

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, October 3, 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. 17388 through 17415 in the amount of \$28302.25, from the Library Fund Nos. 5694 to 5703 in the amount of \$2980.67, and from the Water Fund Nos. 5482 through 5489 in the amount of \$4275.04 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 September 5 meeting. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS SEPTEMBER REPORT: DPW: The winter sand/salt pile has been installed B650 yards of sand and 40 tons of salt mix. Have been training with Joe Childs on the computer database. Performed regular street maintenance--cut brush, fixed pot holes, mowed, flushed out plugged culverts, graded Stanton Hill Road. The 1988 IH dump truck is ready to have the floor welded; will be done at the Town yard, probably this week. The 2004 Crown Victorian is in service. The list of men and equipment to be used for snow removal in the 07-08 winter season has been filed. Leaf pickup will be done between October 24 and November 7. Looking for permission to hire labor for leaf season as both Eric Rogers and Lee Walrath will be out for medical reasons. WATER: Received insurance check to cover hydrant damaged in hit-and-run. Notices were sent to six property owners who have back-flow devices on their water hook-ups. They must be inspected yearly and the certificates filed with the Department of Health. Work to repair the lightning damaged PLC, etc. is almost complete. Addressing tamper and leak reports shown from meter readings. Will be visiting property owners. Performed regular water sampling and reporting. Fall hydrant flushing will be done October 15 through 19. Working with Rural Water on 41 Archibald Street.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER: There were 12 alarms for the month totaling 360 man-hours. There were 3 department training drills for a total of 512 man-hours. Yearly hose testing is being done. Seven 4-inch hoses failed, and we are getting estimates on replacements. Have gotten estimates for turnout gear to replace the six sets that failed: Quaker Gear \$1147.80/6886.80, Morning Pride \$1455.29/8731.74, Cairns \$1409.00/8454.00. FD would like permission to order the Quaker Gear. Tyler Fire Equipment will be performing yearly apparatus service on the four trucks. There will be a ladder inspection in December. The yearly fire chief's report was filed. Looking to freeze membership at 50. Fire Lieutenants for the year are Howard Fifield and Steve Saunders with Board approval. Need approval for two new members: Edward Mitchell and Mark Smith. There will be an all-day fire prevention program at Salem Central School on October 19. One member attended Fast Team Training in Montrose Falls. Two members are now attending EVOC class.

Tauno Wirkki made a motion, Joe Childs seconded, to approve the purchase of six sets of Quaker Gear. All were in favor and the motion was carried. Joe Childs made a motion, Carol Rives seconded, to approve the appointment of Howard Fifield and Steve Saunders as Fire Lieutenants. All were in favor and the motion was carried. Joe Childs made a motion, Carol Rives seconded, to approve the memberships of Edward Mitchell and Mark Smith pending the favorable completion of

background checks. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

POLICE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER: There were 18 complaints received, 7 criminal, 11 non-criminal. There were 41 traffic tickets issued and one motor vehicle accident investigated. There were 7 penal law arrests, 4 misdemeanors and 2 felonies. There was 1 domestic dispute investigated. No doors were found unsecured out of 385 property checks made. Total mileage was 1118.8 with 94.8 gallons of gas being used.

LIBRARY REPORT: Circulation for September totaled 1622 items. Four people attended the monthly book club, and 29 people attended a total of 5 meetings of the chess club. Sue Getty will be starting story hour on October 9. As you all know, Sue replaced Don and agreed to take the Certified Public Library Administrator courses. SALS is partnering with the Public Library Association and Adirondack Community College to sponsor a series of continuing education courses designed to meet the needs of library managers. The courses are practical rather than theoretical and include interactive exercises and group work. Participants who complete seven courses will receive a Certificate in Public Library Administration. SALS, PLA, and ACC will offer two courses per academic year, which started last week. Susan was the only staff member interested in making this commitment and is very excited about joining the staff and working with young people. We are lucky to have her.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT: Organizers were pleased with the turnout at the Historical Preservation Conference. Approximately 35 people participated, and Senator Betty Little, Representative Roy McDonald, and Julian Adams of SHPO were present. Participants toured the archives and Fort Salem Theater and enjoyed the access to information and networking. A walking tour was held on the following day.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Dunigan noted that the police committee had met, and that she had sent a letter to Sheriff LeClaire with the committee's concerns. They are scheduled to meet October 4 to discuss how they might address these issues.

NEW BUSINESS: Tauno Wirkki made a motion, Joe Wever seconded, to approve the Snow and Ice Agreement with Washington County. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Steve Saunders, for the Salem Volunteer Fire Co., requested permission to study creating a joint fire district for the Village and Town of Salem. It was suggested that Fort Edward be invited to share their experience. Joe Childs made a motion, Tauno Wirkki seconded, to grant permission for a study to be done gathering the pros and cons and procedures necessary for a district's creation. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC REMARKS:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Rebecca Brown, Clerk