

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan, Trustees Joe Childs, Carol Rives, and Joe Wever. 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. 139 through 177 in the amount of \$42311.52, from the Library Fund Nos. 052 through 064 in the amount of \$1782.83, and from the Water Fund Nos. 043 through 052 in the amount of \$2002.56 were audited and ordered paid--motion by Joe Childs, second by Carol Rives. All were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Joe Wever made a motion, Joe Childs seconded, to approve the minutes from the December 3 regular meeting. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** DPW There were 14 snow/ice storms in December. Snow ordinance warnings have been posted on 15 cars. No cars have been towed yet, but only one warning will be given before towing at the owner's expense. The Chamber of Commerce asked if the Christmas trees could be left up until February 14, when they are hosting a snow and ice event. Regarding installing a crosswalk near the Park, NYSDOT indicated that it would have to be handicap accessible and follow DOT guidelines. NYSEG replaced 5 streetlight bulbs. Stuart Bartow would like a shade installed on the streetlight opposite his house. DPW will take care of recycling old computer and related hardware. The SEMO paperwork for snow and ice damage in December has been forwarded. **WATER** Wel-Dun performed the annual inspection of the two back-flow prevention valves. There are 272 service hook-ups to date. After learning (during FD training) that a hydrant was difficult to open, all hydrant caps were cleaned and lubricated. Hydrant #44 was found to be frozen and is out of service. Total monthly pump output for all wells and yearly totals and averages were submitted.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:** There were 15 calls in December. A pump operator class was finished in Argyle. The required highway safety vests have been ordered--60 vests for approximately \$2000.00. Under the Betty Little grant, 2 CO meters have been received, and 19 pairs of leather boots have been ordered. Annual fit tests have been completed for the 30 interior fire fighters. During the recent power outage, 20 members spent approximately 100 hours going door to door informing residents that shelter was available at the Salem Central. Time was also spent helping in Shushan's district. Three new members need Board approval: Dan Hughes, Krista Sullivan, and Steve Stauches. Carol Rives made a motion, Joe Childs seconded, to approve these members. Three voted yes with one abstention. Training hours for the month totaled 1243, with 3162.5 hours for the year. The Vermont Country Store donated \$400.00. It will be used toward new boots.

**POLICE REPORT:** Reports were received for December and for the year. **DECEMBER:** There were three complaints received, two criminal and one non-criminal. There were nine traffic tickets issued. There was one penal law arrest, a misdemeanor. No doors were found unsecured after 160 property checks. Total mileage was 752, with 80 gallons of gas being used. **2008** There were 72 complaints received, 26 criminal and 46 non-criminal. There were 234 traffic tickets issued, five motor vehicle accidents investigated, and one driving while intoxicated arrest. There were 17 penal law arrests, eight violations and nine misdemeanors. Three domestic dispute complaints were investigated. Four doors were found unsecured out of 2492 property checks completed. Total mileage was 12299, with 1242.8 gallons of gas being used.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Circulation for the month was 1791. In spite of the holidays, book club, chess club, scrabble club, and story hour continue to be well-attended. Will be placing a proposition on the school ballot in May requesting an increase of \$5000.00, to \$17000.00 annually.

**HISTORIAN'S REPORT:** Al Cormier filed his 2008 Annual Report, which includes the headings

Researcher Use of Archives, Computer Access, Writing and Other Publicity, Educational Outreach, Preservation Projects, Committee and Conference Participation, Cemetery Work, Records Management and Archives, and Goals for 2009 along with a list of archival materials received during the year. The annual report will be filed in the Clerk's Historian file.

OLD BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS: Joe Wever made a motion, Carol Rives seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 1 of 2009 moving the Village Election Day from Tuesday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day) to Wednesday, March 18, and setting forth the place (Proudfit Hall community room) and time (12:00 PM to 9:00 PM) for polling.

There will be budget workshops held on Wednesday, January 14 (WATER), and Wednesday, January 21 (DPW).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Rebecca Brown, Clerk