

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, March 5, 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 press and public.

The meeting was called to order, and vouchers from the General Fund Nos. 17552 through 17583 in the amount of \$37331.61, from the Library Fund Nos. 5760 to 5771 in the amount of \$3564.58, and from the Water Fund Nos. 5532 through 5538 in the amount of \$5329.38 were audited and ordered paid--motion by Carol Rives, second by Joe Childs. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Joe Wever made a motion, Joe Childs seconded, to approve the minutes of the February 6 regular meeting. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS FEBRUARY REPORT: DPW: There were 13 snow-related storms and 3 ice-related storms. Heavy rains and warm temperatures caused high water. One large tree with root system got caught under the Archibald Street bridge and freed itself with no problems. Tree cutting on East and West Broadway is ongoing when weather permits. Located some winter cold patch for the worst potholes. Had to replace four tires on the one-ton truck. Couldn't wait until the new budget as had blow-outs during the last storm. Also had to replace one tire on the Kubota. WATER: There are 265 water services hooked up to date. Were still having problems with the PLC computer--not receiving tank readings, and the pumps were still running on manual. General Controls came and repaired the problem. Had received a bill from GCS for prior work which was unsatisfactory and which Trustee Joe Childs contested when GCS came this last time. Technician Mark Rode agreed to credit the contested bill. Working on the annual water quality report. Performed regular water sampling.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY: There were eight alarms in February, with a total of 12 alarm hours and 192 man hours. There were three Dept. training sessions totalling 135 man hours. Fire Fighter I is ongoing. Four members completed 48 hours of incident safety officer training. There will be a meeting in the near future with Washington County Public Safety on improvements to the new radio system for the southern part of the county. The Fire Council held budget workshops. The Dept. Is working on grants for apparatus and equipment. President Steve Saunders has been holding meetings on the proposed fire district. Will be having a Dept. drill on live fire training later this month. Will be holding an extrication class and training in hydraulic tools with the Lucas and Hurst dealer this month. Requesting permission to have the July 4th celebration and parade on July 2, 3, and 4, permission for a Memorial Day chicken bbq on May 24, and approval to apply for a grant for a fire truck and a regional grant for hose, cameras, and multi-meters.

POLICE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY: There were 6 complaints received, 5 criminal and 1 non-criminal. There were 27 traffic tickets issued and one motor vehicle accident investigated. There was one penal law arrest, a misdemeanor. No doors were found unsecured out of 284 property checks made. Total mileage for the month was 1251, with 148.1 gallons of gas being used.

LIBRARY REPORT: Circulation for the month was 1899. Participants for library-sponsored programs numbered 6 for book club, 30 for chess, 16 for Scrabble, and 27 for story hour. Peg's note says, "Thanks for your support!"

HISTORIAN'S REPORT: Al Cormier reported he had submitted an application through the Town to Gilibrand's office for funds for wall repair at the old cemetery.

OLD BUSINESS: Regarding the Safe Routes to Schools program, the Board decided not to apply

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this year, but to wait for details of Salem Central's plans for grounds improvements and to review this year's "winning" applications.

The Town/Village has received a \$25000.00 grant to create a farm protection plan.

Mayor Dunigan and Trustee Rives are to begin the process of selecting candidates for the Historic Preservation Commission.

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NEW BUSINESS: Joe Childs made a motion, Joe Wever seconded, to authorize the following transfers: \$4903.62 to A5110.4 from A9010.8 (677.00), A7310.4 (800.00), A7310.1 (134.00), A1910.4 (292.62), and A1325.4 (3000.00); \$1453.70 to A3120.4 from A5182.4; \$109.52 to A9060.8 from A8510.4; and \$1500.00 to F8330.4 from F8340.4. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

The Board of Trustees was approached by the Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Tour of the Battenkill bicycle race, for permission to close Railroad Street from the crosswalk to the end of the Depot in order to contain overflow from The Salem Tavern. After discussion, Tauno Wirrki made a motion, Joe Wever seconded, to grant permission, on April 19, from 12:30 to 4:00 PM, for the road closing and suspension of the Village open container law. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

It was noted that the heater at the DPW garage/water office needs to be added to the state inspection schedule along with Proudfit Hall.

Tauno Wirrki made a motion, Joe Childs seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 4 of 2008 in support of the proposed NYS Property Taxpayers Protection Act put forward by Assembly Minority Leader Jim Tedisco.

PUBLIC REMARKS:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Rebecca Brown, Clerk