

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Marcus Blanck and Trustees John Boyce, Paul Kobyluch, and Tina Fleming. Also present were Public Works Superintendent Eric Rogers, Water Operator Kurt Jilek, Village Historian Al Cormier, and members of the press and public.

The meeting was called to order and Vouchers from the General Fund, Nos. 541 through 570 in the amount of \$33764.11, and from the Water Fund Nos. 157 through 165 in the amount of \$2040.72 were audited and ordered paid--motion by Paul Kobyluch, second by John Boyce, all were in favor and the motion was carried. Library Fund Voucher Nos. 183 through 191 in the amount of \$1666.99, were referred to the Bancroft Library Board of Trustees for approval and payment.

Minutes from the December 4 regular meeting were presented for approval. Paul Kobyluch made a motion, John Boyce seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: DPW We received delivery of the new Kubota loader. The Town of Salem helped install a wiper motor on the F450. We cleaned and opened up drains around the Village in anticipation of rain/ice storms. The Town also helped remove snow around NAPA which had been pushed onto the sidewalk and road. This is a big safety issue. It is illegal to push or blow snow off your property into the road, and makes the owner liable if it causes an accident. In December we had six small snow storms, three large storms, and six rain/ice storms. **WATER** There are currently 299 meters in service. Two incidents were reported in December: a broken frost plate at 46 Park Place, and frozen pipes and a leaking shut off at 328 N. Main Street.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Fire Chief Bob Graham submitted his year-end report for 2013: There were 82 calls in the Town and Village of Salem, five calls in Jackson, and 44 mutual aid calls to Cambridge (9), Cossayuna (3), Fort Edward (1), Greenwich (2), Hebron (13), Rupert (11), and Shushan (5) for a total of 131 calls. There are 36 active members. Man hours spent at meetings, training, fires and extrications, fundraisers, etc. total 9,226 for the year.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT: Al Cormier submitted his annual report for 2013, a copy of which has been filed in the Clerk's files as well as with the minute back-up documents.

OLD BUSINESS: Following a public hearing on Local Law No. 3 of 2013--designating restricted parking spaces--Paul Kobyluch made a motion, John Boyce seconded, to adopt said local law. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Paul Kobyluch made a motion, Tina Fleming seconded, to approve the appointment of James Curran as Acting Village Justice and Virginia Curran as Court Clerk until the April 2014 organizational meeting, when they would be appointed again. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Paul Kobyluch made a motion, John Boyce seconded, to declare all kitchenware and sundry items in the community room kitchen surplus, to be given away or sold. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

The community room is to be painted, 20 new chairs purchased, and new window dressings researched.

Paul Kobyluch made a motion, John Boyce seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 1 of 2014 stating the polling place and time for the Village Election as March 18, 2014 from 12 PM to 9 PM.

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Paul Kobyluch made a motion, John Boyce seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 2 of 2014 approving the application to the Hudson River valley Greenway for a grant for a project entitled The Salem Main Street Renaissance Project to be located in the Town and Village of Salem.

After discussion the Board agreed to share the cost of justice training and start-up expenses.

PUBLIC REMARKS

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Rebecca Brown, Clerk