

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Marcus Blanck and Trustees Mark Eastman, John Boyce, Paul Kobyluch, and Tina Fleming. Also present were Public Works Superintendent Eric Rogers, Village Historian Al Cormier, and members of the press and public.

The meeting was called to order and Vouchers from the General Fund, Nos. 526 through 540 in the amount of \$13980.32, and from the Water Fund Nos. 151 through 156 in the amount of \$706.41 were audited and ordered paid--motion by John Boyce, second by Paul Kobyluch, all were in favor and the motion was carried. Library Fund Voucher Nos. 178 through 182 in the amount of \$619.55, were referred to the Bancroft Library Board of Trustees for approval and payment.

Minutes from the November 12 regular meeting were presented for approval. With the addition of discussion about the sign for Bain's Service Center and also mention of "No Parking" at fire hydrants, Paul Kobyluch made a motion, John Boyce seconded, to accept the minutes as presented. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: DPW In addition to regular upkeep and maintenance of equipment and streets, we also helped the water department winterize the hydrants, installed the Christmas trees around downtown, and cleaned/opened up the drains and ditches around the Village. The "snow ordinance" needs to be run in the paper. WATER Still sending raw water samples in for iron and manganese testing. A review of results from past sample tests shows our meters for reading these chemical elements are properly calibrated.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: There were 14 fire calls in November, eight in the Village and Town of Salem, and six mutual aid calls: two in Cambridge, three in Hebron, and 1 in Shushan. Training in November covered driver training and truck and adapter training. Cumulative man hours for the year total 8655.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT: There is a request being processed for a historical marker for the old rail yard. Galleys for a soon-to-be-published history book of Salem Album will arrive soon. The School needs to spread the work about the new crosswalk from the School to the south side of East Broadway and its use needs to be encouraged to help avoid dangerous crossings.

OLD BUSINESS: The public hearing on Local Law No. 3 of 2013 is postponed until the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Mark Eastman made a motion, John Boyce seconded, to approve the appointment of Kevin Baylor as Village Justice (to fill the vacancy from Judge Blanck's retirement) from January 1, 2014, until Monday, April 7, 2014 at noon. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC REMARKS

A resident from the north side of the Village inquired whether there are any restrictions on burning wood for heat. The neighborhood seems smokier than usual.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Rebecca Brown, Clerk