

Village of Valatie  
Board of Trustee Meeting  
January 13,2026  
6:30 PM

**Board of Trustees**

Mayor Bevens

Trustee Larry Eleby-

Trustee Patrick Rodgers-Absent Notified

Trustee Matthew Carter

Trustee Amy Freinberg-Trufas

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

Rebecca Daley-Village Clerk

Mayor Bevens opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Resolution #64-** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the minutes of December 9, 2025, meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #65-** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the abstract of bills-**2025-2026 - 337-394**. For a total of \$239,738.29. Off abstract of bills total \$12,977.36. Total bills are \$252,715.65. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Public Comment-** None

**Parks-**None

**Climate Smart-** On January 8, 2026, Tara Donadio spoke to the Climate Smart committee about their upcoming projects. Columbia County is going to provide the Village of Valatie with an Oak tree to be planted on Arbor Day. They would like the Oak tree to be planted in Patchaquack Park.

The Climate Smart committee will be touring the Hydro Electric Facility on February 25, 2026.

**Fire Department-**None.

**VERA-** None

**Theater-** Jen Clark gave the board a quick summary of last year's performances. She stated that the Theater had eighteen performances. They had approximately two thousand people attend throughout the year. They also submitted a new grant for lighting.

The Theater is still looking for new members and volunteers.

**Highway-** Mayor Bevens spoke to the board about adjusting the speed limits within the village. The proposal is to lower the village speed limits to 25mph. The cost to have this study done is \$5,500.

**Resolution #66-** was made by Trustee Carter to approve paying for a traffic study. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**WWTP Report-** Report is on file.

Chatham currently does not have a wastewater treatment plant operator licensed by NYS and has temporarily requested inter-municipal cooperation with Valatie. Valatie will provide a licensed Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator to Chatham for purposes of operation, monitoring and reporting. This term of agreement will be month to month.

**Resolution #67-** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the Municipal Agreement between the Village of Chatham and the Village of Valatie. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

Mayor Bevens announced that the Village has been awarded a NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant (WIIA). The WIIA grant that has been awarded in the amount not to exceed \$5,529,108.00.

**Building Department-** Our building inspector is still on medical leave. She is doing well. Vince Concra is filling in for her. His hours are every Thursday from 1-4pm.

**Clerk Report-** The clerk's office started emailing some of our residents their water bills. This has helped the village with the cost of postage.

A resolution needs to be made and passed by the Board of Trustees to appoint MaryAnn Carr-Perez and Theresa Lux as Election Inspectors for the March 18, 2026, election of the Village of Valatie Board of Trustees.

**Resolution # 68-** was made by Trustee Carter to appoint MaryAnn Carr-Perez and Theresa Lux as the Election Inspectors for the March 18, 2026, election. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**MHG Applications & Callan Park-**Columbia Count 9U Baseball team has requested the use of the MHG gym from January 4, 2026-March 29, 2026.

**Resolution #69-** was made by Trustee Carter to allow the use of the gym. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Other Business-** The village is hoping the work on the Verizon cell tower will begin early this year.

**Resolution #70-**was made by Trustee Eleby to enter an executive session to discuss matters before the board at 7:07pm. Trustee Freinberg-Trufas seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

**Resolution #71-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to exit executive session at 7:17pm. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

With no further business to discuss.

**Resolution #72-** was made by Trustee Freinberg-Trufas to adjourn the meeting at 7:17. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Daley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Rebecca Daley

Village Clerk