

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan and Trustees Bob Beaver, Mark Eastman, Paul Kobyluch, and Marcus Blanck. Also present were Public Works Superintendent Eric Rogers, Water Operator trainee Kurt Jilek, Village Historian Al Cormier, Fire Chief Bob Graham, and members of the press and public.

The meeting was called to order, and vouchers from the General Fund Nos. 1246 through 1286 in the amount of \$128656.68, from the Library Fund Nos. 400 through 408 in the amount of \$1459.03, and from the Water Fund Nos. 347 through 358 in the amount of \$1973.68 were audited and ordered paid--motion by Paul Kobyluch, second by Marcus Blanck. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Paul Kobyluch made a motion, Bob Beaver seconded, to approve the minutes of the June 8 and June 27 special meetings. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: DPW We performed regular mowing and maintenance, including opening and cleaning dry wells and culverts. We replaced culverts on Quarry Road, Stanton Hill Road, and Vale Street. We attended a safety training class which covered PESH, rigging safety, preventative maintenance/lock out/tag out, Incident Overview, and chainsaw safety. Working with Ed Miller, we replaced the old wooden fence between Linda O'Neill's building and Linda Marlo's building with a chain link fence, firmly anchored without disturbing either building. I would like to thank Mark Cooney for showing me how to change the ballasts in our fluorescent lights. The Village of Cambridge sent their street sweeper up and swept all Village streets except Quarry Road and Riley Hill Road (too steep). WATER There were two new hookups in June, bringing the total to 286 meters in service. Samples were taken from all three wells by the DOH for a Gross Alpha Particle Activity test and Radium 228 test. We are still waiting for results. Hydrant # 51, across from Matthew's Automotive, is back in service. All hydrants have been oiled and exercised. All valve boxes throughout the Village were inspected and cleaned, painted, and exercised. Kurt Jilek has completed all assignments for certification as an operator and is waiting for the local DOH officer to schedule the final exam. An annual report was submitted which includes a breakdown of expenses, monthly and total well output, and an attempt to account for the difference between water pumped and water metered.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: There were nine called in June, one in the Village, five in the Town, and three mutual aid calls to Greenwich, Hebron, and Shushan. Training this month was for those firefighters handling and lighting fireworks--carnival detail otherwise. Sam Ruggles and Dan Ruggles need approval as members. We would like to take a truck to the Rupert (August 13), Bennington (August 14), and Wells (August 20) parades, provide standby coverage for Shushan on August 5, and attend the Washington County Fair on August 26, and possibly a second date.

LIBRARY REPORT:

HISTORIAN'S REPORT:

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OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Bob Beaver made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded, to approve the memberships of Sam and Dan Ruggles. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Paul Kobyluch made a motion, Marcus Blanck seconded, to allow use of a fire truck at the three parades, standby in Shushan, and attendance at the Wash. Co. Fair. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Paul Kobyluch made a motion, Bob Beaver seconded, to accept Kaiser's quote for bodywork (\$6831.50) on fire truck 44-3, minus any extra for gold leaf restoration. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Paul Kobyluch made a motion, Mark Eastman seconded, to adopt a resolution appropriating surplus to fire line A3410.4 to cover the bodywork repairs. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

The Board approved advertising for sale the 1988 International Dump and sander.

PUBLIC REMARKS

Terry McKeighan (W. Broadway) voiced concern about the sidewalk in front of Salem Hardware which has heaved with freezing and thawing.

Marsha Hall (Blanchard Street) expressed her frustration with the Village water and what it is doing to her pipes/faucets/shower heads, necessitating frequent replacement, in spite of being filtered.

Cindy Birch (S. Main Street) expressed concern about speeding and no sidewalks below Archibald Street, and wondered if anything could be done to improve pedestrian safety along that stretch.

Linda O'Neill asked that the Board review the EDU assessment for her apartment house. Clerk to contact Wash. Co. Code Enforcement for more complete information on number of apartments and bedrooms per apartment.

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