

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Saturday, February 4, 2012 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan and Trustees Bob Beaver, Mark Eastman, Paul Kobyluch, and Marcus Blanck. Also present were Village Historian Al Cormier, Public Works Superintendent Eric Rogers, Water Operator Kurt Jilek, Fire Chief Bob Graham, and members of the press and public.

The meeting was called to order, and vouchers from the General Fund Nos. 1490 through 1525 in the amount of \$10457.63, from the Library Fund Nos. 475 through 485 in the amount of \$1310.94, and from the Water Fund Nos. 420 through 426 in the amount of \$1559.33 were audited and ordered paid--motion by Paul Kobyluch, second by Marcus Blanck, and all were in favor.

Paul Kobyluch made a motion, Marcus Blanck seconded, to approve the minutes of the January 5 regular meeting. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: DPW We are still working on the FEMA paperwork. We replaced the gas tank in the 2004 Crown Victoria. We had 10 snow/mixed precipitation events in January with no real accumulations. Ed's Plumbing and Heating repaired the leaking toilet in the men's bathroom in the community room and also installed shut-off valves for all water lines to the bathrooms and kitchen. The older fuel tank in Proudfit Hall has sludge in the bottom which twice clogged the line. McCauley & Tucker once cleaned out the valve, and the second time it clogged replaced it with a feed tube angled above the sludge, which seems to be working. Both the generator at Proudfit and the one at the Water barn have been serviced. **WATER** There was one new hook-up bringing total meters in service to 293. There was a leak at 45 Archibald Street from frozen pipes; the house has been empty and was not winterized. This property suffered severe scouring of the driveway and other damage from Irene, and we had to dig out and replace the curb stop in order to shut off water to the house.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: There were eight calls: three in the Village, one in Jackson, and four mutual aid calls--one in Cambridge, two in Hebron, and one in Rupert. Thirty-seven members had their annual physicals, and 28 completed CPR and AED training. In addition we had OSHA and electrical fire training, and the quarterly air pac checks.

LIBRARY REPORT: Circulation in January was 1421 checkouts from 204 borrowers. Holds totaling 376 were placed. We added 41 items to our catalog and gained 15 new patrons. There were 371 log-ins to our online catalog, and 310 holds were placed on line.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT: There is a display of photos in the main hallway at the Courthouse for HSCPA, Inc.'s 10th Anniversary.

OLD BUSINESS: Zoning Law--tabled.
NYSEG franchise--tabled.

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NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Beaver made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1 of 2012, setting the polling place and time for the March 20, 2012 Village Election. Paul Kobyluch seconded, and all were in favor.

Discussion was had concerning the maintenance agreement proposed by General Control Systems for the Water System controls. It was felt this is unnecessary.

Discussion was had concerning acquiring upgraded software (READCENTER) for the meter reading system, to address problems with the old (CONNECT) software. The Board approved the purchase.

Paul Kobyluch made a motion, Mark Eastman seconded, to approve the appointment of election inspectors: Harriet Wescott, Pat Fairley, and either Virginia Pritchett or Marilyn Chambers. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Bob Beaver made a motion, Marcus Blanck seconded, to approve an agreement with Washington County covering assistance in emergency or hazardous situations. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Marcus Blanck made a motion, Mark Eastman seconded, to approve the 2012 fire contract with the Town of Jackson with a two (2) percent increase, to \$13974.00. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

A joint meeting of the Village Board and the Town Council has been set for Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 7 PM to hear information about and discuss extending the Town of Salem Fire Protection District to encompass the Village and allowing the Salem Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. to become an independent company. This would require an act of the state legislature to extend the fire protection district and a Village resolution to abolish the fire department. Village and Town residents would be billed for fire protection on their Town and County tax bills, just as Town residents are now.

The regular March meeting will be held March 3, 2012 at 9 AM.

PUBLIC REMARKS

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Rebecca Brown, Clerk