**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**DECEMBER 10, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

**BOARD MEMBERS**  **AUDIENCE**

Mayor Diane Argyle Chief Rustin Dolan

Deputy Mayor Frank Bevens Randall Schmit, Carol Williams

Trustee Angelo Nero Tom Barber, Peter Bujanow

Trustee Larry Eleby Lisa Hill

Trustee David Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.- absent- notified

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm. There was no public hearing.

**Resolution # 64** was made by Trustee Nero to approve the November 12, 2019 minutes. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 65** was made by Trustee Williams to approve claims 2019-7-# 275-315 for a total of $28,119.71 and $15,566.50 for off abstract bills. Total of all bills are $45, 823.14. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Public Comment**- Lisa Hill commented that Main Street was not cleared of snow quickly or done very well. She inquired if the Town or the State DOT cleared the street. Mayor Argyle stated that this time State DOT cleared the street but she was not satisfied with the job as well. She commented that she contacted them but also advised Ms. Hill to contact them as well. Carol Williams also stated that the street next to the Theater was also not taken care of very well. She asked if a sidewalk was going to be put in or at least a rail to hang on to. Mayor Argyle commented that before the sidewalk can be replaced, work on the Theater needs to be done first.

**Fire Department**- Chief Rustin Dolan reported that there were three calls since November. One set of turnout gear has been ordered and the air paks had their annual testing. Six bottles will need hydro- testing. Ladder testing is all that is left to do.

**Theater**- Tom Barber reported that they are waiting for 2 bids to come in for radiant floor heating to come in or duct work quotes. This will cost a lot of money either way and the he discussed some options with seating with the Board. The Theater had a successful “Frozen” program and the theater group wants to come back for some more programs. They are working on possibly having an “Ella Fitzgerald” program in February but the Theater is usually closed. They are working on the details if they will do this.

Peter Bujanow stated that the Village was awarded a grant of $4,000 to have a building condition survey done. The Village will need to put in a cost of $1,000 toward this grant. Mark Thaler would be able to do the survey in January and it would only take one day to do. Mayor Argyle asked whether changing the seats in the theater would compromise getting any Preservation grants in the future? Peter will speak to Mr. Thaler regarding that.

Tom stated that they have had little response to the “Buy a Brick” program.

**VERA**- Randall reported that Winter Walk is on Facebook and other locations. There will be some new people in the parade and Filli’s will have musical entertainment. The Senior Center will have face painting and Santa will be at the Theater.

**Parks**- no report

**Water/Sewer Department**- Mayor Argyle stated that health insurance went up about $100. The monthly report is on file in the clerk’s office.

We received a quote from PSS Pump Service and Supply of Troy, NY and Shrier- Martin Process Equipment to make a repair the back-up grinder. More quotes may be needed or at least proof of contacting other companies.

Well #4 was repaired and we are getting approximately 70,000 gallons of water a day. In January, new electric will be put in the pump house on wells 1 & 2.

**Clerk’s Office**- The clerk attended a class at the Gideon Putnam Hotel for EDRS regarding death certificates. The class was very informative. The clerk is looking for a message center to be placed outside the office entrance to display notices besides having notices posted on the front door. A wish list for donated items will be on the counter outside the clerk’s office to help out the Columbia- Greene Humane Society. Greg Seaman from the AARP tax program sent a letter asking to use the meeting room again this year to prepare taxes starting January 30th. The clerk will attend free training on record keeping in Latham, NY on January 7th sponsored by PERMA. A resolution is needed to hold the March elections and the clerk inquired about a “Youth Commission” that the Village use to have. Trustee Nero remembered this group but it was formed many years ago and has not been active in many years. BAS will be coming on January 14th to work on the water program.

**Resolution #66** was made by Trustee Bevens to hold the Village General election on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 pm at the Martin H. Glynn Building, 3211 Church Street, Valatie, NY 12184. Two Trustee positions will need to be filled. Each office to be filled will commence on April 1, 2020 for a two- year term. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Argyle stated that the Town is looking into building a YMCA on State Farm Road and they would like support from the Village. The Town does not currently own the land but they would need to ask the State to allow them to use it. A reverter clause would need to be placed in any agreement to allow the land to go back to the State if the building/land is not being used.

**Resolution # 67** was made by Trustee Bevens to support the Town of Kinderhook to pursue having a YMCA built on State Farm Road in Kinderhook, NY. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Senior Center**- still working on getting new lights put in.

**Highway**- The Town Highway Department asked if residents could please stay off the streets during a snow storm so they can clear the streets properly. A notice will be placed in the newsletter requesting that cars stay off the streets and also to clear snow away from fire hydrants.

**Building Department**- A resolution is needed to hire a deputy building inspector.

**Resolution # 68** was made by Trustee Bevens to hire Stephanie Caradine -Ruchel as the Deputy Building Inspector. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

Trustee Bevens commented that during the last storm, the National Guard, in conjunction with Emergency Management, helped shovel snow away from fire hydrants. Many Thanks to them.

Mayor Argyle gave a list of water shutoffs to the Board to review and to ask permission to do shutoffs.

**Resolution # 69** was made by Trustee Bevens to have the water department perform shutoffs of water to those residents who have not paid their bills. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Applications for MGH Building use**:

1. AARP
2. Philippine group to use the Senior Center for a Christmas party

**Resolution #70** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the above applications, Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #71** was made by Trustee Eleby to do a fact -finding mission regarding Climate change. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 72** was made by Trustee Eleby to enter into executive session to discuss a resident who has not paid their water bill. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #73** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session and to shut the water off of the Dugan residence, all in favor, carried.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution # 74** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, seconded by Trustee Bevens. All in favor, carried.

Respectfully,

Barbara Fischer, RMC

Village Clerk