

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan and Trustees Mark Eastman, Paul Kobyluch, and Marcus Blanck. Also present were Superintendent of Public Works Eric Rogers, Water Operator 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. 1386 through 1418 in the amount of \$13157.08, from the Library Fund Nos. 444 through 453 in the amount of \$1667.07, and from the Water Fund Nos. 390 through 403 in the amount of \$83478.83 were audited and ordered paid--motion by Paul Kobyluch, second by Marcus Blanck. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Mark Eastman made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded, to approve the minutes of the October 5 regular meeting. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: DPW I worked on FEMA paperwork. We put in 120 feet of 4-foot sidewalk on the east side of South Main near the intersection, and 80 feet of 5-foot sidewalk on the west side of South Main just north of Nichol Street. We had about six inches of snow in two storms. We cut back shoulders and scraped ditches along Riley Hill Road, Blind Buck Road, Brook Lane, and Stanton Hill Road. We removed one tree from White Creek according to instructions from Joe Driscoll (Wash. Co. Soil & Water). There are 4 or 5 more to remove or cable when access dries out. We delivered the remaining Red Cross clean-up kits to the Salem Food Pantry. **WATER** There were two new hook-ups in October bringing meters in service to 292. Fall hydrant flushing was finished in two days and consumed approximately 158,000 gallons. All hydrants have been winterized; please notify the DPW when a hydrant is primed. Kurt Jilek is now the operator in responsible charge of the Village of Salem Water Department.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: There were six calls in October--one in the Town of Salem, one in Jackson, two mutual aid calls to Cambridge, one to Shushan, and one to Rupert. Members trained in SCBA, bailout, and chimney. Offered fire prevention instruction and activities at Salem Central and for the cub and boy scouts, and held an open house at the Proudfit station. Two members completed emergency vehicle operations class, and two members are taking pump school. Need permission to use trucks for stand by for Cambridge on November 5 from 5:30 to 12:30; for the Chamber Christmas parade on December 10; and for the Santa Clause parade on December 18. Paul Kobyluch made a motion, Mark Eastman seconded, to authorize truck use as outlined above. All were in favor and the motion was carried. The Village of Salem Fire Department Policies on Required Physicals, Turnout Gear, Injury Reporting, Disciplinary Action, and Pregnancy Reporting have been updated and presented to the Board for approval. The Mayor will have the Village Attorney review before approval.

LIBRARY REPORT: Circulation in October was 1635 checkouts from 222 borrowers. Holds totaling 335 were placed. We added 76 items to our catalog and gained 12 new patrons. There

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were 385 log-ins to our online catalog, and 281 holds were placed on line. Our public computers were used 276 times. Our website had 1021 visits. Peg said thank you to the DPW for repairing the sidewalk and approach to the ramp at the Library.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT: The Historic Preservation Commission will be presenting a certificate of appreciation to the Courthouse Community Center (Historic Salem Courthouse Preservation Association) at HSCPA's annual meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Mark Eastman made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded, to adopt a resolution requesting assistance from Assemblyman Anthony Jordan and Senator Betty Little in finding a solution to the chronic flooding, including looking into the construction of the two bridges spanning Route 22 and Archibald Street.

PUBLIC REMARKS

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