

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan and Trustees Marcus Blanck and Mark Eastman. Also present were Public Works Superintendent Eric Rogers, Water Operator Kurt Jilek, 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. 31 through 50 in the amount of \$53665.17, from the Library Fund Nos. 10 through 17 in the amount of \$1717.92, and from the Water Fund Nos. 8 through 12 in the amount of \$1327.66 were audited and ordered paid--motion by Mark Eastman, second by Marcus Blanck, and all were in favor.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** DPW We installed a dry well at the foot of Quarry Road which seems to be helping with puddling there. Park Place was blacktopped from Route 22 to the intersection with Archibald Street. **WATER** There was one new hookup in July for a total of 296 meters in service. The three incident reports filed in June concerning poor water quality have led to the introduction of different testing methods to help fully understand and resolve the problems. Village water was tested for volatile organic compounds and nitrates and showed no sign of exceeding acceptable levels. Meters will be read once a month to help resolve problems pertaining to leaks and excessive usage.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:** There were ten calls in July, three in the Village, two in the Town, one in the Town of Jackson, and four mutual aid calls to Rupert, Hebron, and Greenwich. There was training on the new portable pump and new thermal imaging camera, both of which have been put into service. Annual hose testing was not completed on July 28 because of rain. Rain water is coming in at the rear corner of the Proudfit firehouse and needs attention.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Circulation for July totaled 1942 items. There were 278 borrowers, 371 holds placed, and 70 items added to the catalog. We also gained 11 new patrons. Our on-line catalog was visited 409 times, with 320 holds being placed. Regular programs continue--Scrabble Club, Book Club, and Chess Club. Story Hour continues on Thursday evenings through August 2.

**HISTORIAN'S REPORT:** Al Cormier reported he has had many genealogy inquiries this summer. The Historic Preservation Commission elected new officers: Al Cormier, Chairman; Ted Allen, Vice Chairman; Chris Preble, Secretary. Also on the Commission are Carol Myrick and Cay Crank.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Marcus Blanck made a motion, Mark Eastman seconded, to authorize the transfer of \$4370.31 from FEMA receipts to A8745.4 (flood and erosion control) to pay Washington County DPW for dredging and trash/debris removal. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Marcus Blanck made a motion, Mark Eastman seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 8 of 2012 electing direct payment of Washington County Sales and Compensating Use Tax Allocation. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

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Mark Eastman made a motion, Marcus Blanck seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 9 of 2012 authorizing the implementation and funding in the first instance of 100 % of the federal-aid-eligible costs of a transportation federal-aid project (sidewalks), and appropriation of funds therefore. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC REMARKS

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Rebecca Brown, Clerk