**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**January 11, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building**

**Board members** **Audience**

Mayor Frank Bevens Sean Casey, Joe Loeffler

Trustee Matthew Carter (sworn in this mtg.)

Trustee Larry Eleby

Trustee Angelo Nero

Trustee David Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq

Barbara A. Fischer- Village Clerk

Mayor Bevens opened the meeting at 7:00 pm at the Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Resolution #73** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the minutes of December 14, 2021. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #74** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the abstract of bills 2021-2022-#8-#327-363 for a total of $114,820.22 which includes 2 BOND payments. The off abstract of vouchers totaled $10,786.89 for a grand total of all bills at $125,607.11. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Main Street Sidewalk Committee-** The trees along Main Street will be trimmed the last week of January weather permitting. Dwileski Tree Service had to back out of working on the trees due to some issues. New Leaf Tree Service will now be working on the trees.

**Signs**- Parking lot signs are in and the Town will put them up when they have help available due to illness.

**Parks**- no report

**Public Comments**- none

Mayor Bevens stated that a letter will be going out to residents regarding the Board approved Nixle text/email messaging service program. It will be placed on the Village website as well for residents to sign up for this service.

A reminder that Valatie Rescue is still conducting vaccinations in the MHG gym for anyone who needs this. A form will be located outside the clerk’s office for people to take and fill out before they have their vaccination to make the process go quicker and smoothly.

**Main Street Park** (bottom of Church St.)-No new report.

**Energy Onyx**- no new report.

**Fire Department**- (On file in the clerk’s office)

There were only 2 calls since the last Board meeting and neither of them concerned the fire alarm law.

**V.E.R.A.-** no report

**Theater- no report**

**WWTP Report**- (On file in the Clerk’s office)- All routines were performed as scheduled.

The oxygen sensor in the screen room at the wastewater facility has failed and a new one has been ordered. These sensors have a two-year life expectancy.

Rob Hills has received his Grade D Distribution System Operator License and any dead meters from the last quarter water readings have been replaced.

Kingsley Power Systems installed new air intake boots for the turbo unit, and air filters on the generator at the Wastewater Plant. Unfortunately, the parts ordered by Kingsley were wrong, therefore, they will install the correct parts when they come in for the biannual inspection in the spring.

Rob Hills will be attending the Laboratory class at SUNY Morrisville from January 10-14th. This is part three of the classroom training required to take the Wastewater Operator License exam.

**Building Department/Code Enforcement Report**- (Year-end report on file in the Clerk’s Office)

The Building Department has been busy this year and issued 75 Building Permits for a total amount received of $10,573.00. The total value of these improvements was $1,364,033.00. There were 19 Title searches and ten Tenancy Inspections. Fire Code Violations were issued in the amount of $11,700.00, $500 of which goes into the Building Department for administrative fees and the remaining fees goes to the Fire Department budget. Currently, Barnwell is in arrears of $5,000 for alarm activations.

The Building Inspector is setting up a 2022 plan and rates to begin catching up on Fire and Safety Inspections in the Village.

The Building Inspector has completed her 24- hour annual training required by NYS DOS for certification.

The Planning Board is currently working with two applicants, Katy Moore for a multi-use building and residence at 3004 Main Street, and Paul Calcagno regarding a 55+ community off Albany Avenue. The initial stages of annexation will need to be completed first before moving forward with this project.

**Clerk’s Report**- The Clerk is working on the application and information for the Veterans Banner Program project. Information will be out soon.

The water bills for January have gone out and the collecting of payments has begun. If anyone does not want to enter the building, they may drop off payments in the drop box outside the office.

**Use of MHG Building/Parks/Senior Center/Gazebo**- (applications on file in the clerk’s office)

No applications this month.

**Other business**- Pavilion is on hold due to illness.

Mayor Bevens asked the current Trustees for a Resolution to appoint Matthew Carter as a new Trustee to replace Sean Casey who resigned due to being elected to the Town of Kinderhook Board.

Mr. Carter will need to be appointed again at the April Organizational meeting to fill out the remainder of the term left vacant by Mr. Casey. This position will be open for the March 2023 election when Mr. Carter will need to run for this position if he so chooses.

**Resolution # 75** was made by Trustee Eleby to appoint Matthew Carter to fill in the position vacated by Trustee Sean Casey who was elected to the Kinderhook Town Board last November. Mr. Carter will need to be re-appointed in April at the Organizational meeting to fill out the term of the Trustee position left vacated by Mr. Casey. This position will be up for election at the March 2023 election where Mr. Casey can run for the position if he chooses to. Trustee Williams seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

Clerk Fischer swore in Mr. Carter and had him sign the Oath of Office book.

Fire Chief Joe Loeffler brought before the Board, information regarding purchasing a “New” Demo fire truck; a 2021 KME Demo Quint Ladder Truck with 650 gwt/1500 gpm pump/6 person cab. The Board discussed the maintenance and repairs of the current ladder truck and all the pros and cons of going forward with this new truck. (Full report on file in the Clerk’s Office)

Mayor Bevens did state that even though the fire company would like to sell the current ladder truck, the loan taken out on this truck can not be paid off early. The proceeds of the sale of the current truck would be used as a down payment of the Demo truck. Mayor Bevens presented a breakdown of cost and rates to purchase the new truck (on file in the clerk’s office).

Mayor Bevens asked Chief Loefffler to bring the Demo truck to the fire house for the Board to look at. This purchase is subject to a Permissive Referendum.

**Resolution # 76** was made by Trustee Eleby to enter into Executive session at 7:50 pm to discuss other matters before the Board. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #77** was made by Trustee Williams to exit Executive session with no decisions being made. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution# 78** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk/Treasurer