**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**MAY 12, 2020**

**TELECONFERENCE**

**Attendance/Roll Call**

Mayor Diane Argyle

Trustee Frank Bevens

Trustee Larry Eleby

Trustee Angelo Nero

Trustee David Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq. (entered late due to another mtg.)

Roll call was taken by Mayor Argyle.

**Resolution #121** was made by Trustee Bevens and seconded by Trustee Eleby to approve the minutes of April 14th and April 20th. All in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 122** was made by Trustee Williams to pay claims 2019-#12- #484-522 for a total of $28,861.41 and $6,895.81 for off abstract bills. Total of all bills= $35,757.22. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Argyle discussed the Organizational Meeting list for appointments for 2020-2021.

**Resolution # 123** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve all appointments for the year 2020-2021. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Mayors Report**- Mayor Argyle reported that the Children’s Summer Program has been cancelled for the summer, Garbage pick-up day is May 16th and the Library has asked if the Village would sponsor remote activities for the Library during this COVID-19 pandemic since they are not open to the public. The Board was ok with sponsoring the Library.

Columbia County Economic Development Grants- Mayor Argyle state that she handed out paper work to about 95% of the businesses on Main Street who may benefit from a small business grant.

Only one customer has asked for forgiveness on paying their water bill late. The request was not asked until a few days after the bill was to be paid without penalty. The Board stated they would like to wait to see if there are any more requests before they grant relief.

Mayor Argyle stated that Tru Green will be spraying weed prevention between May 21st-May 26th throughout theVillage.

The mayor called State DOT to see if they would be starting the paving on the roads but she was informed that due to lack of staff due to the virus, they cannot start yet but it is still on their agenda.

**Water/Sewer report**- (report on file in clerk’s office)

Wells 1 & 2 are now hooked up to power from the WWTF. Now there will be a backup of power for the first time in case of a power outage. The new lift station generator has been installed and is operational. The old unit will be dealt with after the pandemic subsides. Another spot will be dug for well #1.

There are possibly 2 people interested in the Sewer Plant position that was advertised. We are waiting to see if the second person sends in an application.

Both Paul and Ed are doing split shifts at the moment during this pandemic to reduce any health risks.

**Other business**-

AT & T is working on their cell site on top of the water tower and the work will be completed by the end of the week hopefully.

The State sent the AIM money which was over $9,000. The mayor stated that she did not put this money in the budget so it will be carried over to next year.

The Board voted aye on setting the end of the year meeting for May 28th at 6:00 pm. This will again be a teleconference.

There will be phases before the businesses and the Village office re-open. There will be a conference call through Columbia County regarding this.

Trustee Bevens stated that Quick Response sanitized the fire house and the fire trucks at no cost. A big Thank You to them for doing this!! Mayor Argyle also stated that they will also be sanitizing the Senior Center and the Village office.

The tax bills have arrived and will be going out by the end of the month.

Any projects that were scheduled before the pandemic are now on hold. The Pavilion Project will be pushed back until at least the end of the summer but the Resource Grant for Pachaquack is still on-going. The Kayak project has been lost due to the pandemic though. We are not sure if the Parks will open back up this year at all.

The Main Street sidewalks still need work done and we are looking to expand the areas by the trees to give them more water space. The first phase of the project will cost around $20,000. Work will get done depending on the amount of tax money that comes in. The sales tax money we received was larger than anticipated and this will help toward this project.

The Village Election will now be held on September 15th according to Governor Cuomo but this could change again.

**V.E.R.A**.- The only event planned for now is Winter Walk but we will need to see by the end of the year if this will happen.

Movie Night is probably not going to happen now but we will wait and see.

Hiring another deputy clerk has been placed on hold and we are not sure yet on any opening up of the Senior Center as of yet.

Rob Fitzsimmons joined the meeting at 7:31 pm. Mayor Argyle asked Rob if there is any problem in hiring another person for the Sewer Plant at this time? The Village is free to hire essential services and interview using precautions.

Some parts of the Capital Region will be opening up soon. The Board discussed having a regular end of year meeting using social distancing but they will take that into consideration.

With nothing further to discuss,

**Resolution # 124** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Fischer

Village Clerk