

Village of Valatie  
Board of Trustee Meeting  
August 12, 2025  
6:30 PM

**Board of Trustees**

Mayor Bevens  
Trustee Larry Eleby  
Trustee Patrick Rodgers  
Trustee Matthew Carter-Absent notified  
Trustee Amy Freinberg-Trufas  
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.  
Rebecca Daley-Village Clerk

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

**Resolution #19-** was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the minutes of July 8, 2025, meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

**Resolution #20-** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the abstract of bills-**2025-2026 - #70-135.** For a total of \$99,166.67. Off abstract of bills total \$227,931.53. Total bills are \$327,098.20. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Mayor Bevens explained why some of the bills were high this month. \$98,000.00 of the abstract of bills will be given back to the village from the Chips money that was submitted earlier this month.

**Public Comment-** Alex Knapp-Film Creator gave a presentation on his film called Claws. He will be directing the film during the months of September and October in the Town of Kinderhook.

**Parks-** The next River Street cleanup day will be September 20th and October 25<sup>th</sup>. The committee will start working on Pachaquack Park in the spring.

**Climate Smart-** The committee is working on grant proposals and will meet again in September.

**Fire Department-** None.

**VERA-** None

**Theater-** Jennifer Clark emailed Mayor Bevens a report on the theater. The theater held an outside concert presented by Hammerhead Horns. They had a big turnout. They also had a very good attendance at the Oliver Jr. show. Stranger Sings show will be this upcoming weekend.

The next Upcoming outdoor concert will be a Marichi band. This concert will be held on September 6, 2025, at 6pm.

**Highway-** A new 35-foot flagpole has been ordered and will be installed on the hill near Barnwell Nursing Home. The Town Highway Department will be installing the base for the pole. The Village Fire Department will also help with the installation.

**WWTP Report-** Report is on file.

After further review, the village would like to implement a \$50.00 fee to all Final water reads.

**Resolution #21-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to charge a \$50.00 fee for Final water reads. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Building Department Report-** Stephanie has been working with Trustee Freinberg-Trufas and her nephew Andrew Freinberg on an Emergency preparedness plan for the village.

**Clerk Report-** The office is working on sending out second notices to residents that are delinquent on their 2025 village tax bills.

**MHG Applications & Callan Park-**Kevin Beahn has requested the use of Callan Park on September 6, 2025, for a birthday party.

**Resolution #22-**was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the use of Callan Park. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Mindy Becker has requested the use of Callan Park on August 31, 2025, from 12-4pm for a birthday party.

**Resolution #23-**was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve the use of Callan Park. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Cindy Forbes has requested the use of Callan Park for a small memorial service on September 16, 2025, at 1pm.

**Resolution # 24-** was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the use of Callan Park. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Aaron Perry requested the use of MHG gym for Karate Lessons from September 16th through June 11,2026. Tuesdays and Thursday from 6-8pm.

**Resolution # 25-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve the use of MHG Gym. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

#### **Other Business-**

The cost of trash and recycling continues to increase. After looking at the cost the board has decided to increase the price of the stickers as follows:

-15 Gallon trash stickers will increase from \$2 to \$3.

-33 Gallon trash stickers will increase from \$3 to \$5.

-Bin stickers will increase from \$70 to \$80.

**Resolution # 26-** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the increase in trash stickers. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #27-** was made by Trustee Eleby to enter an executive session to discuss matters before the board at 7:26pm. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #28-** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 7:41pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

With no further business to discuss.

**Resolution #29-** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 7:42. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Rebecca Daley



Village Clerk