

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan, Trustees Joe Childs, Carol Rives, Joe Wever, and Paul Kobyluch. Also present was Village Historian Al Cormier, and members of the press and public.

The meeting was called to order, and vouchers from the General Fund Nos. 110 through 138 in the amount of \$16917.42, from the Library Fund Nos. 044 through 051 in the amount of \$1189.18, and from the Water Fund Nos. 036 through 042 in the amount of \$2263.35 were audited and ordered paid--motion by Joe Childs, second by Paul Kobyluch. All were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Joe Wever made a motion, Carol Rives seconded, to approve the minutes from the November 5 regular meeting. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS NOVEMBER REPORT: DPW Mandy Springs Nursery planted a new tree at 261 North Main Street to replace the one hit by a car. Insurance paid for the tree. The new tree has a one-year warranty. Using CHIPS funding, Williams Street was paved from West Broadway to the Railroad Street rest rooms. Also paved a section of Stanton Hill Road from the Water/DPW driveway to the intersection with Vale Street. Salem Farm Supply repaired the Kubota and it's ready for winter. Leaf pick up is complete. Notified NYSEG of five streetlights that need replacing. Cleaned up ditches and overhanging/encroaching limbs at sidewalks. Kenny Thompson donated eight evergreen trees for placement on Main Street. Winter parking restrictions will be posted and put in the paper. WATER Replaced the safety coupling on hydrant #44 at Blind Buck Road. There are 271 services hooked up to date. NYSDOH took samples to test for Primary Inorganic Chemicals and Synthetic Organic Chemicals at no cost to the Village.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER: There were eight fire calls in November, two in the Village (chimney fire and power pole/transformer), three in the Town (structure, chimney, and MVA), two in Rupert (standby and MVA), and one in Cambridge (structure). Attended the Cambridge Fireman's Banquet. Four members attended a NIMS (National Incident Command System) 300 class and all passed the test. Four members attended the Chief and Officers meeting in Hebron. One member attended a Training Center Committee meeting. Salem is hosting a Firefighter I class which runs through February 2009. Attack 441, ETA 442, and ETA 443 passed the annual pump test. All four trucks had yearly pump, body, and general maintenance completed by Tyler Fire Service. Total training hours for the Department year (September - August) were 1919.50; hours totaled 1115.50 for October and 504.00 for November. Driving hours for the Department year were 44.50. The annual Christmas party will be held December 9. Would like to have \$4647.50 appropriated from surplus to cover pump tests on three trucks (\$1300.00), body work on ETA 442 (\$1247.50), and mandated safety vests \$2100.00.

POLICE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER: none available

LIBRARY REPORT: Circulation for the month was 2169. Book club, chess club, scrabble club, and story hour continue to be well-attended.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT: Another 100 feet of wall at the Revolutionary War Cemetery has been repaired. When funds are available, the next section to be completed will run from the recently repaired section to the corner by the sand pile. On December 6 in the Town Archive room at the Courthouse Al Cormier will hold a historical book sale. The split rail fence has been erected around the old Salem Market lot by Glen's Falls National Bank. The bell and clock works in the Ft. Salem Theater steeple are being sold, and structural repair to the steeple/roof will be performed at that time. Joe Wever made a motion, Joe Childs seconded, to nominate Al Cormier for a three-year term on the

Historic Preservation Commission. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS: After previous discussion and suggestion, and after review of the final version, Joe Wever made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded, to adopt the corrective action plan (CAP) presented by the Mayor. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

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Joe Childs reported that there was a good turnout for the public meeting on the Town's comprehensive plan relative to the farmland protection grant.

NEW BUSINESS: Joe Wever made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded, to authorize the transfer of \$309.00 from contingency (A1990.4) to retirement (A9010.8) and \$575.00 from insurance (A1910.4) to youth expense (A7310.4)

There will be a Rotary Club dinner on December 6 at the White Church to raise funds for people in need of support for fuel this heating season.

Following discussion, Carol Rives made a motion, Joe Childs seconded, to accept the Town's counter-offer of \$65000.00 for the 2009 fire protection contract and to authorize the Mayor to execute said contract. Four were in favor with one abstention.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Rebecca Brown, Clerk