

**Village of Valatie
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 12, 2024
6:30 PM**

Board members

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

Audience

Meg Todisco, Carol Williams
Barbara Nero, Craig Hancock,
Chief Joe Loeffler, Donna Welton
Deb Bevens

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

Mayor Bevens stated that this was Trustee Angelo Nero's last Board meeting before the election that will be held on March 19th. Angelo has decided not to run for the position of Trustee again and to finally retire. The mayor thanked Angelo for everything he has done for the Village and for the 43 years he served as coroner.

Resolution #74 was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

Resolution #75 was made by Trustee Carter to approve the abstract of bills 2023-2024- #10-478-516 for a total of \$20,799.43. Off abstract of bills total \$4978.38. Total all bills are \$25,777.81 Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Climate Smart- (Meg Todisco)- The application for the energy audit has been approved. Donna Welton stated that they will be holding some events in April, May and June. The plant material has been ordered and they will do the rest of the planting in June. Meg stated that she received an email from Tara and the State has been looking at funding through NYSERDA. They will get everything submitted that has already been completed to get any future funding.

Parks-The mayor received a quote for new basketball hoops for Callan Park at a total of \$5,954.

Resolution # 76 was made by Trustee Carter to approve purchasing the basketball hoops for Callan Park at the price of \$5,954.00 Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Resolution # 77 was made by Trustee Eleby to allow 5 kids from the Village of Valatie to attend the Town of Kinderhook Summer camp at a total of \$200 per child. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Public Comment- none

Fire Department Report- Chief Loeffler gave the monthly fire department report which is on file in the clerk's office. There were 14 calls in the month of February. There was one fire alarm activation at Barnwell Nursing Home on February 6th which was a malicious pull alarm by the

Est Stairwell Door. This will be given to the Building Inspector to add to the list of Fire Alarms per Village Law.

New mobile radios were installed in the new Command Vehicle. This was paid for by the fire department fund drive. The cost was \$9700.

A quote was received for 3 sets of turnout gear and 3 helmets at a total of \$11,228.91. A quote was also received for repair to the ladder truck at \$28,000 which may be closer to \$30,000. The mayor suggested using ARPA money to pay for these items.

Resolution # 78 was made by Trustee Eleby to pay for the turnout gear and helmets with ARPA money. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

V.E.R.A.- no report

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They are working on Grant money with the Council on the Arts to support Theater projects. The State changed the payment to a set amount.

Thank you to the Climate Smart Committee for getting the Energy Audit. Hopefully they will get a NYSCA Capital Grant in April for replacing the roof.

Highway- Brush pickup will start April 15-June 3rd. In the meantime, residents can drop off any brush behind the Highway Garage.

Sidewalk Committee-The purchase of trees need to be done this year at a cost of \$6,475.

Resolution # 79 was made by Trustee Carter to replace the trees once the sidewalk repairs have been done at a total cost of \$6,475. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

WWTP- (full report on file)- All routines were performed as scheduled and all results are within limits. Well 3 is down for repair due to an alarm call for Well 3 pump failure. Smith Well Drilling was called in to look at this. The water control cabinet at the WWTP failed. Smith Control was called in. Statewide Aqua Store is scheduled to complete repairs on the bolted steel tank in June. The department had a meeting with Weston & Sampson, the mayor and Trustee Eleby in regard to the upcoming water project.

First quarter readings have been done and the Lead surveys have been mailed out. A meter was replaced at 4202 Oak Drive.

The newest water tower has a leak in it and the electrodes in the bottom are bad and need to be resealed at a cost of \$72,900.

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Clerk Report- Election is March 19, 2024 from noon to 9 pm. The Kiwanis Club is looking for new members. They will be holding a meeting to recruit new members at the Kinderhook library.

Applications for MHG-none

Other business-

May 18th will be trash day for our Village and will be picked up at the curb.

Verizon will no longer put a cell tower on the Village water towers. They do a stand alone tower now and there is not enough room by our water tower to set one up. The Town of Kinderhook is ok with putting one up at the MHG Building yard.

Resolution #81 was made by Trustee Eleby to enter into executive session to discuss matters before the Board at 7:10 pm. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Resolution #82 was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 7:18 pm with no decisions being made. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

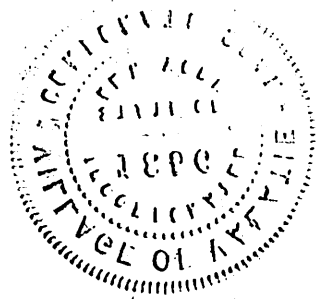
With no further business to discuss,

Resolution #83 was made by Trustee Nero to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Fischer
Village Clerk



REPORT:

Water-Wastewater Department

Village of Valatie, NY

Submitted March 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 three 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.

-The water control cabinet at the WWTP has failed. It has been determined that the power supply of the Allen Bradley controller has failed. Smith Control Systems are doing their best to find a solution to get us up and running. The water system control system will be replaced as part of the upcoming water project. But we need to repair the current control system so we can return to automatic operation.

UPDATES:

-Statewide Aqua Store is scheduled to complete repairs on the bolted steel tank in June. Also new anode rods, tank cleaning and resealing will be completed. Now that the weather is warming up, the tower will be placed back into service. This will help with pump run times and storage.

-The department had a good meeting with Weston and Sampson, the Mayor and Trustee Eleby in regards to the upcoming water project. More updates to follow.

-First quarter water readings have begun.

-Lead Service Line Surveys have been sent out by mail to all water users.

-Replaced meter at 4202 Oak Drive.

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: