

TOWN OF SALEM TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 11, 2012 MEETING

Present: Supervisor Seth Pitts; Town Council Members: Harold Gilchrest, Bruce Ferguson; Joe Wever; Dottie Schneider; Town Clerk-Patricia Gilchrist

Absent: Maurice Patrick-Planning Board; Jessica Barrett-DCO

Others Present: Joe Boisclair-Highway Sup't.; Donna Farringer-Courthouse; Al Cormier-Historian; Gail Bearup;-Georgi; Robert Graham-Salem Fire Dep't.

Public Present: Mike Miller; Jerry Zerelli; Ashleigh Morris-Eagle Newspaper

6:30 pm-Review & signing of Warrants #7 and Highway Abstract #7 of 2012 for approval and payment

7:00 pm-Meeting called to order by Supervisor Pitts, followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Review of minutes from June 13, 2012 regular board meeting. Motion made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilwoman Dottie Schneider, to accept minutes of June 13, 2012 as presented. Passed unanimously 5-0

After review of Warrants and Highway Abstract, motion made by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilwoman Dottie Schneider, to pay Warrants #7 and Highway Abstract #7 of 2012 as presented. Passed unanimously 5-0

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Salem Fire Department-Chief Bob Graham provided report; eight calls for month of June, 2012

7-Village of Salem (2-fire alarm activations; 2-MVA; 1-propane smell; 1-EMS assist; 1-Carbon monoxide detector activation); Mutual Aid Calls: 1-Cambridge (structure fire)

Attended Granville Parade; did fireman's funeral for Steve Sussee; work detail getting ready for July 4th carnival/parade; accepted Finny Smith as member

Total hours for year=5005

Report will be filed.

Courthouse-Director, Donna Farringer, reported that she is still waiting for an invoice from Justin Rushinski. Appealed FEMA's decision not to cover anything on the crack in the south wall of the building and still hasn't heard back from them. She has also appealed to Chris Gibson's office and is still waiting to hear from him. The Rebecca Rogers concert raised \$1,000.00 for Lunch, Learn n Play and was well attended. The Siri Allison program went great and the kids did a fantastic job. Working hard on plans for 10th Al Fresco Dinner and Brunch, which will be held on July 28th @ 5:00 pm for the dinner and brunch will be held July 29th at noon. Tickets are \$50.00 for dinner and \$25.00 for brunch. The CCC is looking for a Program Coordinator and Assistant to the Director for a 20-hour week position. Send resume by e-mail to Donna or mail to the Courthouse to her attention. The Green Grocer program will once again be held through the CCG.

Approximately 65-70 children attending Lunch, Learn n Play every day.

Volunteer and member appreciation night on Tuesday, August 7th, starting @ 6 p.m. on the lawn of the grounds. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served, with a concert performance beginning @ 7 p.m. by Cambiata Winds. Dress comfortably and bring a blanket or folding chair!

An AARP driver safety course will be offered on August 2nd, 2012, exclusively for educators and school personnel from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. @ a cost of \$5.00 with coupon provided by Courthouse. Designed for drivers age 50 and over; earn a discount on your car insurance!

Report provided to Supervisor Pitts will be filed.

Highway-Superintendent Boisclair reported that paving on Blind Buck is done. Ed Morrison did paving and trained someone to operate the paver. Motion introduced by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Joe Wever, to increase pay to \$14.00/hour for part-time equipment operator. Passed unanimously 5-0

Joe reported that he is having problems with the International and is looking toward a new tandem truck. He handed out pictures and a description of a new Volvo, which is what he has been looking at. Cost would run around \$200,000.00 +/- and should last for approximately twenty years. He would put the 1991 truck out for bids. Motion made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Joe Wever, that since there is \$50,000.00 in a Highway Capital Reserve Fund and \$25,000.00 in FEMA money, that Superintendent Boisclair do research to come up with specs on a new tandem truck for what the Town would use with approximate cost, and to authorize Supervisor Pitts to investigate current BAN interest rates. Passed unanimously 5-0 to gather the information necessary for review.

10 Motorola two-way radios must be declared surplus and an ad put in the Eagle to sell the same, as was done with the gradall. Clerk Patricia Gilchrist will work with Supervisor Pitts to accomplish the same.

Travis Keys will be taking FMLA time when his baby is born.

Report provided will be filed.

Georgi Museum-Gail Bearup reported that the 'Fab Five' job corps workers were done at the Georgi and had done a great job. Big thank-you to the Town for their work. Solar light missing at the flag pole. Councilman Harold Gilchrest reported that the light was broken and could not be fixed. \$6,018 received from FEMA for the rock wall that was destroyed during Irene.

The Mettowee Players will be at the Georgi on July 17th.

Time Warner will charge a \$75.00 installation fee for internet plus cost for the phone--\$98.90/month for both. Gail will try to get them to waive the \$75.00 installation fee.

Dan Chambers spoke to Gail about doing work at the Museum. He cannot be prepaid for his work and he must have insurance, which he does not currently have. Board instructed Gail to let Dan know that he must have liability insurance naming the Town of Salem as a certificate holder and that he had to voucher his expenses.

Donation money and rental money has been received.

Planning Board-Mo Patrick absent-No report

Youth Ass'n.-Herb Perkins absent-No report

Comprehensive Plan-No report.

DCO Report-Jessica Barrett absent but let us know that she has one dog for adoption.

Historian-Historian, Al Cormier, reported that he had done a program for the Lunch, Learn n Play kids on July 3rd, showing slides of past parades. Al was the Grand Marshall and dressed as General John Williams for the July 4th parade. He has been researching information on General John Russell.

The Buttonwood Tree @ Fort Salem Theatre has been added to the Historic Register of Trees of NYS.

Money for the cemetery wall continues to come in--\$1,250.00 received this week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-Mike Miller says the dust on Beattie Hollow Road is unbelievable. Superintendent Boisclair reported that he had put liquid calcium on road three different times but due to the weather being so dry it doesn't help much. Jerry Zerelli reported that she absolutely cannot open her windows at all. If the road were to be paved, it would need to be widened and trees would definitely need to come down. Joe said he would go up again and spread more calcium in the hopes that this would help. Councilman Ferguson suggested that perhaps water from a sprinkler or hose for a little while on the road might help before Joe tried to put down more calcium, if the landowners chose to do so.

Mike also requested that a 'Dead End' sign be posted at the beginning of Beattie Hollow as many travelling the road don't realize that it is a dead end. Supervisor Pitts said this could be done. A request would have to be made to the County Highway Superintendent after passage of a resolution by the Town to reduce the speed limit on the road; Supervisor Pitts said he would speak to the County Superintendent.

Thank-you from Councilwoman Dottie Schneider to the Salem Fire Department for providing rolls, etc. that they donated to Lunch, Learn n Play for the kids lunches.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Town has started to receive the State SEMA money; approximately \$6,600.00 has been received so far. FEMA funds still coming in.

OLD BUSINESS

Flood Recovery Grant Update-Grant has been approved. Focus is on Vermont line through the Village of Salem. Meetings will be held to see how to proceed from here.

Georgi Work Project- Is now completed

Fire Protection Resolution-The Governor has not signed into law yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

County Updates-Asset Purchase Agreement with Center for Specialty Care on PVI. Still working on Public Health, Long Term Care and Hospice.

Resolution #38-Introduced by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Joe Wever, endorsing the designation of the Town of Salem by the Greenway Council and Conservancy as a Greenway Community. Roll Call Vote: Councilwoman Dottie Schneider-Yes; Councilman Joe Wever-Yes; Councilman Bruce Ferguson-Yes; Councilman Harold Gilchrest-Yes; Supervisor Seth Pitts-Yes; Passed unanimously 5-0

The Resolution will be certified by Town Clerk, Patricia Gilchrist, and sent to Scott S. Keller, Trails & Special Projects Director for the Hudson River Valley Greenway.

Motion to Adjourn-Made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilchrest. Passed unanimously 5-0.

Next Meeting-August 08, 2012, @ the Town Office. Review of warrants and bills @ 6:30 pm, with meeting beginning @ 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk