

**VILLAGE OF VALATIE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JULY 11, 2023
6:30 PM**

Board members

Mayor Frank Bevens
Trustee Larry Eleby
Trustee Angelo Nero
Trustee Matthew Carter
Trustee Patrick Rodgers
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq. (absent- notified)
Clerk Barbara Fischer

Audience

Meg Todisco, Climate Smart
Randall Schmit, V.E.R.A.

Mayor Bevens opened the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution #7 was made by Trustee Carter to accept the minutes of June 13, 2023. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Resolution # 8 was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the abstract of monthly bills #2023-2024, #2-36 for a total of \$74,326.6. The total of off abstract of bills was \$92,418.95 for a total of \$166,245.56 for all bills for the month of July, 2023. Trustee Angelo Nero seconded the motion, none opposed, carried.

Climate Smart Task Force- (Full report attached to minutes) Chairperson Meg Todisco reported that there was a Heat Pump event held on June 24th. A very active question and answer exchange was held at this event which apparently was the only heat pump event held that month in Columbia County. The purpose of the event was to get 5 heat pump installations in the village to qualify for a \$5,000 award and to stand as part of a campaign to gain CEC points which can help reach the goal of 3,000 points. This would qualify us to receive another \$5,000 award. The next meeting of the committee will be Thursday, July 13th.

Parks- Trustee Rodgers attended the concert held across from the MHG building by the Valatie Theater. The event was well attended and there was a lot of positive feedback received. The Theater group is thinking of holding another event possibly in the fall and maybe holding two events next year. They are thinking about getting Porto-potties to rent for the next event(s). Trustee Rodgers and Trustee Carter are working with the Theater to acquire grant funding. The next meeting of the Theater will be at the end of August and possibly in the Senior Center.

LWRP- Trustee Rodgers stated that a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program survey will be added to the Village website which will address local waterway issues which would include water quality and public access issues. The focus is a Waterfront Revitalization area near the Kinderhook Creek and the Valatie Kill which runs along both the Village of Kinderhook and the

Village of Valatie. For more details, residents can access a link which will be on the Village of Valatie website.

Public Comment- Meg Todisco thanked Trustees Carter and Rodgers for working on grant funding for the Valatie Theater.

Fire Department- Mayor Bevins read the fire department monthly report in the absence of the Chief. The full report will be available in the Clerk's office.

V.E.R.A.- Randall Schmit reported that the Village Wide Tag Sale sign-up sheets are available in the Village office and the Show Pony Liquor Store on Main Street. Posters will be out soon.

Theater- no report other than what Trustees Carter and Rodgers reported previously. _____

Highway Department- no report

WWTP- (Full report on file in the Clerk's Office) The generator at the plant had a low coolant alarm and Kinsley Power Systems diagnosed the problem and determined that the coolant sensor had failed. The sensor has been replaced and a cooling system clean and flush had been performed on July 6.

New batteries were installed in the generator at the WWTP and the department met with the Village Engineer, Columbia County DOH and the State Department of Health officials to go over the filter cartridge install project for Well #3. After reviewing some punch list items and some disinfection and bacteria sampling, the engineer drafted a letter for final approval of the project. The Columbia County Health Department also completed the annual inspection of the Water System.

The second quarter meter readings were completed and only one meter needed to be replaced and has since been changed.

The leak on the water tower has been repaired and there were two patches welded on the North Tower (Steel Tank).

Ed and Everett attended a water/wastewater training on June 21, 2023 through NYRWA in Ghent. These classes are needed for contact hour training for license renewal.

Building Department- The Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer is very busy!

Clerk's Report- Taxes are done and we are collecting late payments now. We are also collecting the new quarter water bill payments and trying to work out some glitches with the new water program while comparing it to the old water system program. Historian Dominic Lizzi had a very informative article written up in the Times Union Newspaper on Governor Martin H. Glynn on June 25. Copies of the article are on the counter in front of the Clerk's Office. Great job Dominick!

Clerk Fischer asked for permission to attend the annual NYCOM Conference which is being held in Lake Placid the week of September 18-22. She applied for a scholarship and won one of three scholarships that were available throughout the state to attend.

Resolution # 9 was made by Trustee Nero for Clerk Fischer to attend the NYCOM Conference in Lake Placid, September 18-22. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

MHG/Callan Park Applications for use-

1. Kevin Beahn- Callan Park for his son's birthday party on September 10, 2023.
2. Town of Kinderhook Recreation Program- to hold some program days in the MHG building.
3. James Burnett- Callan Park use for his son's birthday party on August 17, 2023.
4. Kinderhook Basketball Association for use of the gym. A list of dates/times was provided.

Resolution # 10 was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve all applications, Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Mayor Bevens stated that the last food truck night was well attend and everyone enjoyed themselves.


Resolution #11 was made by Trustee Eleby to enter in to executive session at 7:01 pm to discuss matters before the Board. Trustee Rodgers seconded. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

Resolution #12 was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 7:19 pm. With no decisions being made. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

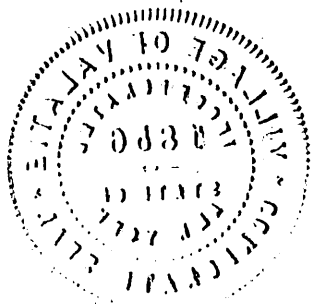
With no further business before the Board,

Resolution #13 was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Fischer
Village Clerk



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REPORT:

Water-Wastewater Department

Village of Valatie, NY

Submitted August 2023

Routines: All performed as scheduled. All results within acceptable limits.

Mechanical Failures/Alarms: nothing to report.

UPDATES:

- The village truck has been inspected, oil changed and tires were rotated.
- Met with Jeff Budrow from Westin and Sampson to go over grant application for upcoming water project. Jeff has reported the application has been completed and submitted for review.
- The department has completed punch list items for Well 3 Filter cartridge project and is awaiting final approval from NYSDOH and CCDOH to start up.
- The department received the Annual Inspection Report from Jamie Malcolm from NYSDEC for the WWTP. The plant received a Satisfactory rating.

NEW or CRITICAL ITEMS:

-The Steel Water Tower on Albany Ave has had a series of repairs. The first leak was in August of 2022 (1 patch), the second in June 2023 (2 patches), and the third in July 2023 (2 patches). In September of 2022 Statewide Aqua Store completed a video inspection of both tanks. It was determined the interior coating of the steel tank has failed and there are areas of rust and corrosion. The bolted steel tank inspection was also completed and received an overall rating of good condition. Although the Cathodic Protection System was determined to be in need of replacement. Inspection reports are available at the WWTP.

The department reached out to two tank coating companies for general quotations for reference. These are also available at the WWTP.

The department recommends at this time to start a project to recoat and repair the Welded Steel Standpipe on Albany Ave.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS OF INTEREST: