**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**March 8, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building**

**Board members** **Audience**

Mayor Frank Bevens Sean Casey, Dave Malson

Trustee Matthew Carter Stephanie & John Ruchel

Trustee Larry Eleby Emelia Teasdale

Trustee Angelo Nero

Trustee David Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq (absent- notified)

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 #92** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #93** was made by Trustee Nero to approve the abstract of bills 2022-#10-#392-442 for a total of **$49,264.23**. The off abstract of vouchers totaled **$15,694.90** for a grand total of all bills at **$64,959.13**. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Main Street Sidewalk Committee-** Highway Dept. still has the parking lot signs since the ground was too frozen to install them. The bike rack should be in this week. The trees on Main Street have been trimmed and the businesses on Main Street (Valatie Now), have a list of events (at the Village office) they are looking to do and are asking for the Village to lift the “Open Container Law” for these events only.

**Resolution # 94** was made by Trustee Williams to “Lift” the “Open Container Law” for the Valatie Now events on Main Street. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Signs**- no report

**Nixle**-This program is up and running very well. Residents can still sign up to use this program on the Village website. We ask that you don’t put in your email otherwise it will default to the prior program used. There is still the option of staying with the old email program.

**Parks**- Chaos, Dave Ames and Northern Columbia Little League and the Blackhawks have asked to use the park again this year. (In applications report)

**Public Comments**- none

**Energy Onyx**-no report

**Fire Department**- (On file in the clerk’s office) There were 6 calls in February and repairs were made to the pump on Brush Truck 55-10. This included a new pump manifold and exhaust repairs. The Fire Department voted in new member Ramiro Davaro-Comas.

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

**Theater-** Dave Malsan reported that there were over $1,000 worth of repairs done on the heating system. They plan on doing a lot of events this year and a list will be available at the Village office and included in the water bills. (a copy of the list is in the Village office and will be attached to this report). The Theater website has been updated.

**Water Department**- (WWTP report on file) All routines have been performed as scheduled and are within acceptable limits. There were no mechanical failures or alarms.

Updates- Kingsley Power Systems were at the WWTP to complete the bi- annual inspections of the generators at the plant, the Lift Station and WPH2. Repairs to the turbo boots and air filter replacement on the MTU Generator have been completed as well. Robert has been approved to take the NY Water Environment Association to take his 2 A Wastewater Operator Exam. The first quarter PFOA, PFOS, and 1.4 Dioxane sampling will be conducted on March 3, 2022. This was rescheduled due to illness.

Quarterly water meter reading has begun and the new belt clip transceiver from TI Sales has been received. A Teams meeting was held to start implementing the Neptune 360 Reading Software to facilitate data transmission to the water billing software at the clerk’s office. This will streamline the reading process while eliminating chances for mistakes in manually inputting readings into the current software.

A water leak was found on the 2” plastic service line for the WWTP. Stuyvesant Mechanical repaired the leak.

**Building Department/Code Enforcement Report**- Things are quiet for the moment. The Building Inspector is finishing up some items from last year and she is getting a lot of calls now for inspections. She is working with Trustee Larry Eleby on the Clean Energy an Climate Smart Resolutions and the Village will receive points that is part of a program that will receive credit for billing. Any questions can be directed to the Building Inspector or Trustee Eleby. She is also taking an Energy Code class at the end of the month.

**Clerk’s Report**- The Military Banner Program is up and running, the water bills will be going out for the April Water/Sewer Billing quarter and election day for two Trustees will be held on March 15, 2022 from 12 noon until 9:00 pm.

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

1. Use of the Gym for a Rabies Clinic
2. Chaos girl’s softball league
3. Dave Ames- Callan Park- Annual Baseball Camp
4. Northern Columbia Little League
5. Mark Leinung- Northern Columbia Softball League
6. Eastern New York Blackhawks, Inc.- ages 7-16 baseball
7. Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt

**Resolution #95** was made by Trustee Carter to approve all applications/requests. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

On a special note, the Mayor/Village Board presented a citation to Town of Kinderhook Highway Superintendent, John Ruchel for the hard work and dedication that the Town Highway puts in to keep the Village of Valatie residents safe during our most recent storms and all through the year. Mr. Ruchel explained to the Board that there certainly was a lot of snow this year and a lot of maintenance was done on the vehicles. He discussed paving roads for the coming season but it will all depend on the price per ton. He is also having a hard time finding employees especially those who have other skills other than just driving a truck. During the last ice storm, the Highway Department worked 25 hours straight and used 4,000 tons of salt which also equates to 3 ½ hours per plow hours.

Mayor Bevens also commented that the Highway Department also put the new playground equipment together for us last summer/fall. We are very lucky to have this department working for the Village.

Since this is the last Board of Trustees meeting for Trustee David Williams, the Mayor/Trustees and Staff of the Village presented Mr. Williams with a plaque ‘Thanking” him for his dedicated service to the Village of Valatie for the past 9 years. We wish him well in his future.

**Other Business**-(At 7:42 pm, a small reception/break was taken to celebrate Mr. Williams and Mr. Ruchel)

**Resolution #96** was made by Trustee Williams to approve the Fire Contract for the year with the Town of Kinderhook. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 97** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the use of the Senior Center for the Garden Club on April 12th from 1-3 pm. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 98** was made by Trustee Eleby to enter into Executive session at 8:05 pm to discuss matters before the Board. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #99** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit Executive session at 8:42 pm with no decisions being made. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution # 100** was made by Trustee Williams to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk/Treasurer