

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan and Trustees Joe Childs, Carol Rives, Joe Wever, and Paul Kobyluch. Also present were Public Works Superintendent Eric Rogers, Water Plant Operator Steve Brown, 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. 506 through 531 in the amount of \$11900.08, from the Library Fund Nos. 191 to 201 in the amount of \$1793.61, and from the Water Fund Nos. 146 through 160 in the amount of \$2554.32 were audited and ordered paid-- motion by Joe Childs, second by Paul Kobyluch. The vote was three to zero in favor with one abstention and the motion was carried.

Joe Wever made a motion, Carol Rives seconded, to approve the minutes of the October 7 regular meeting as presented. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS OCTOBER REPORT:** DPW Performed regular equipment and roadside maintenance. We helped the Village of Cambridge with their leaf removal in exchange for their help with ours. Salem Farm Supply was able to straighten the damaged Kubota so that the doors and windows can be installed for the winter. Tree trimming and removal is ongoing. WATER Total hookups to date number 279. Hydrants were flushed October 13 through 15 with no problems. Performed routine maintenance and administrative duties.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER:** There were 12 calls in October, two in the Village, four in the Town, two in the Town of Jackson, and one each in Cossayuna, Rupert, Shushan, and Cambridge. Twenty one members assisted with the fire prevention presentation at Salem Central School, and following that an open house was held in the fire station, which was well-attended. Annual servicing of the trucks is being done by Tyler Fire Equipment Service Co. The annual pump test will follow. ETA-443, the next truck due for replacement, needed some extra repairs. Training hours for October totaled 827. Three new line officers need the Board's approval: Steve Saunders, Captain; Howard Fifield, Lieutenant; Daryl Winslow, Lieutenant. Joe Childs made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded, to approve these new officers. The vote was four in favor, and one abstention, and the motion was carried. Regarding granting permission for a truck to be used, Carol Rives made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded, to approve the provisional use of a truck on November 28 for the holiday parade, and use for Santa's transportation on December 20. Four were in favor, with one abstention, and the motion was carried.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Circulation in October was 2263. Peg noted "we should be so proud of our Friends of Bancroft Library. They provided over \$3000 for two new computers and a timer system for all public workstations. I am so grateful for their support."

**HISTORIAN'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER:** Kent Foster has done about half of the north wall of the old cemetery, which will be completed this year. Will be speaking at the Women's Club meeting on November 11. Filed my Certified Local Government Program Annual Report with the NYS Historic Preservation Office. Will be cleaning and organizing the archive room with Caroline Ackland. Have added technical bulletins to the historic preservation files for use by the public.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Steve Brown supplied Mayor Dunigan with the data compiled at her request, including meter reading/water usage history, the database showing which parcels are hooked up, and a summary of meters distributed, EDU's assigned, parcels hooked up, etc. Discussion was had concerning EDU assessment for debt service vs O & M purposes (currently if there is an EDU assessment, the same number of EDU's are applied to both), parcels with no EDU assessment, as according to the assessment schedule adopted at the inception of the system, vacant land less than or equal to 15 acres = 0 EDU unless a service is run onto the property. The Mayor asked that a list of vacant parcels be compiled for review.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Joe Wever made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded to approve McClellan-Gariepy Funeral Home's new sign. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Jackson Traders' request for new sign approval was tabled until the Mayor can clarify proposed placement.

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On October 31 Mayor Dunigan and Trustee Childs conducted an examination of the Village Court

records and found “Judge Blanck has done an excellent job incorporating technology into his record keeping. His records are current, accurate, and readily accessible.” Joe Childs made a motion, Carol Rives seconded, to acknowledge that the required examination had been conducted. All were in favor and the motion was carried

#### PUBLIC REMARKS

Mr. Hickland asked whether he would be allowed access to all information presented to the Board by the end of November and was told he would.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Rebecca Brown, Clerk