

TOWN OF SALEM TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 13, 2012 MEETING

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

Absent: Joe Boisclair-Highway Sup't.; Bob Graham-Salem Fire Dep't.

Others Present: Donna Farringer-Courthouse; Maurice Patrick-Planning Board; Al Cormier-Historian; Gail Bearup;-Georgi; Jessica Barrett-DCO

Public Present: Jay Bellanca; Tina Fleming

6:30 pm-Review & signing of Warrants #6 and Highway Abstract #6 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 May 09, 2012 regular board meeting. Motion made by Councilwoman Dottie Schneider, seconded by Councilman Joe Wever, to accept minutes of May 09, 2012 as presented. Passed unanimously 5-0

Motion made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, to accept minutes from the special meeting held on May 31, 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 #6 and Highway Abstract #6 of 2012 as presented. Passed unanimously 5-0

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Salem Fire Department-Chief Bob Graham absent; no report provided.

DCO-Has only had three dogs in the past month and a half and they were all returned to their owners; one dog for adoption. Would like to do a dog enumeration from information learned at the seminar she attended in May. Put a public notice in the paper for two weeks stating that anyone with a dog not licensed should go to the Town Office to obtain a license. Then proceed to letters to residents, using the tax roll for 2012, stating what the enumeration fee is, the licensing fee, etc. The Town of Hebron sent three notices, and then sent Jessica out to check. You would indicate in each notice when to come in by. Jessica will meet sometime with Clerk, Pat Gilchrist, to go over the tax roll.

Courthouse-Director, Donna Farringer thanked the Town Highway Department of filling in the pot holes. Justin Rushinski did the work on the corner and Donna is waiting for an invoice. The difference will be paid back to the town. \$140,000.00 estimated cost for the repairs; FEMA will work with Donna and Supervisor Pitts. There has been a drain issue that Ed Bullock has been working on. Plans have been going great 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 went on sale June 4th--\$50.00 for dinner and \$25.00 for brunch. Talent show was a big success; this was Dr. Dan's last official act. There was an elementary school talent show and dessert auction to benefit Lunch, Learn n Play on Friday, June 8th, and a movie premiere with a dessert auction on Saturday, June 9th @ 7:30 pm. Both auctions did very well. Final 'Music in the Courtroom' concert under the direction of Daniel Shulman will be held on Sunday, June 17th @ 3 pm. Come and celebrate Father's Day @ the Courthouse! Lunch, Learn n Play will begin on July 2nd - Friday, August 12th, with the Lake Lauderdale Swim Program being offered in the morning. 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. Kathy Toris-Rowe will provide a morning of Yoga on Saturday, June 16th, from 9-11 am. Call to register. There will be a cast iron sculpture exhibit on Saturday, June 23rd, from 11 am-3 pm, featuring works of 15-20 artists from the UK in the great hall. The iron pour will be done at 3 pm at SAW. On July 1st @ 3 pm Rebecca Rogers will be doing a benefit recital for Lunch, Learn n Play. Report given to Supervisor Pitts will be filed.

Highway-Report provided in the absence of Superintendent, Joe Boisclair.

Georgi Museum-Gail Bearup reported that her first official day was June 1st. June 8th was opening day with six visitors. Received a donation of \$100.00. The Washington County Band will perform on July 5th and the Mettowee Players will be at the Georgi on July 17th. From July 23-27, there will be a writing and illustration workshop for older kids, taught by Irene Baldwin and . Fishermen are parking where the wall was; might have to put up some signs. The laptop computer had no data base on it and had not been used since 2007; data base currently being installed. Need a copy of the calendar of events for Peter Baldwin, who mows the lawn. \$69.00/month for internet through Time Warner. Councilman Joe Wever asked if that figure included phone service and Gail did not think that it did. Should Verizon be cancelled? Gail would like to bring back the Festival of Trees.

Planning Board-Mo Patrick reported the board received an application for a house addition on Scotts Lake Road; garage on Route 153; garage w/breezeway in Shushan and a garage on Black Creek Road. Town Clerk Pat Gilchrist also took in an application for a house addition on State Route 29. Talk of increasing and enforcing the fines currently stated in the regulations.

Youth Ass'n.-Herb Perkins reported that the S.A.Y.A. will hold no meetings during July and August. Held an organizational meeting on June 12th at the Courthouse. Ongoing projects: Ski Club-Biggest year yet in terms of participation; Roller Skating-Possibility of bringing this back to school and could insurance be provided through the Town? Sponsor 2 dances at the school for Elementary grade--one in fall and spring; Harvest Fest-Sep't. 8th games will be provided for the kids; Town-wide Winter Fest to benefit Fuel Fund, probably in Feb. of 2012 w/pancake breakfast in the Methodist Church; Keith Kelly working on the production of a film on energy conservation that might be shown on YouTube; Steve Alexander and Liz Donaldson continue to work on programs/events with the senior citizens, possibly doing something through Lunch, Learn n Play this summer; working with Jane Lourie, Don Zarzecki, Amy Maxwell and Chamber of Commerce to begin an internship program with local businesses, including not-for-profits. Report provided and will be filed.

Comprehensive Plan-No report.

Historian-Historian, Al Cormier, reported that he has received a lot of calls re genealogy. Money for the cemetery wall is still coming in.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received check from Mike Gray @ the Wash. Co. Youth Bureau for \$448.00; will be receiving reimbursement on the lot purchased from the County for tax payments received but not owed per Bill McCarty; Letter rec'd. from the Rescue Squad and their concerns re the flooding issue; received check for \$9,800.00 for mortgage tax; State DOT indicates that paving is being done and work on the Tackle Box bridge should begin next year. Back taxes will be accepted on Friday on the parcels being sold at auction by the County.

OLD BUSINESS

FEMA Update-Joe Driscoll from Wash. Co. Soil and Water and the lead agency on the grant, says the grant is 90% approved and should be forthcoming soon.

Economic Development Brochures-Clerk Gilchrist picked up @ A & M Printers and brought back to the Town Office. Being distributed throughout Salem and Shushan by Tom McMorris, Pat Gilchrist and Supervisor Pitts.

Georgi Work Project-Progressing nicely and a lot of work is being done. Trees and brush are being cut down, re-seeding, etc. They are doing good work.

Fire Protection Resolution-Passed the NYS Senate and is currently on the floor of the NY Assembly for passage.

Truck Radios-Passed Resolution #25 last month to declare radios as surplus, and then put out to bid. Put notice in paper re the same.

Resolution #31-Correction on passage from last month's meeting: Introduced by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Joe Wever, to appoint Gerald Boisclair as Grounds Park Manager from May-September, 2012, for the NYS Labor Force Work Grant at the Georgi Museum. No conflict as highway superintendent as he will be given a total new title and position to run for a limited amount of time. All opinions received from Association of Town, Town Attorney, Alan Wrigley, and Washington County are in writing.

NEW BUSINESS:

County Updates-Negotiations continue on PVI and Public Health/Hospice. Events Coordinator. Passed unanimously 5-0.

Resolution #33-Introduced by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, stating that Cheryl Baldwin's last official day as Executive Director of the Georgi Museum was May 15, 2012, due to duties that were necessary she carry out. Passed unanimously 5-0.

Resolution #34-Introduced by Councilwoman Dottie Schneider, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, to appoint Gail Bearup as Executive Director of the Georgi Museum. Passed unanimously 5-0

Resolution #35-Introduced by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Joe Wever, to move \$5,000.00 from the Unappropriated Fund Balance (of approximately \$28,000.00) to the Georgi .4 account. 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

Resolution #36-Introduced by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilwoman Dottie Schneider, to donate an amount not to exceed \$700.00 to the Salem Fire Department to offset July 4th, 2012, parade costs in celebration of the 250th year of settlers coming to Salem. Passed unanimously 5-0

Resolution #37-Introduced by Councilman Joe Wever, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, to enter into a contract with Washington County DPW for the mowing of 5.49 centerline miles of County Route 153, from June 1, 2012-November 1, 2012, at \$245.00 per centerline mile, for a total of \$1,345.05. Payment in full will be made following the completion of the second cutting and approval by the County Superintendent of Public Works. Passed unanimously 5-0

GASB54 Fund Balance Procedures Resolution-Discussion followed regarding fund balances and the establishment thereof and it was decided to table this Resolution until a later date.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Resolution-Tabled after discussion until a later date.

Swim Program-Supervisor Pitts reported by currently there is no bus driver willing to drive the bus and stay at Lake Lauderdale during the swim program hours. Two trips will be made--one to drop off the kids, the bus will then return to Salem, then go back down to pick them up to return to Lunch, Learn n Play or to go home. There are currently 50 kids for program as of now. Will probably cost more for the bus as it will take more gas to go down and back twice.

Motion to Adjourn-Made by Councilman Joe Wever, seconded by Councilwoman Dottie Schneider. Passed unanimously 5-0.

Next Meeting-July 11, 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