

TOWN OF SALEM TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 09, 2011 MEETING

Present: Supervisor, Seth Pitts; Town Council Members: Harold Gilchrest, Bruce Ferguson, Dottie Schneider; Town Clerk Patricia Gilchrist

Others Present: Donna Farringer-Courthouse; Maurice Patrick-Planning Board; Al Cormier-Historian; Bob Graham-Salem Fire Chief

Absent: Joe Wever-Town Council; Joe Boisclair-Highway Sup't.; Cheryl Baldwin-Georgi Museum; Herb Perkins-Youth Assn.; Jessica Barrett-DCO

Public Present: Jeffrey Harrison; William P. Linendoll; Jennifer Waite-Harsha-Eagle Newspaper

6:30-Review & signing of warrants #3 & highway abstract #3 for approval and payment

7:00-Meeting called to order by Supervisor Pitts, followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Review of minutes from February 09, 2011 regular board meeting. Motion made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilwoman Dottie Schneider, to accept minutes as presented. Passed unanimously.

After review of warrants and highway abstract, motion made by Councilman Harold Gilchrest seconded by Councilwoman Dottie Schneider, to pay warrants #3 and highway abstract #3 of 2011 as presented. Passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Salem Fire Department- Report provided by Chief, Bob Graham. Seven calls for month of February-4 Village of Salem (2-fire alarm activation; 1-priority one cardiac arrest; 1-entrance line pulled from house); 3 Mutual Aid calls (2-Shushan for stove fire and snowmobile accident; 1-Rupert for motor vehicle accident). Training for month: ropes & knots; bailout training with new harnesses in Shushan and cold water rescue drill with other mutual aid departments.

Accepted Matt Fry as a full member; members installed new smoke detectors in houses; attended Shushan Fire Department annual banquet. Looking to replace front tires on both ETA's, one truck is a definite. New standards for tires now--they are only good for seven years. Total training hours for February = 4,051 Report will be filed.

Chief Graham also spoke of the condition of the red brick firehouse by the Mobil station. Due to severe winter conditions and water leakage, the building could collapse in two to five years. A new building is being looked into and would be 'bare bones' for the time being and would be paid for by the fire department. 80 x 80 or 80 x 100 is what is being looked at.

Courthouse- Donna Farringer expressed thanks to Highway Sup't. Joe Boisclair and Supervisor Pitts for all the snow removal in and around the Courthouse this winter.

Quilt exhibit will continue until April 3rd in the great hall. History lecture series is going great. Al Cormier conducted the first lecture in the series, 'Slavery in Salem', and Loretta Bates will do the second lecture, 'Children of the Courthouse'. On March 24th, Orson Kingsley from the Slate Valley Museum will speak.

There will be a meeting @ the Courthouse on March 31 from 3-5 pm for businesses, school and community leaders from northeastern Washington County re partnering w/Lake to Locks Passage and National Geographic to promote geo-tourism. A geo-tourism map guide website will be created that would locate the resources distinctive to specific communities, with groups and organizations that relate to the various resources listed. Landmarks and attractions would be located for tourists while promoting local businesses, activities and events. Councilman Bruce Ferguson serves on the Board of

Directors for Lakes to Locks and is very excited about the website and what it could do for local communities. Attend the meeting and play an active part in the development of the site.

April 8th & 9th-The play, 'Who Stole Salem's Mojo' will be presented, with a matinee performance on Saturday afternoon.

April 10th-Chamber music program sponsored by LARAC

Highway Department-Report given by Supervisor Pitts in absence of Sup't. Boisclair. Mostly sanding, salting, plowing and clearing snow; worked w/Village on snow removal; installed new doors @ barn; arm post got bent on '07 plow and it was taken to Arrowhead. Opened culverts due to flooding. Grader was @ Capital Tractor for repair. Now back in service. Cost approx. \$11,000.00 for repairs. Bill on highway abstract #3. Report will be filed.

Georgi Museum-Nothing to report. Cheryl Baldwin absent. Councilman Harold Gilchrest reported that he would be meeting with Jeff Suite on March 18th to turn water back on, etc., for opening of Georgi Meeting Room.

Planning Board-Mo Patrick reported that the meeting for February was cancelled. Received letter of resignation from John Steele. Motion made by Councilwoman Dottie Schneider, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, to appoint Maurice Patrick as Chairman of the Planning Board and Kimberly Erbe as Planning Board Clerk. Passed Unanimously. By unanimous decision, William Linendoll was appointed to take the place of Mr. Steele on the Board. Sworn in by Town Clerk, Pat Gilchrist.

Historian's Report-First lecture in the history series 'Slavery in Salem' went well. May 1st will be the beginning of the railroad exhibit that will run for six weeks. Bill Tabor will be present for the opening. This exhibit should be very educational for the students. The regional office for NYS Archives that was in Queensbury is gone; closest is in Albany. 2005 records have been sorted and are in the Vault. Fire Department records and pictures turned over to Mr. Cormier by Supervisor Pitts from the red brick firehouse are also in the vault @ the Courthouse.

Stewart's is currently working on interior of their new building and hope to be open in mid to late April. Glens Falls National will begin working on their lot in early spring, also.

Mr. Cormier commented on the problems with the red brick firehouse, stating that it was an asset to the department and had been built around 1840. He felt the building could be stabilized, repaired and maintained not only for its historical value but because the building would bring a much better price if and when the department were to ever sell the same. Mr. Cormier suggested reaching out to community members to see if anyone would be willing to donate their time and/or talent in repair of the same, as the building was such a big part of the department's history.

DCO Report-Jessica Barrett provided report to Supervisor Pitts. Report will be filed.

Comprehensive Plan-Dottie Schneider reported that there had been no reimbursement money received yet from the state. David Haight will finish up maps to go with the Comprehensive Plan for submission to the State.

Salem Area Youth Assn., Inc.-No report provided.

Salem Rescue Squad-Vicki Campbell provided report, which will be filed. Total calls for 2010-397 Total miles driven-19,129 Calls-Town of Salem-129; Village of Salem-103; Hebron-86; Jackson-14; Greenwich-14; Cambridge-3; Granville-1; Vermont-28

Correspondence:

\$4,236.11 has been received from Glens Falls National Bank from Georgi Trust.

Landfill Update-75 page document has been received from C.T. Male, which they need to file with DEC. Motion made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, to approve the document for submission by C.T. Male to DEC. Passed unanimously. (Resolution already passed to expend the monies.)

Supervisor Pitts is going to speak with Tom McMorris to see if Salem could be put on the LDC website.

Public Comment- None

OLD BUSINESS:

Village Budget Workshop-No one attended in February as the Mayor was not present at the meeting. There will be another workshop meeting in March, which Supervisor Pitts plans to attend.

Dog Law Update-Revision has been made by Attorney Wrigley and will be reviewed by Town Clerk. Hope to be able to have public hearing before the April meeting. Attorney Wrigley will publish the change to Local Law #1 of 2010 and notice of public hearing in the Eagle newspaper.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gerogi Mowing Bid-Motion made by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilwoman Dottie Schneider, to have Town Clerk put a legal notice in the paper re mowing bids for the 2011 mowing season. Bids should be turned in to the Town Clerk by April 11, 2011, in a sealed envelope. Bids will be opened at the next regular meeting on April 13, 2011.

Town-wide Clean-up Day-will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011. Meet @ Town Barn. Hopefully, youth association and boy scouts will be participating. Town Clerk Gilchrist informed Supervisor Pitts that the Salem Area Woman's Club would also like to participate.

Chain Link Fence-Supervisor Pitts reports that there is lots of chain link fence available at highway barn behind salt shed.

Resolution #20-Introduced by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, to support a resolution introduced by Salem Agricultural Education Department and FFA Chapter, whose goal is to remind Gov. Cuomo and NYS legislators of the importance of agriculture to the New York State economy and recognize the contributions made by agricultural education to communities across NYS. Roll call vote: Councilman Harold Gilchrest-Yes; Councilman Bruce Ferguson-Yes; Councilwoman Dottie Schneider-Yes; Supervisor Seth Pitts-Yes; Passed 4-0

Resolution #21-Introduced by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilwoman Dottie Schneider, to adopt a standard work day and reporting resolution (RS-2417-A) for Supervisor, Seth Pitts, required by the Office of the New York State Comptroller, New York State and Local Retirement System. Town Clerk, Patricia Gilchrist, will do Affidavit of Posting as required by law for at least thirty (30) days. Passed 4-0.

Motion to Adjourn-Motion made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilwoman Dottie Schneider, to adjourn the regular monthly Town Board meeting. Passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting-Next regular meeting will be held on April 13, 2011 @ Salem Town Office, with review of warrants and abstract for payment @ 6: 30 pm, meeting to follow @ 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk

