

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 in the Village office. Present were Trustees Paul Kobyluch, John Boyce, Marcus Blanck, and Jim Bain. Also present were members of the press and public.

The meeting was called to order and Vouchers from the General Fund, Nos. 961 through 1004 in the amount of \$22871.96, and from the Water Fund Nos. 299 through 316 in the amount of \$9449.04 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. 292 through 302 in the amount of \$1539.40, were forwarded to the Board of Trustees of Bancroft Public Library for approval and payment.

Minutes from the February 18 and March 3 regular meetings were presented for payment. 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 REPORTS: DPW In addition to garbage runs, fuel runs, maintenance, and equipment repairs, we have dealt with a handful of snow/ice events. We used 36 tons of salt over the winter. We finished painting the Library with Peg Culver's help, and it looks good. We did some snow removal on Route 22 and the County removed snow along East and West Broadway. We will start our road-side clean up the week of April 6 and pick up brush, dirt, and yard debris as we see it. WATER In addition to regular sample testing and maintenance, our second chlorine pump has been installed. We have had a total of nine water lines freeze. All nine homes have had temporary hook-ups installed until their lines thaw. Thank you to the handful of home owners who have kept hydrants near their homes cleared. All hydrants are still out of service until they thaw. We will be doing spring hydrant flushing the week of May 4th through the 8th.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: There were eight calls in March including four in Salem, two mutual aid calls to Cambridge, and one each in Rupert and Shushan. Training was done on station maintenance and checks of the air compressor, air packs, and multi-gas meter. Our yearly banquet was held. Man hours for the year total 1867.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT: The Historian was unable to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: The Clerk brought up the Sports Policy, which covers the swim program, middle league baseball, pee wee basketball, and pee wee wrestling. The policy is up for renewal, and historically the Town has paid half, although the last time the bill was submitted to the Town, the Supervisor declined to pay it as he believed they were covered by the insurance they had. Jim Bain offered to bring it up at the next Town Board meeting.

The NYSDOT Work Permit which the Village DPW needs to work along State Route 22 is up for renewal and Is using a Perm 1 Undertaking in place of the Perm 17 Certificate of Insurance previously required, which Perm 1 needs Board approval. Paul Kobyluch made a motion, John Boyce seconded, to adopt a resolution to approve the undertaking and authorizing Public Works Superintendent Eric Rogers to sign on behalf of the Village. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

The Clerk had been contacted by energy supplier American Power and Gas, which wanted the Village's Electricity supply business and was pushing their "green" wind power with a low introductory rate, but unfixed. Paul Kobyluch relayed knowledge of a negative outcome with this company, namely an extreme rate hike, so the Board opted to stay with their current supplier and a fixed rate.

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A new Girl Scout/Brownie Troop has started up in Salem, and they requested permission to plant some perennial plants around the gazebo in the Park, and maybe some annual flowers along the walk, and they wanted the Board's permission, which was granted. They will coordinate with Eric Rogers. They expect to care for whatever they plant through the summer.

PUBLIC REMARKS

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Brown