

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, March 4, 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. 230 through 263 in the amount of \$35243.14, from the Library Fund Nos. 077 through 087 in the amount of \$1839.06, and from the Water Fund Nos. 065 through 077 in the amount of \$5314.20 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, Carol Rives seconded, to approve the minutes from the February 4 regular meeting. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: DPW There were three small snow storms and one rain storm in February. Joe Childs and I attended a FEMA meeting at the County building concerning the ice storm in December and the possibility of receiving funds. Will be cold patching potholes around the Village. Would like permission to purchase a pressure washer (349.99 at Salem Hardware) and a chain saw pole saw (around \$340.00). WATER There was a water main leak in front of 172 S. Main. Mark Rogers, owner/operator of MJR Construction Services, was called in and was able to finish repairs that day with parts he had on hand. He believes the leak may have been there since the system went in. Will be meeting with him to create a list of parts to stock.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: There were eleven fire calls in February, including EMS assists, carbon monoxide alarms, a smoke condition at Cargill, motor vehicle accidents, a cold water animal rescue, and a structure fire. Three members graduated Firefighter I--91 hours of training (Leslie, Rob, and Mark). Jen Fry completed Introduction to Fire Officer. Don Doin completed Landing Zone School (for helicopter rescues). Steve, Joe, and Bob took a course to develop a rope rescue bailout plan. The public highway vests are in and SOPs have been established. Did parade detail for Shannon Roy who is home from Iraq. Training hours for the month totaled 675. Discussion was had concerning mutual aid to Arlington FD for calls up Chambers Road, Beattie Hollow Road, and Blind Buck Road. These roads wind into Vermont and the properties are in the Arlington (Sandgate) district, although Arlington cannot get to them without driving all the way around and through Salem. Response time would be at least 30 minutes. Cambridge FD has an agreement with Arlington for \$1000.00 per year plus \$800.00 per call. Does the Village want to think about approaching Arlington FD with a similar arrangement. There have been two calls already this year.

POLICE REPORT: JANUARY: 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 to be unsecured out of 297 property checks made. Total mileage was 1013 with 119.5 gallons of gas being used.

LIBRARY REPORT: Circulation for the month was 1942. Peg said, "Thank you for your support."

HISTORIAN'S REPORT: No news.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: The Public Hearing on the Budget was set for Wednesday, April 1 as part of the regular meeting.

Jerry McKinney, Director of Hebron Camp, is no longer there. The Presbytery is willing to hire the bus driver for swim program afternoons. This will allow the bus to do one (afternoon) run per day. Those attending the morning session will need to provide their own transportation.

Margery Robertiello asked about the alley between Williams and Academy Streets and whether with the Village no longer maintaining it that meant also not picking up branches.

Linda Marlo discussed her concerns about the Village parking lot and the effects of not allowing overnight parking. General discussion was had about parking around the downtown area, parking problems when the farmers market is there.

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Anthony Cafritz requested that the Village consider 1. assuming liability/sponsorship of the Glens Falls Nat'l Bank property for parking, 2. covering the Dupuis property at Thomas Street extension and Main Street where SAW has placed (and insured) sculpture in the past, and 3) permit the Christmas parade in 2009 to stage in the carnival grounds. The Mayor will look into the insurance issues raised (1. and 2.). It was pointed out that at that time of the year the carnival grounds could be covered in snow, frozen/muddy, and basically unsuitable for a staging area.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Rebecca Brown, Clerk