

Village of Valatie
Tentative Budget Hearing/Organizational Meeting
April 09, 2024
6:30 PM

Board members

Mayor Frank Bevens
Trustee Larry Eleby
Trustee Patrick Rodgers
Trustee Matthew Carter
Trustee Amy Freinberg-Trufas
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.- absent, notified
Barbara A. Fischer- Village Clerk

Audience

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

Mayor Bevens welcomed “new” Board member Amy Freinberg-Trufas who had been on the Board once before.

The mayor opened the Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget at 6:31 pm for discussion with the Trustees. He stated that they were able to give out some raises and increased some line items. With no questions from the Board, the mayor asked to close the Public Hearing at 6:33 pm.

Resolution # 84 was made by Trustee Eleby to close the Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget at 6:33 pm, seconded by Trustee Carter. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Resolution # 85 was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the Tentative Budget as the Final Budget. Trustee Rodgers seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

The Board moved forward with the Organizational meeting at 6:34 pm.

Resolution # 86 was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Resolution # 87 was made by Trustee Carter to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

Resolution #88 was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the abstract of bills 2023-2024- #11-517-564 for a total of \$137,113.94. Off abstract of bills total \$19395.30. Total of all bills are \$156,509.24. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Climate Smart- Trustee Carter stated that Meg Todisco resigned as coordinator of the Climate Smart Committee last week. He is hoping that another member of the committee will step up to take the lead. He is not sure if this committee will be around next year.

Parks-Trustee Rodgers commented that the River Sweep Cleanup went very well. There will be more days in May and June.

Mayor Bevens commented that the Basketball hoops have been ordered and should be delivered soon. Bernie Kelleher can do the striping of the court for \$350 if the Board would approve that.

Resolution # 89 was made by Trustee Carter to approve Bernie Kelleher to do the paint striping of the basketball court at Callan Park. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Public Comment- no audience in attendance

Fire Department Report- Chief Loeffler gave the monthly fire department report which is on file in the clerk's office. There were 8 calls in the month of March. There was another malicious pull alarm at Barnwell and this will be forwarded to the Building Inspector per the Fire Alarm Law.

There will be an Open House at the fire station on April 13th from 8:00 am- 1:00 pm.

V.E.R.A.- no report

Theater- Trustee Rodgers stated that the Energy Audit will take place on Wednesday.

Highway- no report

WWTP- (full report on file)- All routines were performed as scheduled and all results are within limits. Well 3 is down for repair. Smith Controls was able to locate a used power supply in the meantime to get the PLC back up and running. This equipment is obsolete and in need of replacement and should be included as part of the water project.

Statewide Aqua Store is scheduled to complete repairs on the bolted tank the week of June 26th. New rods, tank cleaning and resealing will be completed. At this time, the water tank is offline.

Completed Lead Service Line Surveys are being turned in on a regular basis.

The Steel Water Tower on Albany Ave has had a series of repairs. The steel tank has failed and there are areas of rust and corrosion. The department reached out to two tank coating companies for general quotations for reference and are available at WWTP. The department recommends starting a project to recoat and repair the Welded Steel Standpipe on Albany Avenue.

Building Dept.-She's busy.

Clerk Report- Military Banners are still available for purchase. Please spread the word.

Applications for MHG-

1. NCLL-

Resolution #90 was made by Trustee Carter to approve, seconded by Trustee Eleby. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

2. Dave Ames baseball camp-

Resolution # 91 was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve, seconded by Trustee Carter.

3. NC Softball League-

4. **Resolution #92** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to approve, seconded by Trustee Carter, all in favor, none opposed, carried.
5. Girl Scouts Gaga Ball Pit- asked that the troop come back at the May 14, 2024 meeting to explain what this is.
6. Pickleball court- the Board will approve paying for 38 % only.

Other business-

The Appointments for 2024-2025 were reviewed by the Board and the Clerk read through the resolutions regarding the official newspaper, mileage reimbursement, etc. Both are on file in the Clerk's office. (Resolutions 93-99).

A resignation letter was received from Meg Todisco resigning from the Climate Smart Task Force Coordinator.

A resignation letter was received from Meg Todisco resigning from the Planning Board.

Resolution # 100 was made by Trustee Eleby to accept the resignation of Meg Todisco from the Village Planning Board. Trustee Rodgers seconded with thanks for all Meg did for that Board.

Resolution # 101 was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to appoint Rebecca Smith to replace the expired term of Alicia Everett on the Village Planning Board. Trustee Rodgers seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Resolution # 102 was made by Trustee Carter to appoint Dave Malsan to fill in the rest of the term of Meg Todisco on the Village Planning Board. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, carried.

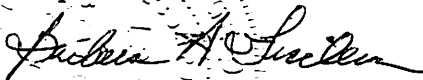
Resolution #103 was made by Trustee Eleby to enter into executive session to discuss matters before the Board at 7:22 pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Resolution #104 was made by Trustee Rodgers to exit executive session at 7:33 pm with no decisions being made. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

With no further business to discuss,

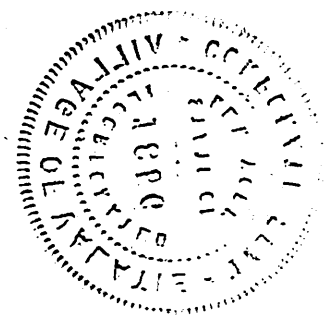
Resolution #105 was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm. Trustee Carter seconded; all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Fischer
Village Clerk

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Village of Valatie
2024-2025
Appointments

April 9, 2024

Appointments 2024-2025

Deputy Mayor	Tr. Elbey
Clerk/Treasurer	Barbara A. Fischer
Deputy Clerk	Rebecca Daley
Tax Collector	Barbara A. Fischer
Registrar of Vital Statistics	Barbara A. Fischer
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	Rebecca Daley, Stephanie Caradine-Ruchel
Regular Mtgs To Be Held	2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm unless otherwise noticed
Official Newspaper	Columbia Paper & Register Star
Official Depository	Bank of Greene County
Budget Committee	Mayor Bevens, Bookkeeper, Bd. Of Trustees, Clerk
Bookkeeper	Maureen Seel
Building Inspector / Code Enforcement	Stephanie Caradine-Ruchel
Village Attorney	Robert Fitzsimmons
Village Engineer	CPL, Weston & Sampson
Village Historian	Dominick Lizzi
Village Electrician	Stuyvesant Mechanical
Planning Board Chairman	John Bryan
ZBA Chairman	Ann Schaefer
Cable Television / Cell Towers Contracts	Rob Fitzsimmons
Community Improvement	Mayor Bevens, Tr. Freinberg-Trufas
Fire Commissioners	Mayor Bevens, Tr. Eleby
Fire Chief	Joseph H. Loeffler
1st Assist. Fire Chief	Rustin Dolan
2nd Assist. Fire Chief	Philip Martel
Highway	Mayor Bevens, Tr. Eleby
Liaison- PB/ZBA	Mayor Bevens, Stephanie Caradine-Ruchel
Liaison to Bldg. Inspector	Mayor Bevens, Clerk Fischer
Liaison to Assessor	Mayor Bevens, Clerk Fischer, Stephanie Ruchel(Bldg. Insp.)
Memorial Day Committee	Tr. Eleby, Tr. Freinberg-Trufas
Parks - Callan	Mayor Bevens, Tr. Eleby

Village Valatie
 2024-2025
 Appointments

Parks - River St. and Paq	Tr. Rodgers, Nathan Becker, Tr. Carter
Technolgy	Mayor Bevens, TR. Carter
PB/ZBA Clerk	Kathleen Frances
Public Relations	Mayor Bevens, Dominic Lizzi
Senior Center Committee	Mayor Bevens, Tr. Freinberg-Trufas
Senior Center Director	Irene Morrissey
Senior Center Asst. Director	Open
Climate Committee Liason	Tr. Carter
Senior Liason	Irene Morrissey
Solar / Lighting Committee	Tr. Eleby, Tr. Rodgers
Theatre Committee	Mayor Bevens, Tr. Carter, Tr. Eleby
VERA Liason	Randall Schmit
Youth Committee	Mayor Bevens, Tr. Freinberg-Trufas
Sewer & Water	Mayor Bevens, Tr. Rodgers

Empowered to sign checks in
 absence or inability of either the
 Mayor or Clerk/Treasurer

Tr. ~~Eleby~~ *Eleby*

REPORT:

Water-Wastewater Department

Village of Valatie, NY

Submitted April 2024

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

Mechanical Failures/Alarms:

-Well 3 is down for repair. We had an alarm call for Well 3 pump failure. It was determined by Smith Well Drilling that one leg of the 3 phase power was drawing 28 amps. This was extremely high and was not allowing the soft start to work properly. A new motor has been delivered and we are waiting for a new length of stainless steel to be threaded and returned to Smith Well Drilling for installation. There is a noticeable loss of pumping rate with the well. After the motor is repaired a measure of draw down and static well levels will be completed. This will determine if cleaning of the well is necessary. See update below.

UPDATE: parts are here. Waiting for a dry period to get pump truck back to the well field to complete repairs.

-**UPDATE.** The water system control cabinet has been repaired. Smith Controls were able to locate a used power supply to get the PLC back up and running. This equipment is obsolete and in need of replacement. This should be a part of the upcoming water project.

UPDATES:

-Statewide Aqua Store is scheduled to complete repairs on the bolted steel tank the week of June 26th. Also new anode rods, tank cleaning and resealing will be completed. At this time the water tower is offline.

-First quarter water readings have been completed and dead meters have been tagged for replacement.

-Completed Lead Service Line Surveys are being returned on a regular basis. The department appreciates the help with getting this done.

-Water shut offs for non-payment have been completed. All accounts have been paid.

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.

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