

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 6 PM in the Village office. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan and Trustees Joe Childs, Carol Rives, and Joe Wever. Also present was Public Works Superintendent Eric Rogers.

The meeting was held for the purpose of discussing the budget for the Water Department with the intention of making/keeping the Department self-sufficient. The Clerk presented a preliminary budget using current EDU figures on the revenue side, adding a budget line for "Supply, Power, and Pumping" and moving to it funds for NYSEG and pump maintenance, and redistributing the remaining O & M revenue based on historical use. After discussion it was decided that the budget would support one full-time operator with benefits and some overtime wages, and that roughly the balance of what had been in salaries, after contributing to the new budget category, would go into reserve for equipment (truck/loader). In addition, any surplus at year end not needed to maintain a fully-funded debt service account would go into reserve for repairs.

The next budget workshop on January 21 will address the DPW.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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