

April 10, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan and Trustees Joe Childs, Carol Rives, Mark Eastman, and Paul Kobyluch. Also present were Public Works Superintendent Eric Rogers, Village Historian Al Cormier, Fire Chief Bob Graham, and members of the press and public.

The meeting was called to order, and vouchers from the General Fund Nos. 677 through 714 in the amount of \$38777.40, from the Library Fund Nos. 242 to 257 in the amount of \$2573.42, and from the Water Fund Nos. 204 through 216 in the amount of \$3399.99 were audited and ordered paid--motion by Paul Kobyluch, second by Joe Childs. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Carol Rives made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded, to approve the minutes of the February 17 special meeting as presented and the March 3 regular meeting as corrected: note that swim program will run for six weeks. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: DPW Improvements to Quarry Road are done. Working with the Town, a 40' x 15" culvert was installed to improve drainage, and the Town used their grader. There were no snow storms, but nine wind/rain storms in March. Will be working on some of the dry wells, to improve street run off. Used two tons of winter mix to fix potholes and some shoulder stone for road sides. Have removed eight bags full of garbage so far. Will be making arrangements with the County to use their stump grinder on last year's tree removal. WATER Connections remain at 281. We identified and resolved a major leak in the Courthouse Community Center's "garden" water line. We collected quotes from three vendors for an inventory of emergency repair parts for the distribution system; seeking authorization to purchase this inventory. We pumped 1,944,304 gallons in March, for an average of 62,719 per day. Will be producing a complete water audit for presentation at the July 7 meeting.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: There were eleven calls in March, two in the Village, four in the Town of Salem, one in Jackson, and one each in Greenwich, Hebron, Rupert, and Shushan. Four members attended the chiefs and officers meeting in Hartford. Attack 44-I passed the pump test. In-house training included water rescue and scba with mayday. Training hours for the month totaled 719.

LIBRARY REPORT: Circulation for the month was 2286. Have begun the process of applying for an absolute charter.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS: Regarding the Village DPW and FD using the fuel pumps at the Town Barn, keyed access to the fuel, without entering the building, was approved and will be installed, DPW and FD to share the cost of installation. A log will be kept and the Town paid periodically.

NEW BUSINESS: The pager bids (2) were opened: Adirondack 2-Way Radio bid \$13880.00, and Com-Tech Electronics bid \$14478.00. Contingent on verification of specs, Joe Childs made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded, to accept Adirondack 2-Way's bid and to re-purpose the old pagers and donate them to a department in need. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Carol Rives made a motion, Joe Childs seconded, to approve the transfer of \$1300 from L7410.1 to L7410.2 (\$300) and L7410.4 (\$1000). All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Dunigan discussed having approached Andrew Kelly, Esq. (Jordan & Kelly) to represent the Village in certain matters and having received a response that they would be willing, and that their rate is \$100/hour.

Discussion was had concerning hiring someone to perform (code) enforcement of Village local laws. The Mayor will look into possibilities.

Joe Childs noted that there will be a meeting on May 3 at 7 PM in the Town Office concerning the Ag and Farm Viability Plan. Will the Village sign on as a participant?

Carol Rives made a motion, Joe Childs seconded, to adopt a resolution formally abandoning that unused portion of Warren Street extending beyond the northernmost boundary of 20 Warren Street. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

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The public hearing on the budget was opened, and as no comments were forthcoming, Carol Rives made a motion, Joe Childs seconded, that the Tentative Budget, as amended and revised, be adopted

and the several amounts stated in Schedule 1A, 1F, 1L, 2A, 2F, and 2L be appropriated for the objects and purposes specified, effective June 1, 2010. The vote was 4 to 0 with 1 abstention.

All committees and appointments for the 2010-2011 budget year were presented by the Mayor, approved on motion of Carol Rives, second by Joe Childs, all votes in favor, and will be filed with the Clerk and posted in the Clerk's office.

PUBLIC REMARKS

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.
Rebecca Brown, Clerk