**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**May 9, 2017**

**7:00PM**

**PRESENT** **ABSENT** **AUDIENCE**

Mayor Diane Argyle Trustee Larry Eleby 1st Assistant Chief R. Dolan

Trustee Frank Bevens 1 resident, 1 reporter

Trustee David Williams Randall Schmit

Trustee Angelo Nero

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Resolution # 282** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the April 11, 2017 minutes as presented. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #283** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve claims 2017-12-#555-601 for a total of $34,306.79 and $13,567.25 for off abstract bills for a total of all bills of $47,874.04.

Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Public Comment**-none. Mayor Argyle mentioned that the Boys Scouts were having a presentation for Eagle Scout on June 3rd at the Woodlawn Cemetery that she and Historian Dominic Lizzi will be attending.

**Fire Department**-

Chief Rustin Dolan presented the report (On file in the Clerk’s Office). During the month of April the fire department responded to 8 calls, 2 drill sand 1 work detail. The fire department is looking for some new members. See any current member for an application or check their

Facebook page. There will be a chicken b-b-que on Thursday, June 15th from 4-6:30 pm. Presale tickets are $10.00. There will also be a boot drive on July 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Theater**-no report other than we will be getting a quote from Chuck Rothermel to put in a sidewalk next to the theater.

Trustee Williams stated that there is a small section of sidewalk across from Shooters that has never been completed, only a little bit of blacktop. Some other areas that need to be addressed for sidewalks are on New Street near Hoffman’s, Mechanic Street in front of Dolans, near 1028 Kinderhook Street and near Gamello’s Barber Shop. He asked whether the trees on Main Street will be taken out. This will be looked into as well as putting in LED lights.

**Parks**-

There was more discussion regarding the work to be done at the pavilion at Callan Park and the gazebo at Pachaquack Park. Trustee Bevens will contact contractors.

There has been ongoing discussion regarding taking out the island near Barnwell. The mayor asked for ideas for a replacement if this proceeds. The area that sticks out into the road will also be addressed.

**Cell Tower Leases**- The Mayor spoke to Seth Aiken from the cellular lease company again regarding the leases for the cell tower. The lease is worth over $700,000 now. Mayor Argyle appointed a committee of Trustee Eleby and Trustee Williams to look into this further. We need to define what we want and do an RFP (Request for Proposal) to see if there will be a new lease, monthly or yearly payments and how much would go to the Village and how much would go to the cell lease purchasing company per a contract. Mayor Argyle also mentioned that she was not happy with Viridian and would like to look into other options, maybe solar.

We currently pay a $1900 maintenance contract with National Grid. Our Village Street light bill is over $3,000 a month. The Mayor is looking into getting grant money and having the Village own the LED lights and purchasing some poles as well as join with the Village of Kinderhook to see if we can all cut some costs.

**Memorial Day Ceremonies**- Ceremonies will be held in Valatie at 9:00a.m. and Niverville at 10:00 a.m.

**Community Day-**

A committee of Trustee Bevens, Trustee Nero, Carol Williams, Fire Department, Randall Schmit and Emelia Teasdale will meet on May 15th at 7:00 pm to discuss when and what events will take place if we have a community day this year.

**Water/Sewer Dept**.-

Smith Well Drilling sent a letter to Mayor Argyle and WWTP Superintendent Paul Warner regarding a flow test on well #4 (report on file). Mayor Argyle will meet with the County on May 10th regarding consolidating services. There was discussion to expand our Village water district and have one filtration plant.

**Resolution # 284** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the Mayor to seek funding for a joint filtration plant if the Board decides to proceed with building one. The Board could at that time discuss consolidating with the Town of Kinderhook, possibly the Town of Stuyvesant and the Village of Kinderhook. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**V.E.R.A.-**

The Board is raising funds to fix a box filled with flowers on Main Street. The Village wide tag sale will be July 22nd and there will be a map coming out soon.

**Clerk Update**- The AED has arrived and will be placed in the hallway in the building. The clerk’s office will be open on Friday, June 30 for the last day to collect taxes without penalty. The office will be closed on Monday, July 3 as well as July 4th.

There will be a Public Hearing at the June meeting for a local law for Village Clerk residency status as well as a Public Hearing for a re-zoning request for the Cantele project.

**Senior Center**- no report

**Highway Dept**.-

A census of the road work done in the village was presented by the mayor. Trustee Bevens was getting a quote from Fine Lines to do the line painting up Main Street past Mechanic Street.

**Building Dept**. –no report

**Water/Sewer forgiveness**- There were two request for water/sewer forgiveness.

**Resolution # 285** was made by Trustee Bevens to forgive the first request for a total of $181.22 and $114.00 for the second request. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**MHG Applications**-

Applications received:

1. Kinderhook Reformed Church for a Rise Against Hunger food packing event on Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 11:00 am – 3:30 pm.

**Resolution # 286** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the application. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

Attorney Fitzsimmons stated that the Zvi Cohen property sale will be finalized in the next few weeks.

Mayor Argyle stated that the violations at the US Hotel are being fixed and then it will be sold with the Trolley Station. The Village will then be able to get grant money back and the LDC will be dissolved.

**Resolution # 287** was made by Trustee Nero to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer, RMC

Village Clerk