

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Marcus Blanck and Trustees John Boyce, Mark Eastman, Paul Kobyluch, and Tina Fleming. Also present were Village Historian Al Cormier, Public Works Superintendent Eric Rogers, and members of the press and public.

The meeting was called to order and Vouchers from the General Fund, Nos. 599 through 625 in the amount of \$15516.45, and from the Water Fund Nos. 175 through 182 in the amount of \$1875.50 were audited and ordered paid--motion by Mark Eastman, second by Paul Kobyluch, all were in favor and the motion was carried. Library Fund Voucher Nos. 199 through 205 in the amount of \$1219.45, were referred to the Bancroft Library Board of Trustees for approval and payment.

Minutes from the February 5 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 McClellan-Gariepy Funeral Home donated a flag box/holder for the Legion's Citation flag. We had roughly 30 inches of snow in February. WATER The monthly water sample was taken from 198 N. Main Street and was within State tolerances. Both chlorine pumps were serviced and injectors were replaced. Notices have been sent out to those water users with back-flow preventers requesting they have them inspected and certified, with certifications filed with the Village Water Department so the Village can file them with the DOH as required.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: There were nine calls in February, five in the Town of Salem, one in the Town of Jackson, and three mutual aid calls to Cambridge, Cossayuna, and Greenwich. Monthly training included truck inspections, monthly and quarterly air pack checks, and gear inspection. Seven members took a cold water rescue class taught by OFPC, and six members took air pack training at the burn center in Ballston Spa.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT: Contributed to an article in The Post-Star on Maria and Florence Audubon (granddaughters of John James Audubon) who lived in Salem for nearly fifty years in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries. On Thursday, March 26 at 7 PM at the Courthouse, Al will give a talk and show a short film on Jane Gayle (McGee). This year the White Church will have its 250th Anniversary, and it's the 250th Anniversary of the Turner Patent. 2015 will be the 150th Anniversary of the 123rd Regiment. Educational materials pertaining to historical preservation for use by Preservation Commission Trustees and the public are being kept in the Bancroft Library.

OLD BUSINESS: Regarding the Loader Claim, the Village Attorney reiterated the insurance agent's advice that there is no liability to the Village unless the conduct is found to be reckless. There is no prohibition on the Village paying the claim.

NEW BUSINESS: By letter dated September 20, 2013, the Office of the State Comptroller determined that "the dissolution of the Village of Salem Fire Department, effective May 31, 2013, is a transfer of function activity...[and] will result in a savings to the Village of \$54,794....Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 requires that local governments adjust their tax levy limits for the costs and savings determined by the State Comptroller. Implementing these savings on the 2014-2015 levy would mean cutting it by at least 23 percent. As this would be difficult and perhaps result in the Village exceeding an allowable levy under the tax cap, John Boyce made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded, to introduce Local Law No. 1 of 2014 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

A public hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at the next regular board meeting to allow comment on Local Law 1 of 2014 before adoption.

PUBLIC REMARKS

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Brown