

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan, Trustees Joe Childs, Carol Rives, Joe Wever, and Tauno Wirkki. Also present were Village Historian Al Cormier, Public Works Superintendent Guy Capuano, and members of the press and public.

The meeting was called to order, and vouchers from the General Fund Nos. 17345 through 17384 in the amount of \$18456.51, from the Library Fund Nos. 5679 to 5692 in the amount of \$4673.80, and from the Water Fund Nos. 5471 through 5480 in the amount of \$4553.47 were audited and ordered paid--motion by Joe Wever, second by Tauno Wirkki. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Tauno Wirkki made a motion, Carol Rives seconded, to approve the minutes of the August 1 meeting. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

The public hearing on the Time Warner Cable renewal was opened. John Mucha, with Government Relations, spoke briefly concerning issues the Board needed to consider, namely--the length of the term of the contract and the percentage of franchise fees they wish to receive. They must adopt a resolution authorizing the mayor to sign the renewal on the Village's behalf. Tauno Wirkki made a motion, Joe Wever seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 6 of 2007 authorizing the mayor to sign, and it was decided to renew for ten years and to collect a 5% franchise fee. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS JULY/AUGUST REPORT: DPW: The budgeted hours with Wade's Tree Service have been completed. Looking for permission to schedule at least 4 more hours. One tree on Park Place has stress cracks and could not be completed, and some trimming on the list did not get done. Performed regular street maintenance: filling potholes, repairing shoulders, mowing shoulders, regular mowing, and weeding. The Anew@ car intended for DPW and FD has been delivered. Waiting for the title to register. The dump box floor of the 1988 dump truck is still being repaired. Dug the footing for the business signpost SAW is making. Cut the curb for a driveway entrance at 78 West Broadway (resident obtained Wash. Co. DPW permit). Cut brush around the Village and painted handicapped markings and stop lines. WATER: There are 260 hook-ups to date. The summer hydrant flushing went well. Collected regular water samples and performed regular maintenance. Hydrant #52, at the corner of Park Place and Route 22, was damaged by a hit-and-run driver. A police report was filed and the party was apprehended. Estimated cost of replacement is \$3000.00.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT FOR AUGUST: There were 11 alarms for the month totaling 27 alarm hours and 486 man-hours. There were 8 department training drills for a total of 580 man-hours. Provided coverage at the Washington County Fair for 42 man-hours. Department was rejected this year for both the FEMA grants and Senator Little's office money. The Vermont Country Store donated \$2000.00, which will cover one set of turnout gear. Need to start thinking about money to replace the 1990 Engine Tanker, due to be taken out of service in 2010, if it lasts that long. The Department will continue applying for FEMA grants in the meantime. Investigating different manufacturers for turnout gear. Physicals must be scheduled soon for 24 or 25 firefighters. Election results, for two-year terms, and which need to be approved by the Board, follow: Fire Chief, Guy Capuano; 1st Asst. Chief, Bob Graham; 2nd Asst. Chief, Steve Dougherty; 3rd Asst. Chief, Bill Scanlon; Fire Council members, Guy Capuano, Bob Graham, Jim Conety, and Howard Fifield.

POLICE REPORT FOR JULY: There were 16 complaints received, 8 criminal, 8 non-criminal. There were 28 traffic tickets issued, 1 motor vehicle accident investigated, and 1 driving while intoxicated arrest. There were 3 penal law arrests, 2 violations and 1 misdemeanor. There was 1 domestic dispute investigated. No doors were found unsecured out of 430 property checks made. Total mileage was 1221.2 with 118 gallons of gas being used. There were increased patrols in the area of Archibald Street with documenting of observed speeds at various times throughout the shifts.

LIBRARY REPORT: Circulation for August totaled 2042 items. Peg noted Summer Reading Program participation of 324 children during 8 programs and activities. Many thanks to Joyce Getty and other Lunch 'n' Learn volunteers. Please consider adding some electrical outlets in the library.

HISTORIAN=S REPORT: The business sign post is expected to be finished by October 15. The kiosk, which will stand along the south wall of the Tomasi building, should be in this fall. The Washington County Historic Preservation Conference: Sensitive Development in Your Historic Village will be held on September 29, with walking tours on September 30, presented by the local Historic Preservation Committee.

OLD BUSINESS: Joe Childs asked whether the Village Board wanted to participate in a combined Town/Village comprehensive plan, with him representing the Village. The Board said yes and asked him to proceed.

NEW BUSINESS: Joe Wever made a motion, Carol Rives seconded, to authorize transfer of \$200.00 from contingency to mayor expense and \$1000.00 from contingency to street labor. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Joe Childs made a motion, Tauno Wirkki seconded, to approve the elected officials in the Fire Department. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

There will be a Police Committee meeting in the Village office on September 19 at 4 PM.

PUBLIC REMARKS:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Rebecca Brown, Clerk