

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan, Trustees Joe Childs, Carol Rives, Joe Wever, and Tauno Wirkki. Also present were Public Works Superintendent Guy Capuano, Village Historian Al Cormier, and members of the Salem Volunteer Fire Department and public.

The meeting was called to order, and vouchers from the General Fund Nos. 17514 through 17549 in the amount of \$28412.15, from the Library Fund Nos. 5746 to 5758 in the amount of \$4470.36, and from the Water Fund Nos. 5522 through 5530 in the amount of \$14514.90 were audited and ordered paid--motion by Joe Wever, second by Carol Rives. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Tauno Wirkki made a motion, Joe Wever seconded, to approve the minutes of the January 2 regular meeting, and the January 14 and 22 special meetings. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS JANUARY REPORT:** DPW: There were five small snow storms and two freezing rain events. Performed regular street and equipment maintenance. NYMIR inspected the DPW and Water Departments (as well as Proudfit Hall) and will submit any risk management recommendations. At the Mayor's request I have submitted estimates for maintenance and equipment items for streets and water department. Eight trees will be taken down by the County on East Broadway this week, weather permitting. The sander on the one-ton truck is repaired and back in service. All Christmas decorations have been taken down and stored. Jim Gariepy of McClellan Funeral Home has donated an American flag for Proudfit Hall. WATER: General Control Systems has completed repairs from the September 2007 lightning strike--all covered by insurance, except for the \$250 deductible. Now they are working on other matters. The chlorine pump has been rebuilt and works fine. The water issue at 41 Archibald Street (stained articles from washing machine) has been resolved. Grease from the gear box was entering the wash tub. Performed monthly water sampling and system maintenance.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT FOR JANUARY:** There were eight alarms in January, with a total of 90 alarm hours and 910 man hours. There were 712 hours of mandatory OSHA training in cold water ice rescue, fire fighter I school, SCBA and air pac school, and incident safety officer school. All fire fighter physicals were completed. Currently mandatory OSHA SCBA mask fit testing for all interior fire fighters is being scheduled. The Department has received a donation of 700 feet of 4-inch hose. Two members attended the Washington County Chiefs meeting, and one member attended the Washington County Fire Advisory Board meeting.

**POLICE REPORT FOR JANUARY:** There were 3 complaints received, 1 criminal, 2 non-criminal. There were 23 traffic tickets issued. No doors were found unsecured out of 445 property checks made. Total mileage was 1485 with 162.4 gallons of gas being used.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Circulation for January totaled 1911 items. The computers were used 304 times by patrons. Four people each attended two meetings of the book club. A total of 28 people attended 4 meetings of the chess club, 3 juveniles, 6 young adults, and 15 adults. Scrabble club met 4 times with total attendance of 19. There were 6 sessions of story hour with 17 adults and 22 juveniles attending. In addition, there was one boy scout event with 3 juveniles and 3 adults attending. Peg noted that Senator Betty Little has come through again with a \$2500 grant in aid.

**HISTORIAN'S REPORT:** Al Cormier noted that there is a new flag at the old cemetery.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Dieter Drake attended the meeting and noted that arrangements for this year's Tour of the Battenkill are coming along. He would like to erect some sort of stable pole or scaffold at the finish line in order to suspend a banner across West Broadway and on

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which to secure a special camera. Will continue working on the details. He will be placing barricades along the last few hundred feet before the finish for safety reasons. In conjunction with race day, the FD will be having a chicken bbq and asked for permission from the board. Joe Childs made a motion, Tauno Wirkki seconded, to grant permission for a chicken bbq at Proudfit Hall on April 19. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Tauno Wirkki made a motion, Joe Childs seconded, to support the forming of a Joint Fire District with the Town of Salem. The Town will be meeting and voting on February 13, and the FD requested the Board attend if possible.

Joe Childs reported that he will be sending the Village General Development Plan to Washington County for approval by the County Planning Board.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board gave permission for the summer Lunch and Learn program to use the community room kitchen three days a week if needed.

PUBLIC REMARKS:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Rebecca Brown, Clerk