**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MONTHLY MEETING**

**November 08, 2022**

**Board Members Audience**

Mayor Frank Bevens Meg Todisco Climate Smart TF

Trustee Matthew Carter Fire Chief Joe Loeffler

Trustee Larry Eleby Randall Schmit

Trustee Angelo Nero- absent, notified

Trustee Patrick Rodgers

Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons

Clerk Barbara Fischer

Mayor Bevens opened the Public Hearing with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm

for Local Law #1 of 2022 for; “A Local Law to provide for the Codification of the Local Laws, Ordinances and Certain Resolutions of the Village of Valatie into Municipal Code to be designated the Code of the Village of Valatie”.

Mayor Bevens opened the Public Hearing for any comments from the audience and there were none.

Mayor Bevens closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 pm and started the monthly meeting.

**Resolution #46** was made by Trustee Carter to issue a negative declaration for purposes of SEQR for Local Law # 1 of 2022 for the Codification of the Local Laws, Ordinances and Certain Resolutions of the Village of Valatie Municipal Code. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Eleby to Adopt Local Law #1 of 2022 to provide for the Codification of the Local Laws, Ordinances and Certain Resolutions of the Village of Valatie into a Municipal Code to be designated the “Code of the Village of Valatie.” Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 47** was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the minutes of October 11, 2022 as presented. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 48** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the abstract of bills 2022-2023, #6-234-269 for a total of $48,408.22. The off abstract of bills totaled $12,975.71. Grand total of all bills is $61,383.93. Trustee Carter seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 49** was by Trustee Eleby to adopt a new Harassment Policy for the Village of Valatie. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 50** was made by Trustee Eleby for Consent and Authorization for the Dissolution of the Local Development Corporation. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Main Street**- no report

**Climate Smart**- Climate Smart Task Force Coordinator, Meg Todisco, stated that the committee met on October 26th.  The next meeting will be on November 30th to complete their review. Audrey will write up a list of recommendations for a feasibility study. There was discussion on developing a forestry or tree planting project.

**Parks**- no report

**Public Comment**- none

**Fire Department Report**- (On file in clerk’s office)- Chief Joe Loeffler gave his report for the month of November 2022 for October 2022;

There were 6 calls in October and one Malfunctioning Fire Alarm at the Little Falls Kinder Center. The company purchased 60- volt Dewalt battery operated saws and scene lights from Bulldog Fire Apparatus for $3865. The cost will be offset by using $600 for the truck Bond and $1000 form the Fire Alarm Fines from Barnwell. New member Ed Zaik was voted in as an active firefighter at the last meeting.

**VERA**- Randall Schmit reported that VERA is gearing up for Winter Walk on December 10 from 5- 9 pm. Santa’s location will need to be decided upon. The Valatie sign at the end of Main Street by the 203 bridge is still being worked on with the company and the old sign will be coming down soon hopefully. VERA will soon be merging with the Valatie Now group. Shop Small will take place on November 26th and a Proclamation will be read by Mayor Bevens in front of the new business LDTK at 10:30 am in honor of the yearly Shop Small business program.

**Resolution # 51** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the 2022 Winter Walk budget with VERA in the amount of $3,685.00. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Theater**- no report

**WWTP**- Report is on file in the clerk’s office and will be attached to the minutes.

Well #4 had a motor failure at WPH 2. The motor was replaced along with the pump shaft by Smith Well Drilling. The third quarter meter readings were completed, 5 accounts were tagged for meter repair. Kingsley Power Systems serviced the generators at the WWTP, the Lift Station and WPH 2. A new exterior flood light was installed at WPH 1. Statewide Aquastore completed their comprehensive inspection of the bolted water tower and a visual inspection of the steel tank water tower. The welded steel tank was found to have corrosion on the sidewalls of the tank where the repair was done in September. Please see attached report for full report.

**Building Department/ Code Enforcement Officer**- no report other than she is very busy.

**Highway Department**- Mayor Bevens and Highway Superintendent Ruchel met with the paving company representatives who were supposed to do paving in the village this year. The company agreed to charge this year’s paving price for next year and will not go any higher than the current pricing for 2022. If the price is lower than the current price, that is a good thing for the Village. The Village will need to just sign on with this company for next year’s paving.

**Clerk**- The Mayor/Board received a “Thank You” from the Knights of Columbus for use of the electronic sign to post a notice of the Annual Yard sale that was held at St. John the Baptist Church. The water billing for October has been completed and now we are collecting penalties for any residents who have not paid during October. If residents do not pay by the end of November, a notice will be sent out the first week of December to those who have not paid their bill for the past two quarters. They will have 10 days from the date of the letter to pay without additional penalties added. If the bill is still not paid, water will be shut off at those residences. An administrative fee and turn off/on charges will also apply. The election notice for the 2023 Election for Mayor and 2 Trustees will be noticed in the paper by November 21, 2022.

**MHG Applications**- none

**Resolution #52** was made by Trustee Rodgers to enter into executive session to discuss matters before the Board at 7:34 pm. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #53** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 8:00 pm with no decisions made. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #54** was made by Trustee Carter to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk