

A special and joint meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem and the Town of Salem Board was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 7 PM in the Village office for the purpose of discussing potential shared services items. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan and Trustees Joe Childs, Carol Rives, Joe Wever, and Paul Kobyluch, and from the Town, Supervisor Steve Alexander and Councilwoman Judy Flagg. Also present were Public Works Superintendent Eric Rogers, Village/Town Historian Al Cormier, and members of the press and public.

The items which the Village Board proposed for discussion were White Creek, installing a gasboy at the Town Barn, and purchasing a loader/backhoe.

White Creek, which passes through the Town before reaching the Village (as well as running beside a County road and under County bridges), currently has leaning or downed trees which contribute to the potential for flooding. Both Supervisor Alexander and Trustee Joe Childs have brought up this potential to SEMO. Joe Driscoll from the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District is also aware of past events, has worked on creek remediation, and understands the potential for future problems. Joe Childs and Steve Alexander will continue to pursue options.

Regarding the gasboy, Steve Alexander does not object to the idea and mentioned that he may be able to find the unit that was removed from the Courthouse when the Sheriff's office moved, but that otherwise, they are very costly and it would take some time to order and install one, not to mention pay for it.

Highway Superintendent Joe Boisclair stated that there was really no equipment that would serve both the Village and the Town, as the Town would require larger pieces than would the Village. Discussion was had concerning looking into grants for consolidating the Village and Town DPWs.

Discussion was had concerning the status of the swim program, specifically the issue of transportation costs. The consensus seemed to be offering the program for six weeks (two sessions) with one round-trip bus available for the afternoons. Morning swimmers would have to arrange their own transportation, although they could ride the bus back if they stayed all day.

Joe Wever made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded, to approve the sign request made by Ray's Gun Shop. All were in favor and the motion was carried.