VILLAGE OF VALATIE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 2018

7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE AUDIENCE

Mayor Diane Argyle Fire Chief Rustin Dolan

Trustee Frank Bevens Craig Hancock

Trustee Larry Eleby 6 residents

Trustee Angelo Nero Columbia Paper reporter

Trustee David Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.

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

**Resolution # 59** was made by Trustee Bevens to approve the minutes of November 13, 2018. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #60** was made by Trustee Nero to pay claims #2018-7, #286-339 for a total of $113, 939.00, which includes the Highway Department half year payment of $58,700.00 for the contract between the Village and the Town, and $13,511.98 for the off abstract bills. Total of all bills is $127,450.98. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Public Comments**- Resident Lisa Hill asked the Board if they would consider doing a penalty amnesty period for possibly a 4 month time period so those people who are behind in their water bill payments, can be able to catch up on their amount to be paid. She had contacted other Towns regarding how they bill their residents and she stated that she thought the 10 % penalty was too high. The Board informed her that the Towns she had contacted do not have a sewer plant and their billing is different. Mayor Argyle commented that the Board has already given many people half off the amount of their penalty but we continue to have a few residents who do not pay their bill. The Board said they would consider her suggestion.

Mayor Argyle stated that the dedication of the Route 203 bridge in Honor of Roger Mazel, has been moved to another date to be determined. Assemblyman Jake Ashby is helping to coordinate this dedication.

Fire Department- Chief Rustin Dolan stated that there were 9 calls since the last meeting and one false alarm at St. John’s Church.

**Theater**- Craig Hancock presented an Historical Data Sheet on the dollar amount collected from fund raisers for 2018. There are a couple of grants that are pending and they paid over $2,000 for insurance and over $7,000 in heat. The mayor met with Duke Huyck to get a price to redo the electrical in the theater.

**Parks**- A committee has been formed consisting of Trustee Eleby, Nathan Becker, Steven Matheke and Mayor Argyle for a Greenway Grant for the parks. A resolution is needed for approval to work with grant writers to follow through the Greenway study.

**Resolution # 61** was made by Trustee Bevens to give approval for the committee to work with grant writers to follow through with a Greenway Grant study. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Argyle stated that our engineering firm FOILED NYS DOT regarding the Village sidewalks but we have not heard back from Morris Associates or Ray Jurkowski regarding this yet. Morris Associates has changed it’s name to CPL.

Mayor Argyle met with members of DOT regarding putting in a traffic light at the Route 9 and Main Street Intersection. The NYS Greenway Committee agreed to leave a slip lane but DOT did not agree to do this because it did not fit the 8 criteria it required.

**Resolution # 62** was made by Trustee Bevens to request that the NYS Department of Transportation conduct a traffic study at the intersection of US Route 9 and Main Street. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Argyle commented that the Valatie Rescue Squad is asking for access to the Village Sewer system. It is against Village Code as to where they would like to have the sewer line put in. Discussions will follow.

The Town of Kinderhook is looking for approval form the Village regarding replacing an EXIT door at a cost of $1985.00.

**Resolution #63** was made by Trustee Eleby to allow the Town of Kinderhook to replace the exit door at a cost of the quote of $1985.00. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

The Alarm system is also being replaced in the MHG building and a remote panel will be in the lobby for the Fire Department to enter the building in case of an alarm.

**Water/Sewer**- Mayor Argyle, Trustee Williams and WWTP Supervisor Paul Warner met with the engineers regarding moving the electric form the pump house to the main building. They would move the panel to the Main building while putting in a “Y” at the gate and take the old wiring down. Well # 1 has lost 50% of it’s capacity and it has been discussed to possibly look into putting in a new well.

Mayor Argyle also discussed with the engineer to look into a grant to replace the filtration UV Light.

**V.E.R.A**.- Winter Walk went very well and the parade was well received. The Senior Center had the Marrionettes and other puppets which everyone enjoyed.

**Clerk’s Office**- The Village received information from Columbia County regarding selling the recycling permits for the County Waste stations. She will investigate whether the Village can also sell these stickers which would bring $5.00 per sale to the Village. The Valatie Bar and Grill is looking for Board approval to waive the 30- day waiting period to apply for a new liquor license due to new ownership. The only changes being made are the kitchen hours to 4:00 pm- 10:00 pm. The business hours will remain the same.

**Resolution # 64** was made by Trustee Eleby to waive the 30 day waiting period for the Valatie Bar and Grill to get their Liquor license under the new ownership. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

The Clerk has also provided a medical listing form for residents to use in case of an emergency at their homes. This form would list all medications and illnesses that a resident may have to inform EMS personnel in case they are called.

**Senior Center**- no report.

**Highway**- The Town and Village have provided an Ice Skating Rink for use by all residents. The Town Highway department built the rink and it will be monitored for use according to the weather with the use of flags to inform skaters if the rink is ok to use on any given day. Rules will also be posted for hours of use during day time hours only.

**Water**- Sewer- Mr. Jack Dugan appeared before the Board to again work with the Board on making payments to the Village for past due water bills. He has promised to pay $450 per month until the amount is brought current. The Board agreed to work with Mr. Dugan.

**Applications**-

1. Girls Scouts
2. Blackhawks

**Resolution # 65** was made by Trustee Nero to approve the applications which are on file in the Clerk’s Office. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 66** was made by Trustee Nero to enter in to executive session 8:00 pm to discuss matters before the Board. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 67** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit executive session at 8:23 pm with no decisions being made. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution # 68** was made by Trustee Eleby to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. Trustee Bevens seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer, RMC

Village Clerk