

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan, Trustees Joe Childs, Carol Rives, and Paul Kobyluch. Also present was Village Historian Al Cormier, and a member of the press.

The meeting was called to order, and Carol Rives made a motion, Joe Childs seconded, to adjourn in order for the Board to attend the Town of Salem's public hearing on their budget, at which it was anticipated the 2009 contract with the Village of Salem Fire Department would be discussed, the Board wanting to be available if the public had questions.

The meeting resumed, and vouchers from the General Fund Nos. 069 through 109 in the amount of \$38635.91, from the Library Fund Nos. 034 through 043 in the amount of \$1798.46, and from the Water Fund Nos. 024 through 035 in the amount of \$84535.52 were audited and ordered paid--motion by Paul Kobyluch, second by Joe Childs. All were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Joe Childs made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded, to approve the minutes from the October 1 regular meeting. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS OCTOBER REPORT: DPW Need to compile a tree removal list. NYSEG has been replacing spent bulbs. Purchased six new tires for the F450 and two new front tires for the 555E. Leaf pick-up has started. The sander has been put on the 1988 International. Waiting for Peckham to pave Williams Street, probably the second week in November. Put down six tons of black top where dry wells and culverts were fixed/replaced and in sink holes around the Village. Acquired a spare tire and rim for the 2004 Ford Crown Victoria. The Kubota is at Salem Farm Supply for repair to the left front--the wheel fell off. **WATER** There are 271 water services hooked up to date. Hydrant flushing was completed and went well. Hydrant #44 is out of service and should be repaired this week. Fire hydrants will be pumped out this month, for the winter.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER: There were two fire calls for the month, one mutual aid standby for Cossayuna, and one mutual aid to Greenwich for a water emergency. There was a total of 584.5 man hours of training in October. One firefighter took a Fire Combat Rules of Engagement course. ETA 442, ETA 443, and Rescue 444 all passed NYS inspection. Met with Washington County on fire pre-plans and all were completed. Sixteen members conducted fire prevention instruction at Salem School and for local day care center and cub and boy scouts (all day). Nine members performed standby for Rupert while they were at a drill in West Rupert. Bob Graham and Steve Saunders participated in the meeting at the Courthouse for winter heating help. Met with Drina at the Salem Family Health Center to schedule physicals for new members before Fire Fighter I training.

POLICE REPORT FOR OCTOBER: There were 12 complaints received, two criminal and 10 non-criminal. Fourteen traffic tickets were issued. There were two penal law arrests, both violations. One door was found unsecured out of 151 property checks made. Total mileage was 840, with 89.3 gallons of gas being used.

LIBRARY REPORT: Circulation for the month was 2147. Peg reports that "Wednesday morning hours seem to be very productive in circulation and computer usage, and I believe we were justified in adding those hours. The Washington County Home for Aged Women, Inc. awarded the library \$2500 to cover the cost of large type books.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT: Work has begun on the wall at the Revolutionary War Cemetery. A new military stone has been placed at the grave of Moses Martin, Sr. A split-rail fence will secure the old Salem Market property until Glens Falls National Bank is ready to build.

OLD BUSINESS: After discussion the Board decided to switch to Empire HMO Option 7, Rx 10/35/70 until the end of this budget year. This will save the Village \$100 per month over the current rate, \$300 per month if the current option had been renewed. The renewal date for the health insurance contract will be moved from December 1 to June 1 to coincide with the budget year. Any further changes will be discussed in time for the next budget.

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Carol Rives made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded, to adopt the updated General Development Plan and to issue a negative declaration that there are no potentially significant adverse environmental impacts as a result of the plan's adoption. A copy will be filed with the Washington County Department of Planning and Community Development.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be taking the NIMS 700 on-line course.

NEW BUSINESS:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Rebecca Brown, Clerk