Village of Valatie Board Meeting

October 8, 2013

Approved Minutes

**Parties Present**

Mayor Argyle

Tr. Bevens

Tr. Nero

Tr. Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons

8 members of the public and 2 members of the press

**Absent -** Tr. Bickerton

**Regular Village Board Meeting**

Mayor Argyle opened the meeting at 7:30pm

Pledge to the Flag

Public Comment Received:

* Complaint from business community concerning people hanging out on bench on Main Street and barbequing. Attorney Fitzsimmons discussed the issue stating the police have the right to ask them to discontinue; not their property. Should use the property their landlord provides.

**Motion,** Tr. Bevens approve minutes from August 13, 2013, and September 10, 2013, seconded by Tr. Nero. All members present voted yes.

**Motion,** Tr.Bevens audit meeting conducted, seconded by Tr. Williams, all members present voted yes.

**Motion**, Tr. Nero approves paymentof claims 2014-05-01 to 2014-03-48, seconded by Tr. Bevens, all members present voted yes.

**Committee Reports:**

***Fire Department Report*** – Chicken Barbeque Monday, November 11th, 2013.

***Theater Report*** –. Tr. Bickerton fixed and painted front door. A survey is going out in the water bills. Survey can be sent back with water payment.

***Building Dept****.* – Mayor Argyle verbally read Walt Simionsmeiers report.

* Received a letter from realtor Karen VanBuren concerning the old village hall. Having difficulty making comparisons with other buildings similar. Suggested beginning with a minimum bid of $25,000.
* It is a commercial area and only comes with one parking spot; remaining owned by Mr. Becker.
* Tr. Williams concerned that the building is worth more than the $25,000.00

**Motion,** Tr. Bevens to advertise the old village hall with a minimum bid no less than $25,000 with the right to reject any or all bids. Bids will be opened at November 12th meeting, seconded by Tr. Williams.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Absent

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

**DPW *Report*** – Mayor Argyle read report from John Ruchel. Brush pick up has started on Mondays. Will continue till the 1st snowfall.

* St. Luke’s drive paved at the rate of $13,000.00. Will submit for CHIPS monies.
* Work will be done on Upper Main Street and Lake and High later this month.

***Trash Pick-Up*** is planned for October 26, 8:00 to 1:00. Will have senior curbside pick-up.

***VERA*** – President Randall Schmitt provided a verbal report.

* Artisans Fair October 19th, 11:00 to 4:00. Great deal of diversity this year.
* Needs chairs for in front of theatre for singer/songwriter Jody Samascott. Village will provide the chairs
* Beginning work on the Winter Walk, December 14th
* Looking for a budget of $3500.00 from the Village
* Tr. Bevens requested Mr. Schmitt comeback to the Board with an itemized budget

***Parks Report*** –

* + New sign at Patchaquack.
  + Waiting for Town of Kinderhook to fix pot holes and put exit signs up at Patchequack.
  + The missing swings were put up.

***Water/Sewer -*** Mayor Argyle provided a verbal report.

* New employee has started. He is getting accumulated with the building.
* Generator at lift station is not working. It is 34 years old. May not find parts to fix. Looking at possibly having to purchase new one and place on an outside pad. Find one that is run by propane.
* Need to consider continuing work on the sewer plant. We may get an additional $600,000 financing to complete. Plant originally designed for new screen however descions were made to not install. There is a need because things are going thru the grinders
* Looking into alternatives for water filteration.
* Need to complete cleanup around sewer plant and lift station. Would like to have someone complete. Would take 4 days.

**Motion**, Tr. Williams have Mr. Becker complete the work around the sewer plant and lift station in 4 days at the same rate of pay, $15.00 an hour, seconded by Tr. Bevens.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Absent

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

* Clerk/Treasurer presented the Board with a list of 11 deliquent water/sewer accounts totaling $13,909.32.

**Motion,** Tr. Bevens to send water/sewer shut-off notices, seconded by Tr. Nero.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Absent

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

***Correspondence:***

* Letter received from Rosalie Hemingway requesting permission for vehicles to cross the school property, when necessary, to access to the back yard of 3213 Church Street.

**Motion**, Tr. Nero to grant Rosalie Hemingway access to the backyard of 3217 Church Street via the school property, seconded by Tr. Williams.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Absent

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

***Applications for the Gym:***

* CYO requesting several dates for the gym for basketball season. Mayor Argyle, with assistance from Town Clerk Kim Pinkowski, went over the calendar of events for a month and came up with specific rules; the doors between the town office and the meeting room needs to be kept closed and the boys should be escorted to restrooms when meetings/court are in session.

**Motion**, Tr. Bevens, seconded by Tr. Nero.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Absent

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

***Use of Senior Center:***  The Tri-City Rotary Club would like to use the senior center Wednesdays for meetings. Every 3 months the club is to provide a free meal for seniors. Cruz has been approached; is willing to open and close the building for the club. Need from 6:30 to 9:00.

**MOTION**, Tr. Bevens to allow the Tri-City Rotary Club the use of the senior center on Wednesdays, seconded by Tr. Nero, all members voted yes.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Absent

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

**MOTION**, Tr. Bevens to change the Village of Valatie Board Meetings to 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month, seconded by Tr. Nero, all members voted yes.

Mayor Argyle Yes

Tr. Bevens Yes

Tr. Bickerton Absent

Tr. Nero Yes

Tr. Williams Yes

**Motion**, Tr. Bevens to adjourn meeting at 8:47pm, seconded by Tr. Nero, all members present voted yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Martino-Morin

Village Clerk