

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, October 1, 2008 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan, Trustees Joe Childs, Carol Rives, Joe Wever, and Paul Kobyluch. Also present was Village Historian Al Cormier, Acting Superintendent of Public Works Eric Rogers, Fire Chief Bob Graham, and members of the press and public.

The meeting was called to order and vouchers from the General Fund Nos. 041 through 068 in the amount of \$21888.62, from the Library Fund Nos. 025 through 033 in the amount of \$1367.90, and from the Water Fund Nos. 013 through 023 in the amount of \$2591.77 were audited and ordered paid--motion by Joe Childs, second by Paul Kobyluch. Three were in favor, with Joe Wever abstaining, and the motion passed.

Joe Wever made a motion, Carol Rives seconded, to approve the minutes from the September 3 regular meeting. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS SEPTEMBER REPORT: DPW Tree committee needs to identify trees for removal. Quote received for 6 tires for the F450--would like authorization. Quotes received for tires and fuel tank for the 555E. Would like authorization for the tires; I believe the fuel tank can wait. Williams Street is ready for paving. The Town helped change out three dry wells and add a fourth and we also repaired the sinkhole at the intersection of Williams and Railroad Streets. Replaced nine spindles in the gazebo. Will be doing a swap with the Village of Cambridge for leaf pickup, using their machine, probably the last week in October. The sand pile is ready; we put up 30 loads of sand with 35 tons of salt. WATER Fall hydrant flushing will be done October 14th through the 18th. Required testing for nitrates was completed and came back fine. The auto-dialer has been updated. Willie Linendoll properly grounded the three wells.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER: There were seven fire calls for the month, four in the Town of Salem, two in the Village, and one in the Town of Hebron. There were 531 hours of training. Three members completed Hazmat First Responder training. One female member attended a women's fire convention, accumulating 31 hours of training, including 23 hours of water rescue, and 2 hours each of forced entry, PPE removal, AVET bags, and rail tank car emergency. A fire truck committee meeting was held. Quarterly air pac training was performed along with the Shushan Fire Department. Vehicle extrication and water rescue drills were performed. The damage to the Attack truck has been repaired (paid by mutual aid insurance), the front seal was replaced by Carmody, and yearly service and inspection was performed. Whalen Chevrolet will be giving us an estimate for body work on ETA 442.

POLICE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER: There were three complaints received, all non-criminal. There were 18 traffic tickets issued, and one driving while intoxicated arrest. There were two penal law arrests, both misdemeanors. There was one door found unsecured out of 118 property checks completed. Total mileage was 735 with 79.5 gallons of gas being used.

LIBRARY REPORT: Circulation for the month was 1960. Program attendance continues to be excellent. Peg notes that Sue Getty has received a \$240.00 grant from Washington County to create a teen advisory board to offer suggestions for making the library more useful and attractive to teens in the community, and to assist in planning programs for teens, and to help with fundraising for any events. The Library will be purchasing (\$1200.00, paid for by the Friends) a program called Cyberlibrarian, which will allow staff to control all public access computers.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT: Al Cormier reported that the Historic Preservation Commission held its second meeting, which Glens Falls National Bank attended, and at which the Commission signed off on demolition of the old Salem Market. At this point the Bank is only intending to clean up and secure the lot. Julian Adams (State Historic Preservation Office) will be attending the Commission's third

meeting, at which the Commission will be ready to present the final components required by the law.

OLD BUSINESS: Carol Rives made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded, to approve appointment of Eric Rogers as Public Works Superintendent, a \$4000 stipend to be added to his salary; Steve Brown as Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee, a \$2000 stipend to be added to his salary on receiving certification; and Fred Russo as regular part-time labor at 20 hours per week. All were in favor and the motion was carried. 10/1/08 minutes cont'd
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One bid was received from Tyler Fire Equipment for four sets of Quaker PPE (gear) at \$1275.00 per set. After noting one discrepancy in the bid when compared with the specs (harness loops on pants), Joe Childs made a motion, Carol Rives seconded, to accept Tyler's bid totaling \$5100.00 pending verification of the inclusion of the harness loops. The vote was three for with Joe Wever abstaining, so the motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Joe Wever made a motion, Joe Childs seconded, to authorize the Clerk to perform transfers necessary to cover salaries for the new appointees. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

The Board was asked to consider releasing some old fire hose so that the FD could give it to another company in need. Joe Childs made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded, to deem 1000 feet of old 1.5 inch hose as surplus of no value. Three voted for, with Joe Wever abstaining, and the motion carried.

Joe Wever made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded, to approve the Snow and Ice Agreement with Washington County. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to raise the mileage reimbursement rate to the current IRS rate: \$.585.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Rebecca Brown, Clerk