

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan and Trustees Bob Beaver, Mark Eastman, Paul Kobyluch, and Marcus Blanck. Also present were Water Operator trainee Kurt Jilek, 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. 1287 through 1317 in the amount of \$10024.34, from the Library Fund Nos. 409 through 423 in the amount of \$3986.26, and from the Water Fund Nos. 359 through 366 in the amount of \$960.50 were audited and ordered paid--motion by Mark Eastman, second by Bob Beaver. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Bob Beaver made a motion, Marcus Blanck seconded, to approve the minutes of the May 31 year-end meeting and the July 6 regular meeting. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** DPW Performed regular mowing, weed-eating, and maintenance.  
**WATER** There were two new hookups in July, bringing the total to 288 meters in service. Nitrate, primary inorganic, and organic chemical tests were conducted by the DOH. We are still waiting for results.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:** There were 18 calls in July: four in the Village, eight in the Town, and six mutual aid calls. Matt Fry and Cory Susee completed Firefighter I and passed. Firefighter training in July included driver, ladder, and firefighter/victim removal. Hose testing was done, and seven lengths failed. We would like the failed hose to be declared surplus so we can give it away. We plan to use the Forestry Grant awarded this year for two portable radios for the new fire truck. Four firefighters were injured during the house explosion call. The Friends of Betty Little donated \$500 toward refreshments for firefighters during the house explosion call. Richard Hickland paid for food the next day when firefighters were helping with salvage and clean-up.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Circulation was 1981 items in July from 272 borrowers. There were 387 holds placed, 107 items added to our catalog, and 14 new patrons. There were 354 log-ins to our online catalog, and 318 holds placed on line. Our public computers had 308 patrons log in.

**HISTORIAN'S REPORT:** In 2012 a celebration and Civil War re-enactment will take place at the Courthouse for the 123<sup>rd</sup> Regiment's 150<sup>th</sup> year. There may also be an Artillery organization attending, hauling a cannon. The Cambridge Paranormal Group will be spending some time in the Revolutionary War Cemetery hoping to catch paranormal activity on film. I presented, to the Lunch, Learn, and Play group of first through sixth graders, what life would have been like for children during the Revolutionary War period.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Board approved an adjustment of the EDU assessment on Linda O'Neill's building from 7 to 6.5, and also approved a refund since the assessment was incorrect from the beginning.

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NEW BUSINESS: NAPA submitted a request for a second sign to be placed on the south-facing roof. As it complies with dimension requirements, the Board approved the sign.

Anthony Cafritz presented a request for a letter of support for a State grant he's attempting to get to help establish a park on SAW's property. Discussion was had, during which it became obvious there was not majority support for this. Trustee Beaver demanded the minutes show there was not majority support and no letter would be sent.

#### PUBLIC REMARKS

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.  
Rebecca Brown, Clerk