

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 in the Village office. Present were Trustees John Boyce, Marcus Blanck, and Fred Blanck. Also present were Public Works Superintendent Eric Rogers, members of the Dissolution Study Committee, and members of the press and public.

The meeting was called to order and Vouchers from the General Fund, Nos. 819 through 855 in the amount of \$56004.07, and from the Water Fund Nos. 250 through 260 in the amount of \$85976.67 were audited and ordered paid--motion by John Boyce, second by Fred Blanck, all were in favor and the motion was carried. Library Fund Voucher Nos. 255 through 264 in the amount of \$3177.03, were forwarded to the Board of Trustees of Bancroft Public Library for approval and payment.

John Boyce made a motion, Fred Blanck seconded, to approve the minutes from the October 1 regular meeting as presented. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: DPW Regular maintenance and repairs were performed. Capital Tractor performed the 500-hour service on the B95B loader. The Town helped dig out ditches on Vale, McDougal, and North Streets, install two dry wells at the intersection of Route 22 and McDougal Street, and blacktop Blanchard Street and portions of Blind Buck Road, Riley Hill Road, and Cato Street. The Town also delivered a load of shoulder stone to the Water/DPW barn for future use. Work continues on the DPW Inventory for the Dissolution Study Committee. WATER I attended a water school for 6 credits toward recertification. Hydrants were flushed and are now being winterized. Work continues on the Water Department Inventory for the Dissolution Study Committee.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: There were six calls in October: two in Salem, one in Jackson, and three mutual aid calls—one in Cambridge and two in Hebron. Training for the month included air pack check, gas meter check, Fire Prevention program at Salem School, fast team training in Hudson Falls, scene support school in Shushan, driver training, and a propane class taught by Bove. All four trucks were serviced by High Peaks Fire Service, and 44-1, 44-2, and 44-3 were pump tested and passed. Man hours for the year total 5988.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT: The Historic Preservation Commission nominated Al Cormier for President for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2017, and requested the Board's approval. Fred Blanck made a motion, John Boyce seconded, to approve the appointment as requested. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Judge Baylor asked permission to install a secure lock box next to the Village office door for the purpose of receiving paperwork from law enforcement after hours. John Boyce made a motion, Fred Blanck seconded, to grant permission. All were in favor and the motion carried. Judge Baylor will coordinate with Eric Rogers.

A local resident requested that the Board consider putting a handicapped parking spot in front of the Post Office. The Board agreed it is a good idea and asked Eric Rogers and the Clerk to research and have appropriate paperwork ready for the next meeting.

A Sign Application was submitted by John Ruff and Betsy Bashaw for 46 Stanton Hill Road to read "Beaver Brook Farm." After review Fred Blanck made a motion, John Boyce seconded, to approve the request. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

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The Chamber of Commerce requested permission to install three Christmas trees on Village property, one

in the park and two at Proudfit Hall. Lights will be provided by the Chamber. John Boyce made a motion, Fred Blanck seconded, to grant permission. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Marcus Blanck resigned from the Dissolution Study Committee, and John Boyce agreed to take his place.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 24, at 6 PM in the Town Office.

A memorandum of understanding between the Town and the Village was presented. It concerns the assurance that the Town carries liability insurance for any work performed in the Village and with the Village DPW. John Boyce made a motion, Fred Blanck seconded, to authorize the Mayor to sign the memorandum, contingent on approval by the Village Attorney. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

The annual Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, December 6, at 3:30 PM.

The Board went into executive session with four members of the Dissolution Study Committee.

Upon their return from executive session, John Boyce made a motion, Fred Blanck seconded, to adopt a resolution to terminate Kelly & Sellar Ryan LLC's services on dissolution issues, to appoint Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth P.C. to represent the Village on dissolution issues, and to allow Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth P.C. to communicate with the Laberge Group on dissolution issues without first contacting the Village Board. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC REMARKS

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Brown