VILLAGE OF VALATIE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT ABSENT AUDIENCE

Mayor Diane Argyle Angelo Nero, notified 7 residents

Trustee Frank Bevens 2 reporters

Trustee Phil Bickerton

Trustee David Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Assistant Fire Chief Rustin Dolan

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution # 45 was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2015 meeting as presented. Trustee Bickerton seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 46 was made by Trustee Bickerton to pay claims #2015-04, #133-174 for a total of $28,001.36. Trustee Williams seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business**-

**Fire Department**- Assistant Chief Rustin Dolan gave the fire department report for September with 7 calls, 2 drills and no company details. One (1) firefighter graduated from the NYS Firefighter 1 Course. The Fire Company will be hosting a Chicken BBQ on November 11th. This will be for take- out orders only. The full fire department report is on file in the Clerk’s Office.

**Theater**- No report other than the door has not been fixed as of yet.

**Parks/Landscape**- none

**Water/Sewer/Delaware Engineering**- Dan O’Rourke has left Delaware Engineering. His replacement is Hunt Treadwell. Work is still ongoing at the plant and Paul Warner has been in contact with the Department of Health. Well #3 is back on line as an emergency backup and the Mayor will ask to be taken off the moratorium.

**V.E.R.A**. - The Artisan Fair will be held on October 10th from 11:00 am- 5:00 pm. More artisan’s are signing up every day.

**American Flags on Main Street**- A resident of the Village has asked that the American Flag might be taken down during the time when the hanging baskets are on display on Main Street because it is hard to see the baskets at times. The Board as well as other audience members were against doing this and therefore it was declined. The flower baskets are generally on display from around Memorial Day until Veteran’s Day.

The Mayor asked if someone would be willing to raise and lower the American Flag in front of the Village Hall when it is deemed appropriate by the Governor. It is sometimes unfortunately forgotten to be done and she would like someone to take care of doing this.

**Penalties forgiven**- Ralph Pesce sent a letter to the Board asking for relief for some water/sewer bill penalties. His attorney Sean Lally advised Mr. Pesce not to discuss anything with the Board until he, Mr. Lally, had a chance to review the paperwork. Mr. Pesce decided to discuss the bills with the Board anyway and gave the Board a copy of a payment plan he felt he could afford. The Board discussed the payment program Mr. Pesce was already on that he was not keeping up to date. With more discussion, the Board decided to grant Mr. Pesce a one- time relief of penalties totaling $3,361.94. Mr. Pesce is to pay $5,000 for a first payment of his total bill by September 30th which is $9,165.08. The amount left to pay after the penalty relief has been given, will be $5,803.14. He will need to pay 20% of the balance left by October 15th as well as his current water bill or his water will be shut off. Mr. Pesce needs to pay 20% of the balance due each month by the 15th until the entire amount is paid in full. Mr. Pesce and the Board agreed to these terms.

Resolution # 47 was made by Trustee Bevens to waive penalties in half of Mr. Pesces’ water/sewer bill for a total of $ 3,361.94 and a first payment of $5,000 due by September 30th with 20% of the balance due each month until the bill is paid in full. Trustee Williams seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Traffic Tickets**-

The Board reviewed the proposed traffic ticket law with attorney Rob Fitzsimmons and made corrections and/or additions to be brought before a Public Hearing to be held before the next Board of Trustees meeting on October 20th at 7:00 pm.

Resolution #48 was made by Trustee Bevens to have Mr. Fitzsimmons make the necessary changes/additions discussed here at the Board meeting and to have this set up for a Public Hearing before the October 20th Board of Trustees meeting at 7:00 pm. Trustee Bickerton seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor mentioned that Main Street will have the lines painted during the week ahead.

Trustee Bevens and Trustee Bickerton will approach Mr. Porreca regarding trimming the bushes along his property that are blocking the view of oncoming traffic.

**Clerk update**- Working on the new water/sewer program and have discovered some items that need to be corrected before the new program can be implemented. Hoping for a January 2016 launch of the new water/sewer program.

Collecting for Warmth for Warriors Veterans Program in the clerk’s office as well as taking donations of certain items for struggling Veterans.

**Senior Center**- Trustee Bevens received a quote to have the striping of the parking lot lines done at the Senior Center as well as Merwin Lane and areas next to the church so residents will park correctly when visiting the Farmer’ s Market and any other event at the Park across from the Village Hall.

Resolution #49 was made by Trustee Bickerton to spend the $350.00 to have the striping of lines done on the appropriate areas named. Trustee Williams seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Next year the Board will look into having all Village crosswalks repainted and get on a schedule to have this done periodically.

**Cameras**- Trustee Bevens looked for two quotes to have cameras put in place along Main Street. S & F Communications gave a quote of $16,901.40 and he tried to get a quote from Garnet Technologies. That company felt the project was too small for them to give a quote. He also received a proposal from Don Mackey to install them with a cost of materials at $1,500.00 and Labor at $2,500.00.

Resolution #50 was made by Trustee Williams that once the paper work was received by DCJS, the paperwork should be completed and the cameras should be put up. Trustee Bickerton seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 51 was made by Trustee Williams to have cameras placed around the Senior Center at a cost of approximately $10,000 in the 2016 budget year. Trustee Bickerton seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Bevens stated that a crosswalk sign for Church Street will be placed by the Town Highway crew and a second crosswalk will be eliminated. No parking signs will be placed again on New Street as well.

**Communications /Applications for MHG Building-**

The Board discussed the “Additional Rules Governing Use of Facilities by Community Groups” for the MHG Building. A list of rules will be on file in the clerk’s office.

Resolution # 52 was made by Trustee Bickerton to allow the Eastern New York Blackhawks to use the gym every Sunday starting October 18th. Trustee Bevens seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 53 was made by Trustee Bevens to allow the Board of Elections to hold the primary election on 9/10/15 and the general election on 11/3/15. Trustee Bickerton seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 54 was made by Trustee Bevens to allow the Kinderhook Democratic Committee to use the courtroom on the 2nd and 3rd Thursday until Election day. Trustee Bickerton seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 55 was made by Trustee Bevens to allow the Twin Rivers Council Cub Scout/Boy Scout groups to use the MHG Building on October 20 from 6:30- 8:00 pm. Trustee Williams seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 56 was made by Trustee Bevens to allow the Kinderhook Home School Group use the MHG Building for a theater production as long as they receive the go ahead from the Town as wellsince it was tabled at the Town Board meeting. Trustee Bickerton seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 57 was made by Trustee Bevens to accept the resignation of Jason Nastke from the Zoning Board of Appeals and to appoint Diana Van Alstyne to fill this position for a three month term and to advertise for the position. Trustee Williams seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comment**-

Carol Williams stated that a house across from the fire house has a tarp on its’ roof that looks like it will blow off soon. She asked that someone at least contact the owner so it does not blow off in front of traffic.

The Board received some information regarding passing a resolution for Climate Change but no information has been received yet. The Board will wait until the October meeting to pass a resolution.

Trustee Bickerton stated that he attended a workshop sponsored by Catholic Charities regarding Heroine addiction. He asked the Board to keep it in mind to possibly hold a workshop here in the Village. He will find out more information to conduct the workshop from Catholic Charities.

Resolution # 58 was made by Trustee Bevens to enter into executive session at 9:04 pm to discuss personnel and any other business before the Board. Trustee Bickerton seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 59 was made by Trustee Bevens to come out of executive session at 9:40 pm, seconded by Trustee Williams, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution # 60 was made by Trustee Bevens authorizing the Mayor to start and sign any paperwork for a cafeteria plan through our accounting firm or appropriate office. Trustee Williams seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Bevens noted that he is looking into getting a no interest loan to work on the floor in the apparatus bay at the fire house. More details to come at a later date.

With no further business to discuss,

Resolution # 61 was made by Trustee Williams to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm, seconded by Trustee Bevens, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk/Treasurer