

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, September 3, 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, Village laborers Eric Rogers and Steve Brown, members of the Salem Volunteer Fire Department, and members of the press and public.

Before the regular meeting business began, all present assembled in the community room for a public hearing at which Trustee Joe Childs presented the updated Village of Salem General Development Plan, which will be adopted by resolution after 30 days from the public hearing have passed.

After re-convening in the Village meeting room, the regular meeting was called to order, and vouchers from the General Fund Nos. 015 through 040 in the amount of \$17260.87, from the Library Fund Nos. 008 through 024 in the amount of \$4090.52, and from the Water Fund Nos. 004 through 012 in the amount of \$3829.36 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 August 6 regular meeting. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS: DPW Performed regular maintenance, mowing, and weed-wacking. Cleaned storm drains. Matthews Automotive did brakes on the 2004 Ford Crown Victoria, and mechanics at the Salem Central bus garage replaced rear brakes on the 1988 International. They noted that the passenger side brake spring can needs replacing, and the passenger side leaf springs should be checked/replaced. A faulty voltage regulator near the water barn caused the generator to start. NYSEG was notified and fixed the problem. Town crew will be helping to put up the Village's sand & salt pile later this month or early in October. WATER There are 269 water services hooked up to date. Mandatory fall hydrant flushing will take place from October 14 through 18. Both Eric and Steve will be attending a one-day water school sponsored by Mueller Co. (hydrants) on September 9. Eric can get 5.5 hours credit.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT FOR AUGUST: The Department did standby coverage with one truck at the Washington County Fair. There were nine fire calls in August, one each in Hebron, the Village of Greenwich, Cossayuna, and Rupert, two in Shushan, and three in the Town of Salem. Training hours totaled 1647. New chiefs for the period September 2008 through September 2009 are: Chief, Bob Graham; 1st Asst. Chief, Steve Dougherty (provisional 1 year); 2nd Asst. Chief, Bill Scanlon; 3rd Asst. Chief, Bob Sullivan, Jr.; 1st Lieut., Steve Saunders; 2nd Lieut., Howard Fifield. The annual fire chief's report has been filed in the minutes back-up file and the SVFD file.

POLICE REPORT FOR AUGUST: There were three complaints received, two criminal and one non-criminal. There were 19 traffic tickets issued, and one motor vehicle accident investigated. There were five penal law arrests, two violations and three misdemeanors. There was one domestic dispute complaint investigated. No doors were found unsecured out of 191 property checks completed. Total mileage was 963 with 83.5 gallons of gas being used.

LIBRARY REPORT: Circulation for the month was 2462. Program attendance continues to be excellent. Peg notes the library had a very busy and successful summer, with thanks due to Sue Getty for her hard work on the summer reading program.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT: Al Cormier reported that the Historic Preservation Commission held its first meeting, at which he was elected Chairman. The Commission will be drafting by-laws and drafting a letter to be sent to all property owners in the district advising them of the process to follow should

they plan to make any changes to the front of their property.

OLD BUSINESS: The Mayor reported that she and Joe Childs conducted an audit of Judge Blanck's court records on August 22, and found everything to be in order. Joe Wever made a motion, Carol Rives seconded, adopt a resolution acknowledging the completion of the audit. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

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The Mayor presented a draft organizational table of the Village and discussed her intention to appoint Eric Rogers as Acting Public Works Superintendent and Steve Brown as Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee until he becomes a certified operator, when the trainee designation would be dropped. She also noted that for the remainder of this budget year there were sufficient funds to allow for a laborer for 20 hours per week.

NEW BUSINESS: Joe Childs made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded, to accept the newly elected chief officers of the Salem Volunteer Fire Department. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Donna Farringer, Executive Director of the Historic Salem Courthouse Preservation Association, requested permission to place a temporary, sandwich-board-like sign in front of the Courthouse. Permission was granted.

Joe Childs made a motion, Joe Wever seconded, to approve the appointment of Krista Sullivan to the part-time Cleaner position vacated by Karen Bentley. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

The Mayor is looking into the official abandonment of Warren Street, from some distance beyond 20 Warren to the railroad bed, and turning it over to Salem Central School.

Clerk to publish a fire fighter gear RFP with bids to be opened at the regular October meeting.

Joe Childs and Joe Wever will look into designing a plaque in tribute to Guy for display in Proudfit Hall.

Peg Culver has decided to allow Sue Getty to open the library on Wednesdays from 10 AM to 1 PM. Sue will move her story hour to Wednesdays at 9 AM.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Rebecca Brown, Clerk