

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 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. 178 through 229 in the amount of \$13431.27, from the Library Fund Nos. 065 through 076 in the amount of \$1054.94, and from the Water Fund Nos. 053 through 064 in the amount of \$3288.32 were audited and ordered paid--motion by Joe Wever, second by Paul Kobyluch. All were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Joe Wever made a motion, Joe Childs seconded, to approve the minutes from the January 7 regular meeting and the January 14 and 21 special meetings. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: DPW There were 11 snow/ice storms in January. Snow ordinance warnings have been posted on 6 cars on Village streets and 5 warnings on cars parked in the park between 10 PM and 6 AM. No cars have been towed yet, but only one warning will be given before towing at the owner's expense. Repairs were made to the F450 at Carmody Ford, under warranty (instrument cluster/computer reprogram) and not (broken/corroded wiring). The three-year warranty runs out on February 8. Recycled all surplus electronics at Proudfit Hall. WATER Two meters broke in residence basements that were allowed to freeze. Homeowners will be billed for replacement parts.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: There were five calls in the January, one in the Village, two in the Town, and one each as mutual aid to Shushan and Hebron. Thirty-five members completed department physicals, 25 completed CPR training and AED training, and 27 completed first aid training. Member Dan Hughes resigned as he is moving out of the area. Three members completed SCBA and Interior Search and Rescue training at Rupert Firehouse. Beth Mitchell is being offered for Board approval. Training hours for the month totaled 784.

JANUARY POLICE REPORT: There were nine complaints received, one criminal and eight non-criminal. There were 18 traffic tickets issued and one penal law arrest, a violation. No doors were found unsecured out of 297 property checks completed. Total mileage was 1013, with 119.5 gallons of gas being used.

LIBRARY REPORT: Circulation for the month was 2075. The 2008 financial report was completed and submitted.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT: In March and April Al will be convening panels of local residents to share accounts of life in Salem. These panels will be audiotaped. Herb Perkins has received a grant to work with the Honors Class at Salem Central on an audio and photography presentation of the life of Elsie Jackson.

OLD BUSINESS: Superintendent Kremer has been given the language for the Library proposition which will go on the 2009-2010 budget ballot.

Regarding the swim program, tentative pricing per mile for the bus is \$4.50, which includes the driver.

Dieter Drake and Christine Hoffer of the Rice Mansion Inn attended to review course and event changes and additions and marketing plans for the upcoming Tour of the Battenkill. The race will begin and end in Cambridge this year, but will still be passing through Salem both Saturday and Sunday of race weekend. Joe Wever made a motion to adopt a resolution in support of this annual event, Carol Rives seconded, all were in favor, and the motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Carol Rives made a motion, Joe Childs seconded, to approve the membership of Beth Mitchell in the SVFD. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

The local girl scouts will attend the March regular meeting to talk about plans to work on plantings around the gazebo in the Village Park.

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