**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**February 21, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE** **AUDIENCE**

Mayor Diane Argyle Fire Chief Rustin Dolan

Trustee Frank Bevens Assistant Chief Joe Loeffler

Trustee Larry Eleby Craig Hancock

Trustee Angelo Nero Randall Schmit

Trustee David Williams Lisa Allen Crescendo Partners

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq. Carol Williams

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Resolution # 78** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the minutes of January 8, 2019. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #79** was made by Trustee Nero to pay claims #2018-9, #377- 417 for a total of $36,317.79 and $115,617.17 for the off abstract bills which includes a Water Debt Service payment from 2012. Total of all bills is $151,934.96. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Public Comments**-

Lisa Allen from Crescendo Capital Partners, LLC gave a presentation/proposal explaining revenue that the Village would gain with a one- time payment of leases or a structured settlement for either 1, 3, 5 or 10 years. The Village would receive a payment of $900,000 at closing with no closing costs or the other terms would be payments at $1.35 million per a 3 year term at $300,000 per year or, 5 years at $1.15 million or 10 years at $1.45 million. These can be monthly, annual or quarterly payments to the Village. Ms. Allen explained that Sprint & T-Mobile are reportedly merging and we would need to look at how many antennas and cables there are and then look at the towers. Cresendo would negotiate a deal with Verizon on behalf of the Village and it would have no effect on the 911 antenna. They would not be changing the lease at all that we have with them and they would still be obligated to do repairs, etc. They have worked with the Town of Sharon, MA where they negotiated a 1 time payment as well as other municipalities such as Lafayette, NY and Fairfield, CT.

**Fire Department**- There were 11 calls since the last meeting with 1 false alarm for Barnwell. A bill needs to be sent to Barnwell since they have exceeded the limit on false alarms. A copy of the report will be attached from the Fire Chief. Repairs have to be made to truck 55-10 for an accident involving a driver driving into the truck during bad road conditions in front of the fire house in a recent winter storm. Sheriff Electric is now finished doing their work at the fire house. There will be a spaghetti dinner on March 2nd but it will be held at St. Lukes Church on Route 9. Chief Dolan explained the process of using a Knox Box and inquired about the Knox Box Law to go into effect. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for the March 2019 Board of Trustees meeting.

**Theater**- Craig Hancock commented that they received a grant from the Columbia County Council of the Arts but another grant was turned down. They are also looking into a Walmart Grant. They would like to again put a notice in with the water bills for a music program they would like to do. Mr. Hancock also spoke to the Mayor about doing a joint musical event with the Village featuring the Peaceful Country Band. The cost would be $495 and they would like the Village to co-sponsor the event.

**Resolution # 80** was made by Trustee Williams to allow the Village to co-sponsor the event with the Theater on July 6th. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Trustee Williams stated that the electrical list/proposal has been paired down a bit making the quote under $3,000. Two verbal quotes are required per the Village Procurement Policy. A time of March 20th was decided upon to get any violations fixed and electrical done.

**Parks**- There is still nothing to report on the Pavilion. The Tru- Green contract needs to be signed for this year.

**Resolution # 81** was made by Trustee Bevens to sign the Tru- Green contract for this year at a cost of $2,283.57. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.-

**V.E.R.A**.- Randall Schmit provided a list of events for 2019. A copy will be posted outside the Village Clerk’s Office:

**July 20, 2019- Village Wide Tag Sale**

**Oct. 5- Artisan Fair**

**Nov. 30- Shop Small Saturday**

**Dec. 14- Winter Walk**

All dates are on the V.E.R.A. website and will be on the Village website as well.

Patrick Rogers, a marketing person and someone who has been involved in the Trail system, has offered help on how to “market” the Village of Valatie. Mayor Argyle is looking for input from the businesses on signage, historic sites and attracting other business on Main Street.

Mayor Argyle commented that a study is being done on River Street, Pachaquack and Route 9H for a small park in this area and on Hudson Street in the Village of Kinderhook. Work also needs to be done at the Firemen’s Park on Main Street with possibly putting in an overlook or deck or possibly an amphitheater. The mayor has asked the Boy Scouts about putting in a picnic area out next to the parking area behind the Martin H. Glynn building.

The Columbia County Land Conservancy has offered to help with other projects around the Village such as at Pachaquack, work on wells and stabilizing the banks where we are losing land.

Mayor Argyle mentioned that there was a meeting with Paul Calcagno and representatives from Wide-Waters regarding Mr. Calcagno’s proposed complex on Route 9 near the water tower. He would like to put in a traffic signal here and he would pay for it.

**Water/Sewer**- The pump has been replaced on Diamond Street and now Paul Warner is looking into buying a new pump at a cost of $23,000. To repair an old pump would cost $23,000 but a new pump would cost $16,636.47 and is made in Sweden. It would take 8-9 weeks to get. Another quote was from a company called Sulzer at a cost of $14, 661.18 but with an adapter. Paul is looking for permission to go ahead and choose one of the pumps with the quotes he has received.

**Resolution # 82** was made by Trustee Eleby to allow Paul Warner to purchase the pump that is without the adapter form Sweden at a cost of $16,636.47. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

Trustee Eleby reported that he received a quote form Chuck Rothermel regarding replacing the lights at the WWTP at a cost of $4,000. It would take about a week to replace the lights.

**Resolution # 83** was made by Trustee Bevens to allow Chuck Rothermel to replace the lights at the WWTP at a cost of $4,000. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

There was a water main break at the Ichabod Crane School and Mr. Warner came in to help the school on a weekend. A letter of thanks was received to Mr. Warner for his expert help!

NY Rural Water sent a letter regarding them doing a smoke test study to see if water is leaking into our collection system. It is a detailed procedure that would cost the Village between $200-$500. This would need to be coordinated with the Fire Department, residents and the businesses. The Mayor would need to send a letter to all by May 7th explaining what this project entails.

**Resolution # 84** was made by Trustee Bevens to go ahead with this “smoke study” at a cost of between $200- $500. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Clerk’s Office**- The Village office has sold 3 recycling permits so far! Information has been sent off to the engineer for final paperwork to be filled out for reimbursement for the Fire House project. Letters have been sent out to those residents who have not cleared their sidewalks within the allotted time period after the recent snow storms. The clerk also asked for permission to send out delinquent shutoff water/sewer letters.

Also, the clerk was contacted by Town Board member Sally Hogan regarding putting up Veterans Banners in conjunction with the Town around the area. The clerk will gather more information to see if it is the same group that the clerk had presented to the Board in 2017.

**Resolution # 85** was made by Trustee Nero to send out delinquent shutoff water/sewer letters to residents who are behind in payment of their bill. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Senior Center**- Mayor Argyle commented that the form for Tax Exemptions is due by March 1st to the Assessors’ office. Also, the water fountain has been taken out leaving a hole in the wall. This area and a repair to the roof needs to get done. Also, it was mentioned that they would like to have a new sign for the Senior Center. Trustee Williams will contact Phelps roofing to see if they repair flat roofs and he will look at the hole in the wall.

Also, National Grid has made an offer to the Village to change the lights in the Village to LED lights. The Village would make between $300-$400.

**Resolution # 86** was made by Trustee Eleby to allow National Grid to change the lights throughout the Village to LED lights. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 87** was made by Trustee Bevens to sign the contract with the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office for Enhanced Patrol to issue Parking Tickets. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Highway**- none

**Building Department-** Attorney Fitzsimmons sent a letter to Karen Webb to clear up the lot on Upper Main Street. Also, the Building inspector will send a letter to Mr. Pesce to clear the junk outside his property as well. The shed at Ann Pulvers’ property will be coming down.

**Applications**-

1. Garden Club of Kinderhook

2. Assemblyman Jake Ashby

3. Cub Scouts Pack 113, Den 3

4. Kinderhook Basketball Association

5. Callan Park Northern Columbia Lions for Easter Egg Hunt on April 20th form 8 am- 11 am.

**Resolution # 88** was made by Trustee Nero to approve all applications. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Argyle stated that the Rescue Squad will now be attaching into the sewer line down the Route 9H ramp along with NYS DOT for their sewer line to their new facility.

**Resolution** #**89** was made by Trustee Eleby to enter into executive session at 8:28 pm. to discuss a personnel matter before the Board and a CDGB loan application. Trustee Nero seconded, carried.

**Resolution # 90** was made by Trustee Bevens to exit executive session at 8:34 pm. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 91** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the hiring of Sally Becker to replace Sheri Rosen as assistant director of the Senior Center. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 92** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve a CDBG Loan application for Zachary Pinkowski to help toward the renovation of a building on Main Street to make it into a café. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution # 93** was made by Trustee Bevens to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer, RMC

Village Clerk