Adaptation Plan, it appeared there might be some connection between the Plan and the County’s Multi- Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. There is no connection, definitely not as a precursor, but also not as a successor. And, subsequently, it has been learned that although the Village passed the resolution to join the Climate Vulnerability Plan, it may not be included in the list of participating municipalities. We are awaiting the final determination.” The group meet via a Zoom meeting on January 25th and settled on 8 Pledge Elements to pursue as the first round toward Bronze certification. The full report will be attached to these minutes.

**Resolution # 77** was made by Trustee Carter to amend the January minutes to reflect the “correction/amendment” from CS Coordinator Todisco. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Appoint new ZBA member**- Mary Barford has resigned as a member of the Village Zoning Board of Trustees effective immediately. Resident Melissa Shieren has expressed interest in becoming a member of the ZBA.

**Resolution #78** was made by Trustee Carter to appoint Melissa Schieren as a new member of the Village of Valatie Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Parks**- There are apparently 2 trees down on the trail at the River Street Park that the mayor will have Nathan Becker take care of. Trustee Rodgers commented that there may be a Community Volunteer Day to help clear up the area around River Street Park. Stay tuned. Building Inspector Ruchel stated that the Climate Smart Task Force may be able to gain points for a project like this. A write up will be placed in the April water bill newsletter.

**Fire Department Report**- Special presentation was given. No full report.

**VERA**- Randall stated that VERA will be working with the Valatie Now group and there will be a list of events planned coming.

**Theater**- Trustee Rodgers stated that they will be applying for a NYSERDA grant for $250,000 for energy efficiency improvements for the Theater.

**WWTP**- on file and will be attached to the minutes.

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

**Highway Department**- Brush pickup will be April 17- June 5th on Mondays.

**Clerk**- Election day is March 21st from 12 noon to 9:00 pm. We need one more election inspector and should have one by next week. The Military Banner program and moving along very well and we should have more banners than last year. Please pass the word about this program!

**MHG Applications**- 1. Northern Columbia LL

**Resolution # 79** was made by Trustee Rodgers to accept the NCLL application for use of the MHG Building. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

2. Capers Pickle Ball club

**Resolution # 80** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the Capers Pickle Ball Club. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #81** was made by Trustee Nero to enter into executive session to discuss matters before the Board at 7:18 pm. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #82** was made by Trustee Rodgers to exit executive session at 7:23 pm with no decisions being made. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #83** was made by Trustee Rodgers to adjourn the meeting at 7.23 pm. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk