

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan and Trustees Bob Beaver, 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. 1318 through 1354 in the amount of \$16751.96, from the Library Fund Nos. 424 through 434 in the amount of \$1635.58, and from the Water Fund Nos. 367 through 378 in the amount of \$3490.64 were audited and ordered paid--motion by Paul Kobyluch, second by Mark Eastman. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Marcus Blanck made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded, to approve the minutes of the August 3 regular meeting. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** DPW Among other things, we: performed regular mowing, weed-eating, and maintenance, repaired hydraulic lines on the 555E, replaced the dump hinge on the F450, but the dump box is still hanging up on something, replaced the 30" culvert on Vale St. near the old mill, helped the water department fix two valve boxes, checked the streets, drains, and ditches after each storm, fixed the water tank road, although it washed out again and needs further repair, cleaned up after Irene removing four trees from White Creek and picking up brush piles as homeowners put them out. I am working on a daily calendar for October's meeting.

**WATER** A Nitrate test was taken from the raw water taps of wells 1, 2, and 3 and completed by J. H. Consulting. We are still awaiting test results. Two hydrant valve boxes were removed and replaced. Fall fire hydrant flushing will begin October 10, through as much of the week as needed. Kurt Jilek has earned his Grade C Operator's license.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:** FOR AUGUST: There were 25 calls, including 11 in the Village; 10 in the Town, and four mutual aid calls. One member completed a fire officer class. We attended the Rupert FD parade. We provided stand-by service for the Washington County Fair, the Shushan carnival, and the Rupert carnival. Hours for the year totaled 10,624. The lights were fixed on Rescue 44-4, and the primer was fixed on ETA 44-3. Fire Chief Bob Graham filed the 2010-2011 year-end report, which can be found with the Clerk's files. Following the elections, both Department and Company, the following line up of officers and Fire Council members needs Board approval: Fire Chief, Bob Graham; 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief, Willie Linendoll; 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief, Bob Sullivan; 3<sup>rd</sup> Asst. Chief, Daryl Winslow; Captain, Steve Saunders; 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut., Howard Fifield; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut., Jenn Fry; and on the Council, Bob Graham, Willie Linendoll, Howard Fifield, and Jim Conety. Also, Fire Chief Graham asked that eight old radios be declared surplus and sold, minimum of \$500 for all.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Circulation was 2024 items in August from 267 borrowers. There were 355 holds placed, 81 items added to our catalog, and 10 new patrons. There were 333 patrons who logged in to our online catalog, and 295 holds placed on line. Our website had a total of 1,073 visits, with 54.24% being new visits.

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HISTORIAN'S REPORT: 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Encounter (1761). There may be help available for flood damaged records through the State Records Management office.

OLD BUSINESS: Because it was discovered that the work proposed for Proudfit Hall would be a public work project requiring prevailing wages, etc., a fact not accounted for in the bid advertisements, nor in the planning—this was news to us all—all bids received were rejected with the intent of putting the request for bids out again properly. There will be a special meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, for the purpose of opening any re-bids received.

NEW BUSINESS: Bob Beaver made a motion, Mark Eastman seconded, to approve the newly-elected Fire Department members. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Paul Kobyluch made a motion, Marcus Blanck seconded, to declare 7 to 8 old portable radios (Motorola MT 1000) to be surplus, and for the FD to solicit bids for a minimum of \$500 for all. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Regarding the bids on the sander and truck, Art Goddard bid \$55 on the sander, and Mark Eastman made a motion, Marcus Blanck seconded to award the bid to Art. All were in favor and the motion was carried. Art Goddard bid \$300 and Steve Losee bid \$850 on the dump truck. Marcus Blanck made a motion, Mark Eastman seconded, to award the bid to Steve Losee. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

On Sunday, August 28, 2011 Hurricane Irene's heavy rains caused high water in White Creek. Obstruction of the swollen creek from debris-clogged, inadequate bridges caused it to jump its banks and flood in several spots. That together with a surge in ground water after sustained high volume saturated the ground, brought the water table exceptionally high. Both the Route 22 and Archibald Street bridges had to be closed. Many people had to move their vehicles to higher ground, and many more opted to leave, at least overnight. Ultimately, NYSEG turned off power at the poles of all houses in the southwest area of the Village—Archibald Street, Nichol Street, and Park Place. The Village Mayor and Town Superintendent declared a state of emergency, filing their declarations with County Emergency Services. The Fire Department answered many calls and went door to door in the more threatened areas to check on occupants and offer assistance.

#### PUBLIC REMARKS

Approximately 60 Town and Village residents attended the meeting, out of which 20 to 25 shared their experience of the flood and response, their concerns, their thanks, their questions. Former Trustee Joe Childs recommended forming a Flood Prevention Committee composed of knowledgeable people from Rupert to the Town, Village, and County to attempt to identify and implement preventive measures.

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