**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MONTHLY MEETING**

**October 11, 2022**

**Board Members Audience**

Mayor Frank Bevens Meg Todisco Climate Smart TF

Trustee Matthew Carter- absent, notified Lou Bonacker, Randall Schmit

Trustee Larry Eleby Craig Hancock

Trustee Angelo Nero

Trustee Patrick Rodgers

Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons- absent, notified

Clerk Barbara Fischer

Mayor Bevens opened the monthly meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

**Resolution # 37** was made by Trustee Rodgers to approve the minutes of September 20, 2022 as presented. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 38** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the abstract of bills 2022-2023, #5-200-233 for a total of $34,890.19. The off abstract of bills totaled $3,067.38. Grand total of all bills is $37,957.57. Trustee Rodgers seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

**Main Street**- Sidewalks that needed work are done. The Committee will meet through the winter and form a plan for the rest of the sidewalks throughout the Village.

**Climate Smart**- Climate Smart Task Force Coordinator, Meg Todisco, stated that the committee met on September 28 and had a very good meeting. She explained the “point” system that is used to qualify the Village as a “Clean Energy Community”. We will receive more points as other “projects” are completed for other programs such as the “Adaptive Plan”. The next review will be with the Cornell Cooperative Extension on October 12, 2022 and the Committee will meet again on October 26, 2022. There was discussion on where the original 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan is located. The “Partners for Climate Action” held a Zoom meeting regarding grants but there are no projects being worked on at this time, although the slides that were used in the meeting can be used in the future.

Mayor Bevens discussed moving the monthly Village Board meeting to a start time of 6:30 pm instead of the 7:00 pm start time. All Board members were in favor of moving the time.

**Resolution #39** was made by Trustee Eleby to move the time of the monthly Village Board of Trustees meeting to a start time of 6:30 pm instead of the current 7:00 pm start time. The time change will begin with the January 2023 Board meeting. Trustee Nero seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

**Parks**- Light poles at Callan Park in the center of the parking area have been removed. Mulch has been placed around the playground area.

**Public Comment**- none

**Fire Department Report**- Mayor Bevens read the report for the month. There were 9 fire calls in September and one malicious pull of a fire alarm at Barnwell Nursing Home. Eleven firefighters/Driver’s have completed the annual driver training. The fire company will be handing out candy in the developments on Halloween night and the Chicken BBQ will be held on November 11th, take out only.

**VERA**- Randall Schmit reported that the tag sale was somewhat successful, but the weather was not the best. We seem to be competing with people selling items on-line. Community Bank gave a donation to work on the VERA sign and the company is still working on adjusting the colors. VERA & Valatie Now may be merging in the near future.

**Theater**- Craig Hancock stated they have been in contact with the HRC Showcase Theater group who were doing performances in the New Lebanon Theater Barn over this past summer. The heating/air conditioning is now working. The thermostat wire had been cut.

Trustees Carter and Rodgers will work with a Theater Group Committee, to discuss projects that will need to be done on the Theater.

December 2- 4, 2022, “It’s A Wonderful Life” production will be at the Theater.

Mayor Bevens commented that the Theater may have lost out on some “face time” with residents/visitors of the Village with all the events that were being held. Craig stated he will speak to his Board about how the Theater can be “more open” to village events.

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

There was discussion regarding the Bid for Well #3 and Mayor Bevens read a summary letter of the bids from the Engineering firm Weston & Sampson. Weston & Sampson recommended awarding the bid to Stuyvesant Mechanical since this company has completed similar projects of this nature and they are considered “well qualified to perform the work under the contract”.

**Resolution # 40** was made by Trustee Eleby to award the “Well No. 3 Cartridge Filter Implementation Contract No. 1” to Stuyvesant Mechanical at a total bid cost of $40,984.89. Trustee Rodgers seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

**Building Department/ Code Enforcement Officer**- A permit monthly report has been filed and she is still very busy! The proposed updated Village Code is now in and a public hearing will need to be held to adopt them. This will be Local Law No. 1 of 2022.

**Resolution # 41** was made by Trustee Rodgers to hold a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 1, 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 Nero seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

**Highway Department**- Blacktop will not be done this year. The vendor will hold the price and the Highway Superintendent and Mayor will meet with the vendor again.

**Clerk**- A new sales proposal was received from our new water and sewer program company Edmunds Gov Tech to do another reconversion of data from the old water program to the new program due to lack of time to enter all the information from the old program to the new program. This is an extensive project and the time frame did not work out for getting the new program up and running before the 4th quarter water billing and taxes being sent out and the loss of our former deputy clerk to another job. A resolution needs to be made to approve the new proposal.

**Resolution # 42** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the sales proposal from Edmunds Gov Tech at a cost of $4,800 to do another reconversion of the old water program to the new water program. This cost includes professional services for the company and the cost of training and data services and IC data review. Trustee Nero seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

The Village received an email request from a resident requesting the Board consider removing a second water bill on their property that is a small vacant parcel with no meter and no water usage on it. The property had a barn located on this parcel previously. The Board discussed this situation at length and decided to move to a resolution.

**Resolution # 43** was made by Trustee Eleby to remove the second water bill on account number 711 for a resident in the Village for a small parcel that does not have a water meter and a barn had been removed many years ago. The owners do not plan on building anything else on this property and they already pay for the water/sewer usage for the main parcel. The Board present was in full agreement to grant this request. Trustee Rodgers seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

**MHG Applications**- 1. Santa Claus Club 2. Girl Scout Troop #1539

3. Girl Scout Troop #5566 4. Girl Scout Troop # 5548

5. Girl Scout Troop # 1105& 1076

**Resolution # 44** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the applications. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #45** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. Trustee Rodgers seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk