

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan, Trustees Joe Childs, Carol Rives, Joe Wever, and Tauno Wirkki. Also present were Village Historian Al Cormier, Public Works Superintendent Guy Capuano, and members of the press and public.

The meeting was called to order, and vouchers from the General Fund Nos. 17419 through 17456 in the amount of \$31474.65, from the Library Fund Nos. 5705 to 5721 in the amount of \$5872.09, and from the Water Fund Nos. 5492 through 5501 in the amount of \$82510.58 were audited and ordered paid--motion by Joe Wever, second by Tauno Wirkki. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Tauno Wirkki made a motion, Joe Wever seconded, to approve the minutes of the October 3 meeting. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS SEPTEMBER REPORT:** DPW: Called Rob Fitch, State Engineer with DOT, regarding the problems with the traffic light. He will see about making corrections and will submit a written report. Four streetlights have been repaired. Contacted Wade's Tree Service for four more hours work. Work on the 1988 dump truck is complete. Leaf pickup is on going; Town of Salem has been assisting when available. Will be cleaning out the ditch along Atwater's property. Christmas trees will be put up and decorated by the Chamber. Have spoken with Bob Hunter about trees. Jeremy Gillis has been working out very well as part-time help. **WATER:** There are 260 services hooked up to date. Notices regarding water leaks and back-flow devices have been sent. Have received back all back-flow inspection certificates but one. Received the new fire hydrant assembly paid for by the insurance claim. Fall hydrant flushing when very well. Still waiting for General Control to complete work on the PLC. Will be doing lead and copper samples before the end of the year. A USGS Geological Survey hydrologist came and took water samples from all three wells. There will be 206 tests performed, and results will be sent to the Village.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER:** Not yet available.

**POLICE REPORT FOR OCTOBER:** There were 13 complaints received, 9 criminal, 4 non-criminal. There were 35 traffic tickets issued and one motor vehicle accident investigated. No doors were found unsecured out of 499 property checks made. Total mileage was 1090 with 123.2 gallons of gas being used.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Circulation for October totaled 2143 items. Our computers were used by 409 patrons. Seven people attended the monthly book club, and 19 adults and 4 juveniles attended a total of 4 meetings of the chess club. Scrabble club is on going with a total of 12 attending this month. There have been seven sessions of story hour with 12 adults and 19 juveniles attending.

**HISTORIAN'S REPORT:** On November 24 there will be an Open House in the Town Archives from 10 AM to 2 PM. Books on local history will be sold. The old cemetery wall is being worked on. Kent has indicated that 50 to 60 feet of wall can be set back in place, but that the remaining section needs to be moved out of its current bed, making a wider curve before returning to the current path. Also there is a tree that should be removed. Looking for permission for these two actions.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Certified Local Government: The committee has presented their final draft to the Board. The next step is to hold a public hearing, after which the Board can adopt a resolution enacting the local law. The public hearing was set for Thursday, December 13 at 7 PM.

Town/Village Comprehensive Plan: will pursue together. May look for funding.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Washington County Sheriff=s contract. The Mayor met with Sheriff LeClaire. They will be sending a one-year contract for 2008, which will reflect a 14% increase to \$45861.00. They will be providing more assistance for Freda and recommend that she wear more reflective clothing.

Jeff Staley with JNS gave a short presentation on the Municipal (cell) Tower Ownership Program and said he could investigate the potential for the Village.

Dan Brown gave a short presentation and his recommendation for surveillance camera installation.

Tauno Wirkki made a motion, Joe Wever seconded, to approve the change in the old cemetery wall and the removal of the tree. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Joe Wever made a motion, Tauno Wirkki seconded, to approve the transfer of \$2000.00 from A1325.4 (Clerk expense) to A5110.1 (street labor). All were in favor and the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC REMARKS:** Steve Saunders related an incident, which occurred the night after Halloween involving spraying shaving cream on cars. He left with the Board a copy of Hudson Falls' curfew law and asked the Board to consider a curfew. The issue will be discussed at the December meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Rebecca Brown, Clerk