

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan, Trustees Joe Childs, Carol Rives, Joe Wever, and Tauno Wirkki. Also present were Village Historian Al Cormier and members of the press and public.

The meeting was called to order, and vouchers from the General Fund Nos. 17458 through 17485 in the amount of \$18038.55, from the Library Fund Nos. 5722 to 5732 in the amount of \$4560.06, and from the Water Fund Nos. 5502 through 5509 in the amount of \$3742.77 were audited and ordered paid--motion by Joe Wever, second by Joe Childs. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Tauno Wirkki made a motion, Joe Wever seconded, to approve the minutes of the November 7 regular meeting. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS NOVEMBER REPORT: DPW: The Christmas trees and lights are up. The trees came from Bob Hunter and the lights were done by the Salem Chamber of Commerce. All leaves have been picked up. All road clean up has been completed for the winter--culverts cleaned, shoulders of back roads cleaned and scraped, ditches cleaned with weed eater. The F450 has been repaired under warranty--the fuse box and electrical system were malfunctioning. Repairs have been made on the hydraulic system of the 1988 dump truck. Have received complaints concerning the lights in the Village parking lot not working or working intermittently. Need an electrician to figure it out. Need to put the snow ordinance in the paper. WATER: General Control Systems is still working on the PLC. Had to order and replace parts for the chlorine pumps, check valves, chemical hoses, fittings, two degassing heads. Ordered some parts to replace inventory used. Samples were taken for lead and copper testing. All 70 fire hydrants have been pumped out for the winter.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER: There were 7 alarms for the month totaling 105 man hours. There were three training sessions: for chimney fires/ladder use including using the thermal imaging camera, LDH hose, and firefighter survival. All apparatus has been serviced by Tyler Fire Equipment. Ladder testing will be done on December 19. Santa Claus will travel the Village streets on Sunday, December 23, late afternoon, with Salem firefighters passing out candy canes. Santa will meet the kids at the West Broadway fire house afterwards.

POLICE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER: There were 7 complaints received, 2 criminal, 5 non-criminal. There were 17 traffic tickets issued and one motor vehicle accident investigated. There were 4 penal law arrests, all violations. No doors were found unsecured out of 363 property checks made. Total mileage was 1058 with 120.5 gallons of gas being used.

LIBRARY REPORT: Circulation for November totaled 1926 items. The computers were used by 387 patrons. Seven people attended the monthly book club, and 12 people attended 3 meetings of the chess club. Scrabble club met 3 times with 8 in attendance. There were 8 sessions of story hour with 17 adults and 26 juveniles attending. Also, Peg has been informed that the Town board has approved an additional \$1000.00 in its 2008 budget, making their contribution \$10000.00.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT: Kent completed 90 feet of wall before it got too cold. Will cleanup and seed in the spring and start work again in the fall. The Town archive open house went well. Added to other publications of local history was the Diary of a 19th Century Farm Wife.

OLD BUSINESS: General Development Plan: Joe Childs has worked extensively to update the 1975 GDP for the Village. Trustee Carol Rives and Mayor Dunigan will join him for editing and review.

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Joint Fire District proposition: A joint meeting (Town and Village) is planned for Wednesday, January 16, when presentations will be made and questions answered.

A Village curfew was discussed. Points of note: The issue for a potential curfew or any already existing law is enforcement (especially against citizens under the age of 16, against whom police officers are unlikely to take action). To enact a (curfew) law with the intent of enforcing it inconsistently, as

some suggest (ticket some ("bad") juveniles but not other ("good") juveniles), would be wrong (unlawful, unconstitutional). Hudson Falls curfew law was mentioned. This law refers minor violators under the age of 16 to PINS (generally thought to be ineffective), and tickets both the 16 or 17 year old minor and the parents of the minor breaking the law (the sense being that if you drag the parents into court they will thereafter control the child). The mayor indicated that she had not had an opportunity to research the matter since the November meeting. Matter tabled.

A quote of \$6000.00 was received for (9) surveillance cameras on Proudfit Hall. As this is three times the budgeted amount, it was asked that a scaled-back quote be obtained.

The public meeting on the historic preservation law has been changed from December 13 to January 2, 2008.

A benefit dinner for Miles Rielly will be held January 26 in the Rupert Fire House.

NEW BUSINESS: Dieter Drake, promoter of the Battenkill-Roubaix, presented the Board with plans for the race in 2008: To be held April 19 (a week later to improve chances of good weather), expecting 1000 to 1500 (up by 500) racers and perhaps 5000 to 10000 spectators (over the whole course). It's being renamed the "Tour of the Battenkill." Course in the Village will remain the same, with variations of direction on the loop for juveniles and mens/pros. Joe Wever made a motion, Tauno Wirkki seconded, to approve and support these plans.

Tauno Wirkki made a motion, Carol Rives seconded, to approve the FD's requests to truck Santa around the Village on December 23, to hold a chicken bbq on Superbowl Sunday, February 3, 2008, and to host the Kelly Miller Circus in July, 2008. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

The HSCPA (courthouse) has requested that the Village plow its parking lot this winter. As it can't be first on the list of priorities, Guy will have to see how it goes.

PUBLIC REMARKS:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Rebecca Brown, Clerk