**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

**7:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT AUDIENCE**

Mayor Diane Argyle Fire Chief Rustin Dolan

Trustee Frank Bevens Carol Williams

Trustee David Williams Columbia Paper Reporter

Trustee Larry Eleby

Trustee Angelo Nero

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Mayor Argyle opened the Public Hearing for Local Law #1 of 2018 at 7:00 pm amending the Code of the Village of Valatie in relation to Collection of Waste Materials.

Attorney Fitzsimmons commented that the Board should also consider adding sub section 54-8, Public trash receptacles- unauthorized use, to this Local Law to prevent people from dumping private trash in the public trash cans. We can fashion our signs exactly like the City of Hudson.

With no public comments, Mayor Argyle closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 pm.

**Resolution # 77** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve Local Law #1 of 2018 amending the Code of the Village of Valatie in relation to Collection of Waste Materials. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 78** was made by Trustee Nero to approve the minutes of January 9, 2018 with a correction to modify a reference regarding who decides the fee to be charged when a resident/ business is in violation of the False Alarm Law. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #79** was made by Trustee Williams to pay claims #2018-9-386-419 for a total of $31,554.46 and $18,111.95 for off abstract bills for a total of all bills of $49,666.41. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Fire Department**-

Engineer Ray Jurkowski will be contacted to place the bid in the paper or have it sent to the clerk to be placed in the paper. Bids will be opened in March before the regular Board of Trustees meeting.

Chief Rustin Dolan stated that the ladder truck will be out of service while the work is being done on the fire house floor therefore Chatham Fire Department will be notified to respond to all structure fire calls. A POD will need to be ordered to store items stored in the truck bay while the floor is being done. There were 9 calls since the last meeting with a lot of TASK Force calls. The new truck is now in service and the three chiefs are qualified to drive and operate it with two more members soon to be qualified. The spaghetti dinner will be held on March 3rd form 4-7 pm and tickets can be purchased through any fire company member.

Chief Dolan also commented that they discovered that there are solar panels on the roof of the VMA Building while they responded to a fire call for the HVAC unit at the building. No one was aware that they were there and he will notify the building inspector of this. Trustee Williams will also check into this and discuss it with the building inspector.

**Parks**- Trustee Bevens will look into contacting contractors to look at putting up a new pavilion at Callan Park. Trustee Williams will look at the lights in Callan Park to see if they need to be replaced. Mr. Fitzsimmons stated that the Village of Philmont just did a program through National Grid to replace lights to LED’s. Trustee Eleby will look into this.

**Solar-**Trustee Eleby stated that he has been talking with Robyn Reynolds but had nothing new to report.

**Water/Sewer Report**- (Report on file in the clerk’s office)

The bid for the new roof for the sewer plant will be placed in the paper and the filters for the well have been approved by the County Health Department. Solenoid valves for the bar screen compactor wash unit needs to be replaced and water leaks were found on Route 203 and repaired until a new line can be put in.

Trustee Bevens questioned since we did not send out shut off notices to residents who are delinquent in paying their water bills due to the extreme cold, do we need to notice them again? Mr. Fitzsimmons had sent a memorandum stating that since the water had not been shut off close to the original date to turn off service, another letter should be sent and the resident should sign that they owe the bill and will pay by a certain date. He will send the clerk a form that can be used. A new list of shut offs will be presented at the March meeting.

**Clerk’s report**-

Election Day is approaching, March 20th from noon until 9 pm. There are only two candidates on the ballot. Since we only have two people running for office, the clerk asked if the Board would consider just having two inspectors and 2 backup inspectors? The Board decided to have just two inspectors on Election Day and not to have a registration day. If anyone needs to register to vote, they may do so through the Columbia County Board of Elections in Hudson up until 10 days before the election. Forms are located outside the Village Clerk’s Office.

**Resolution # 80** was made by Trustee Bevens to only have two election inspectors at the Village Election on March 20th with two backup inspectors and to NOT hold a registration day. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

The following are the election inspectors for the March 20th election: Mary Anne Carr-Perez and Marcia Anderson with Jane Pulver and Frank Genovese as the backup inspectors.

The Clerk will attend a State Archives Training at the Chatham Town Hall on March 8th for Records Scanning. An invitation was received for all Board members to attend an Open House for the New Habitat Homes on the corner of New Street and Route 203 and a new Shared Services Agreement for Information Systems Management was received from the Columbia County MIS Department. The Board agreed to sign on again this year.

The clerk found another e-cycle program that the Columbia County Solid Waste Department is looking into doing. As soon as the County has an agreement with the new company, the clerk will try to get another e-cycle day scheduled for the Village.

A letter was received from Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro asking for support for the “Think Differently Initiative” which fosters a welcoming and supportive environment for residents with special needs.

**Resolution # 81** was made by Trustee Bevens to send a resolution in support of the “Think Differently Initiative” presented by Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro and Dutchess County. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried. The clerk will write up the resolution.

**Senior Center**- The new lights for the building are currently on hold for more research.

**Highway Dept**.-

There have been issues with people not moving their cars so the streets can be plowed. Trustee Bevens suggested that there be no parking at all throughout the year on Main Street from 3:00 am-6:00am since the street gets cleaned in the summer months as well. The Board agreed and a public hearing to amend the local law to not allow parking at any time throughout the year on Main Street. New signs will need to be made.

Chief Dolan stated that the drain near his house is starting to collapse. Trustee Bevens will contact State DOT. Mayor Argyle also stated that there was a meeting here at the MHG building regarding reducing the speed limit to 45 mph on parts of State Route 203 between the Village of Chatham and the Village of Valatie as well as the upper part of Main Street which is the section of Route 203 leading to Niverville. This will need to be rebuilt as well.

**Building Department**-Homeowners have been renting out rooms in their homes in the residential areas of the Village. Mayor Argyle referred to the Village Code regarding this situation and Rob will speak to the Building Inspector about this.

**Applications for MHG**-

1. Black Hawks
2. Venturing Fest- Boy Scouts
3. Little League
4. Valatie Rescue- on going as available
5. Three Corner House- Movie documentary company- a fee schedule would be set up for this

**Resolution #82** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve all applications. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Other Business**-

The Library will be holding another Photo Exhibit at the Senior Center on April 8th.

The Lion’s Club will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 31st. They will be donating a bench for in front of the Senior Center.

**Resolution #83** was made by Trustee Nero to approve the Lion’s Club Easter Egg Hunt on March 31st. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Chief Dolan asked who would be the contact for the new floor for the fire house? It was decided that Trustees Bevens and Eleby will act as liasons with 1st Assistant Chief Joe Loeffler on matters.

**Resolution # 84** was made by Trustee Eleby to enter into executive session at 8:28 pm to discuss a deputy clerk position and other matters before the Board. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 85** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 9:13 pm. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

The Village Clerk will advertise for a new Deputy Clerk /Zoning Board/ Planning Board Clerk in the paper and on the website.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution #86** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

Barbara A. Fischer, RMC

Village Clerk/Treasurer