

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan and Trustees Joe Childs, Carol Rives, and Joe Wever. 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. 464 through 505 in the amount of \$26271.29, from the Library Fund Nos. 176 to 190 in the amount of \$2504.89, and from the Water Fund Nos. 132 through 145 in the amount of \$80392.09 were audited and ordered paid-- motion by Joe Childs, second by Carol Rives. The vote was three to zero in favor with one abstention and the motion was carried.

Joe Wever made a motion, Joe Childs seconded, to approve the minutes of the September 2 regular meeting as presented. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS SEPTEMBER REPORT:** DPW In an effort to reduce puddles on Cato Street, a new dry well was installed at the Courthouse, with an apron of blacktop around it to help keep stones out. The culvert at the eastern foot of Riley Hill (Road) was replaced; the new culvert was placed eight inches lower than the old to alleviate a drainage problem. Replaced sidewalks on Academy Street. The Village of Cambridge DPW crew helped with these projects. The cab on the Kutoba was bent by hitting a guy wire and will be repaired or replaced by Salem Farm Supply the week of the 13<sup>th</sup>. Capital Tractor replaced a broken lower window on the loader and re-packed the backhoe's hydraulic cylinder. Aronson & Sons repaired the heater in the Crown Vic. The Town helped us put up 25 loads of sand. Will replace some street signs and posts, some work zone signs, and some road cones. The school zone 15 mph sign was installed on Warren Street. Leaf pickup will begin October 20. WATER After resolving all meter reading issues, all meters have been read. Hydrant flushing is scheduled for October 13 through 16. Tests for volatile organic compounds and nitrates were performed by JH Consulting, and results are well within the required guidelines of the NYS Sanitary Code. Will continue updating all administrative functions.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER:** There were eight calls in September, two in the Village, four in the Town, and one in Jackson. Jen Fry attended fire school in Montour Falls. Training for the month totaled 734 hours in the following areas: quarterly air pac, vehicle extrication, hazmat vehicle extrication, and a tanker drill with Cambridge, Hebron, Rupert, and Shushan Fire Departments.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Circulation in September was 2082. Peg noted that she has received a grant of \$2500.00 for large type books from the Washington County Home for Aged Women. The library also received a gift of \$760.00 from The Phantom Laboratory, Inc.

**HISTORIAN'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER:** The original charter for the Salem chapter of the Knights of Columbus was discovered in Carol Wirt's (Nom and Ernie Dundon's ) attic. It will be given to the current chapter. Kent Foster will finish the north wall of the Old Revolutionary War Cemetery. The Slate Valley book (Granville, Salem, Cambridge) is complete and waiting for funds to print. The trailer behind McClellan's Funeral Home was removed (and donated to a family who lost their house to fire) and will be replaced with a pre-fabricated two-bay garage. The Mayor asked that an amendment to the sign ordinance for the historic district be drafted. Plans have been drafted for work to the foundation and roof of the railroad depot. They're waiting for funds so it can be put out to bid. Preservation Magazine is doing a story on the old Delaware & Hudson Railroad, including the depot.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Tom Keyes presented a mock-up of the new sign proposed for the First UP Church on West Broadway. Joe Wever made a motion, Joe Childs seconded, to approve the new sign. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

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**PUBLIC REMARKS**

Maria Hafner, Beverly Schwabe, and another resident who lives near the Beagles property on West

Broadway expressed concern over accumulated trash in the house and out-buildings, because of the potential for vermin.

Mr. Hickland asked whether the Board had come to any decision on billing of O & M to property owners who are not hooked up to the system, the Board indicating it was not yet ready to make that decision.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Rebecca Brown, Clerk