

TOWN OF SALEM
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING-SALEM TOWN BOARD-7:00 P.M.
MAY 11, 2016 MINUTES

Present: Supervisor Seth Pitts; Town Council Members: Bruce Ferguson; Howard Law; Town Clerk-Patricia Gilchrist

Others Present: Joe Boisclair-Highway Sup't.; Donna Farringer-Courthouse (reports provided but she had to leave early); Wendy Bordwell-Georgi; Al Cormier-Historian; Maurice Patrick-Planning Board; Eric Rogers-Water Dep't.;

Absent: Councilman Harold Gilchrest; Salem Fire Chief Bob Graham; DCO-Nancy Quell

Public Present: James Bain; Marcus Blanck; Greg Burch; Florence Rudio; Linda Marlo; Cynthia Weinrich; Ray Rasmussen; Tina Fleming; Cait Johnston-Journal Press; Ashleigh Morris-The Eagle
6:30 pm-Review of Warrants #5 and Abstract #5 for payment.

7:00 pm- Monthly meeting of Salem Town Board called to order by Supervisor Seth Pitts, followed by Pledge of Allegiance. Review of minutes from April 13, 2016 (appeal meeting for Monolith Solar & regular monthly board meeting); **motion** made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to approve the minutes from April 13, 2016, meetings; passed 3-0, in absence of Councilman Harold Gilchrest. After review of Warrants and Highway Abstract, **motion** made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to pay **Warrants #5 and Highway Abstract #5 of 2016** as presented; passed 3-0 in absence of Councilman Gilchrest.

Supervisor's Reports were presented for review and approval; motion made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to sign and approve the Supervisor's Reports as presented; passed 3-0 in absence of Councilman Gilchrest. Bank statements were also available for review and were reviewed by Councilman Howard Law and Councilman Bruce Ferguson.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Salem Fire Department- Chief Graham provided report but was absent at the meeting. Four calls for month of April: 2-Salem (1-grass & brush fire; 1-priority one echo); 2-Mutual Aid Calla: 1-Cambridge (stand-by) and 1-Hebron (MVA)

Training-Performed all monthly checks; yearly air pack check; all packs are good; pump training done

Members have been doing a lot of work on the new firehouse.

Total hours-2,377

Report will be filed.

Courthouse-Donna Farringer provided the following for the Board (Donna had to leave for a family event): The agenda for the April 19, 2016 Board of Director's Meeting; the minutes from the March 22, 2016 Board of Director's Meeting, with attachments for the 2016 Kentucky Derby party, Tour of the Battenkill Bike Race on May 21, 2016, the menu for Al Fresco to be held on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at the Courthouse and the financials for the Courthouse.

The garden is coming along and Dottie Schneider will be returning on June 10, 2016, to tend to the garden, work with Lunch, Lean n Play and organize Al Fresco. Welcome back, Dottie!

Report will be filed.

Al Fresco Tickets-will go on sale the first Monday of June & will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2016 @ 5:00 p.m.

Georgi Museum-Wendy Bordwell reported that the Wayne Trimm event was well attended on 4/28/16.

May 20, 2016-Steve Trimm will do presentation, in costume, on St. John Honeywood @ 7:00 p.m.

May 22 & 28, 2016-Plant/Tag Sale on grounds; 9 a.m. on

June 18-19, 2016-Fairies in the Hamlet on the grounds

July 23, 2016-Lunch, Learn n Play picnic

Mettawee Players, Hubbard Hall group and Café Lena programs will also continue this summer.

Highway-Sup't. Boisclair reported that Salem should be receiving approximately \$223,000.00 in CHIPS money. Will be paving Bogtown, Blindbuck and Cemetery Roads; have been fixing equipment. Graded Beattie and Blind Buck; cleaning and working at the water barn; replaced 10'x 15" culvert on Hart Hill Rd.; cleaned ditches on Blind Buck; graded Butcher Lane and Kaufman Rd.; helped County grind stumps at Georgi; put calcium on Blind Buck; dug out bank on Village end of Blind Buck; cut & chipped on Village end; graded and put calcium on Riley Hill Rd.; graded lower Bogtown, Little Lane & Old County Lane; ditched on Chambers; graded Brook Lane Dunigan Rd.; put addition on culvert on Blind Buck Rd. 5' x 15"; worked on Blind Buck bank with gradall and loader; send 2 men to safety class; trimmed trees & cut one large tree on Blind Buck Rd.; serviced gradall; working on bank on Chambers Rd.; weed eating & mowing Town of Salem signs (entering former Village); working at water barn; working on gradall alternator (needs a new one); pulling shoulders in on Blind Buck; pulled in shoulders on Cemetery Rd.; working on gas tank on 2003 pick-up; mowed carnival grounds and gazebo park; fixed ditching on Chambers Rd.; cleaned drains with County; mowing streets; graded Blossom Rd.; graded Juniper Swamp & Binninger Rds.; working to finish ditch on Chambers Rd.; attended all-day safety meeting on 5/11/16. Report will be filed. Ad ran in paper for two weeks for help; no one was hired.

Planning Board-Chairman Patrick reported they have site plan review applications for solar panels on a home on Coon Lane; 2 members attended the meeting in Hudson Falls re leasing land to solar farms; sub-division application for parcel on Coon Lane--currently 17.5 acres; would be subdividing 3.0 acres w/mobile home and leaving 14.5 remaining acres. Mobil home already in place and has been on property. O.K. with Town Board as long as three acre limit is there. Planning Board will deal with the sub-division.

Historian-Al Cormier reported that there is a book out that includes letters home from the Civil War from residents of Washington County, especially those of Lt. Cruikshank's. Must order from the '28th Georgia' web page; proceeds from sales go towards erecting a monument to the 123rd NY Regiment in Georgia, hopefully to be done sometime in 2017. The Civil War Committee has a hand-sewn silk flag of the 123rd NY Regiment. Al has spoken with Supervisor Bob Henke, Supervisor Sara Idelman and Supervisor Seth Pitts re the hanging of the flag somewhere in the County Building. The County would have to foot the cost of framing the flag, with a placque to be erected next to the flag. Kay Tomasi won the Liberty Bell award presented at the County Building on Law Day, May 1, 2016, presented by the Washington County Bar Association. Town sent congratulations to Kay. Supervisor Pitts requested that Mr. Cormier attend the Board of Supervisor's meeting next Friday to present his case for the flag.

DCO Report-Nancy Quell absent; April report provided. Picked up a black lab on Blanchard Street belonging to owner on Stanton Hill Road. \$107.00 paid to Town Clerk for pick-up fee, housing, rabies shot, mileage and licensing fee. DCO facility was inspected by Ag & Markets and everything passed. Report will be filed.

Water-Eric Rogers reported that there are 308 meters in service (2 new ones were turned on in May). Town Highway made him a box to cover pipe that is used to drain the bottom of the tank. It is made to last and the Department of Health should be happy with it when they see it. The monthly water sample met the bacteriological requirements for a public water supply as set forth in subpart 5-1.5 of the State Sanitary Code under Public Health Law 225 (test taken at 181 North Main Street). Regular upkeep and maintenance was performed. Flushing of water hydrants went well; issue with one hydrant but that was fixed. Has redone most of the S-O-P and updated most or all safety guidelines to match what the Town has at the highway barn. Eric has been approached by several residents asking about PFOA testing of Salem's water. The Town would have to O.K. the testing at a cost of \$650.00 per site. He could do either one mixed test or three separate tests--one at each well. The Board decided not to do the testing at this time. This will probably become mandatory sooner rather

than later. Councilman Ferguson asked about the possibility of testing for more than PFOA but each test has to be separate. Supervisor Pitts received the 2015 water report and everything was good; he has asked Sara Kelly to put the report on Salem's web site. Eric would like to order extra parts starting with the chemical pump so if something breaks, there would be parts available. Approximately

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\$3,500.00 if allowed to purchase. O.K. with Board to order parts; will have firm prices at next month's meeting. Eric reported that he would be going to water school in Lake Placid the week of May 16th (Monday-Thursday) to keep his training up to date and to keep his Class C Water Operator's License up to date to be able to renew the license when the time comes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tina Fleming asked about the flood prevention plan and Supervisor Pitts reported that there had to be a public hearing on the Local Law. The public hearing will be held at next month's meeting. The White Creek Flood study results will be made public at a presentation at Salem School at a meeting on May 23rd @ 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

COMMUNICATIONS-None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mowing Bids-Travis Keys was awarded the bid for the cemeteries and Scott DeMarco was awarded the Georgi

Bid. Carnival grounds, Streeter Park, Gazebo, Town signs, and sidewalks on other side toward Route 22 will be done by the Town Highway Crew.

Main Street Development Grant-Bruce hopes to have another meeting with all interested parties thru Skype at the Courthouse before the beginning of June, if possible.

Alton Knapp from Knapp & Associates-Flood Plain Managers-Have the new Flood Damage Prevention Plan that Mr. Knapp left for the Planning Board, incorporating the Village into the plan. This has been updated from 1999 to 2007. This will become a local law so a public hearing needs to be set. **Resolution #46**-Motion made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to set Public Hearing on proposed Local Law # 2 of 2016-Flood Damage Prevention at approximately 7:30 p.m. at the regular monthly meeting of the Salem Town Board to be held on June 8, 2016, at the Salem Town Office; passed 3-0 in absence of Councilman Gilchrest. Clerk Gilchrist will publish the Legal Notice.

Library-New librarian hired to begin on Monday, April 18th. MOU with library not needed at this time as the Town is bound by the parameters of the Bancroft Trust. Councilman Ferguson would like Supervisor Pitts to check on the individual liability for board members regarding the Trust Agreement; he will check with Kara Lais on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #47-Motion made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Howard Law setting the Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials for DCO, Nancy Quell, at six (6) hours/day. Notice must be posted in Town Office for thirty (30) days and then Clerk to Supervisor Kathleen Chambers will send to the NYS Comptroller's Office, NYS Local & Retirement System; passed 3-0 in absence of Councilman Gilchrest.

Letters of Interest for ZBA & Board Seat-The current members of the former Village ZBA included Sheldon Brown, Jack Phillips and Peter Dunigan. Peter Dunigan said he would serve on the Town's ZBA, but Jack Phillips declined sitting that he felt 45 years was enough. Sheldon Brown would serve for as long as he will be in the area and Supervisor Pitts has asked former Village Trustee, Jim Bain, if he would be interested in serving on the ZBA; Jim responded that he would be interested. **On a motion** from Supervisor Pitts, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, Peter Dunigan, Sheldon Brown and Jim Bain were appointed as the Town's Zoning Board of Appeals; passed 3-0 in absence of Councilman Gilchrest.

Letters were received from the following, expressing interest in the Town Board seat due to the resignation of Councilman Joseph Wever: Jim Bain; Marcus Blanck; Florence Rudio; Anne Dunigan and Jan Baxter. Supervisor Pitts felt that any one of the people who expressed interest would be a good candidate and would bring their own assets to the table. **On a motion from Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, Marcus Blanck was appointed to the vacant board seat.** Councilman Ferguson said he had attended several Village Board meetings that Mr. Blanck had to run as Deputy Mayor and he had done an

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Minutes excellent job during those meetings and with the whole dissolution process; passed 3-0 in absence of Councilman Gilchrest. This term appointment will end on December 31, 2016. Mr. Blanck could run in the September Primary if other Republicans throw their hat in the ring for the Board seat to be on the ballot in the November election. Term would run for only one year--the unexpired term of Councilman Wever from January 1-December 31, 2017. He could then run for his own board seat for another four years beginning January 1, 2018.

CFA Sewer Feasibility Grant Application-Letters already sent out by Supervisor Pitts to all NYS and Federal officials asking for support for the feasibility study for the Town of Salem; Laberge will be working on this.

Cetification for Historic District-Historian Al Cormier comfortable with the changes that were made; Nicole Allen from Laberge is working on this.

Travis Keys/Water School-Travis is working with Eric now, learning how to take samples and enter data. There is a school in July at SUNY @ Morrisville at a cost of \$500.00, plus meals, hotel and mileage. He would be learning how to do beginning water work to take test for certification. An ad was run in the paper for two weeks for water operator/highway employee and no responses were received. Currently, there is no one but Eric Rogers to take care of the Water Dep't., testing, etc. Councilman Ferguson requested that the matter be tabled until Councilman Gilchrest could be present so the matter was tabled until the June 8th meeting.

Resolution #48-Motion made by Supervisor Seth Pitts, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to move money from fund balance into the general fund (for Georgi) as follows:

GM599 Fund Balance	\$ 10,000.00	
GM960		\$ 10,000.00

Passed 3-0 in absence of Councilman Gilchrest.

Resolution #49-At the request of the Salem Planning Board, a motion was made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to place a six-month moratorium on certain solar land uses, allowing the Town Board to study and determine any appropriate revisions and/or amendments to the Site Plan Review Law for the Town of Salem. Passed 3-0 in absence of Councilman Gilchrest. Copy of Resolution #49 attached to these minutes. A public hearing will be held on proposed Local Law #1 of 2016, a Local Law to provide for an amendment to the Site Plan Law, such local law to be entitled "Moratorium on Certain Solar Uses", at 7:00 p.m. at the regular monthly meeting of the Salem Town Board on June 08, 2016, at the Salem Town Office; 214 Main Street; Salem, NY. Clerk Gilchrist will post the Legal Notice.

Website-Was created about 2007. Currently Sara Kelly of Over the Moon Graphics manages the website. Updates are not done when they should be and the site is outdated. The Town could do this themselves at a cost of approximately \$650.00-\$700.00. Would be a lot easier for the Town to add items and update. Super-visor Pitts will investigate further and report back at next month's meeting.

Sidewalk District-Supervisor Pitts has investigated the matter and there are two options for creating a sidewalk district at the request of Councilman Harold Gilchrest. Create Sidewalk District (like the Water/ Lighting Districts), which would require all sidewalks in the former Village to be mapped out. The second option is to create a Business Development District; the businesses would set their own tax rates and operate with their own separate Board. This would require quite a bit of work but so

would mapping out the sidewalks. Supervisor Pitts will talk to Ben from Laberge Group re what is required re setting up such a district.

Spring Clean-up-Supervisor Pitts apologized for some posters that were put around the Village stating that the clean-up would occur only within the "Village limits". We are all now one town and one area should not be singled out to receive services while the rest of the Town does not receive the same services. There was a lot of dissention and bad feelings regarding the notice but that was not the intention of the Town. The board and all departments (including former Village departments) are all working together to adjust to the unified Town.

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Solar Farm-Resident Cynthia Weinrich had more questions regarding the solar moratorium and was very much in favor of the same. She asked questions about zoning, which is currently only in the former boundaries of the Village. Why couldn't there be zoning in the Town? This has been approached before but is a very touchy subject with town residents. Discussion followed and comments made, but passing the Local Law after the Public Hearing on the solar moratorium will help with the solar farm issue now until the Planning Board has time to revise their Site Plan Law.

Town-wide Clean-up & Electronic Recycling-The Town will not be sponsoring a town-wide clean-up or having an electronic recycling day at the highway garage. The Town has scheduled the clean-up for the past several years on a Saturday to begin and end at the highway garage and no one shows up to help. Supervisor Pitts tried to find someone to take electronic waste, but the firms he talked to are no longer doing this because there is no outlet to dispose of what they collect.

Motion to Adjourn-Motion made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to adjourn the regular monthly meeting of the Salem Town Board; passed 3-0 in absence of Councilman Gilcrest. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting-The next regular monthly meeting of the Salem Town Board will take place on June 08, 2016; review of Warrants #6 and Abstract #6 to begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by two (2) Public Hearings, the first one to begin at 7:00 p.m. on Local Law #1, Moratorium on Certain Solar Uses and the second one to begin at 7:30 p.m. on Local Law #2 of the year 2016-Flood Damage Prevention, regular monthly board meeting to follow the public hearings.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk
Town of Salem, NY

