**Village of Valatie**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**June 13, 2023**

**6:30 pm**

**Board members** **Audience**

Mayor Frank Bevens Meg Todisco CSTF

Trustee Larry Eleby

Trustee Matthew Carter

Trustee Angelo Nero

Trustee Patrick Rodgers

Mayor Bevens called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Resolution # 1** was made by Trustee Patrick Rodgers to approve the minutes of May 9 & 31, 2023. Trustee Carter seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**Resolution # 2** was made by Trustee Larry Eleby to approve the abstract of bills 2023-2024, #1-35 for a total of $106,902.33. Total of off abstract bills since the last meeting is $782.76 for a grand total of all bills being $ 107,685.09. Trustee Matthew Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**Climate Smart Task Force**- (Full report on file with the Clerk)

Director Meg Todisco commented that there will be a Heat Pump information event on June 24th at the Valatie Library. The Village is in the running for an award of $5,000 if 5 homes install heat pumps. This was announced by CDRPC that NYSERDA has replenished the funding for the grant awards.

Dave Pickett and Meg visited the Senior Center, Fire House and Wastewater Treatment facility with Paul Adams from Choice Heating and Cooling to assess the suitability of the buildings for the installation of heat pumps.

There was discussion regarding forming a Grants Sub-Committee but that has been held off for various reasons for now.

The Facebook account formulation is still in consideration but there are some items that still need to be worked out.

The Columbia County Environmental Management Council is asking for the appointment of a representative from Valatie. More on this later.

The next meeting of the Task Force will be July 13th.

**Parks**- Trustee Rodgers reported that the cleanup at River Street Park went very well. There were about 10 people who helped out and they want to do more events like this at the park. Some invasive species had been removed and repairs to the trail were taken care of as well. There was no removal of any trees. There was a lot of positive feedback regarding the cleanup and they would like to do another cleanup, possibly during the summer.

**Public Comment**- none

**Fire Department Report**- no report

**VERA**- Tag Sale is set for August 5.

**Theater**- There will be a free concert on July 8 at the park across form the Martin H. Glynn building.

**Highway Department**- No report

**WWTP**- (Full report on file in the clerk’s office)

Two mechanical floats were replaced at the Diamond Street lift station and Smith Control System was at the plant to troubleshoot the controller software. Well #2 had a pump failure on May 17 and Smith Well pulled the pump out and found the pump motor had a seal failure. A new motor was installed.

A new motor was installed on Well #1 on May 22 and Stuyvesant Mechanical completed the installation of the filter cartridges on Well #3. A final inspection is scheduled for the week of June 19 and the department hopes to have Well #3 back in service soon after. The annual WWTP inspection was completed on May 11 and everything went well. The second quarter water readings have been started and any dead meters will be scheduled for replacement.

The department was notified of a water leak on the North Tower which is the second leak in the past year. The leak was repaired on May 31 and the tower was placed back in service.

Building Department- Very busy

**Clerks Report**- Taxes are out, working on the new water bill program and more people have been asking about purchasing a military banner for themselves or a loved one. Keep spreading the word!

**MHG Applications**- Two applications for Te Ryu Dojo- Northeast Center for Spiritual Growth for use of the gym for Karate lessons.

**Resolution # 3** was made by Trustee Matthew Carter to approve both applications. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none proposed, motion carried.

**Other business**- The Village has had the free newspapers dropped off in front of residences again. We can do another petition or do an email blast for those who are in opposition of getting this newspaper again. Attorney Fitzsimmons will look into this more for the Village.

**Resolution# 4** was made by Trustee Carter to enter into executive session at 6:48 pm to discuss matters before the Board. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution # 5** was made by Trustee Rodgers to exit executive session with no decisions being made by the Board at 7:06 pm. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

With no further business before the Board,

**Resolution # 6** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Fischer

Village Clerk