

TOWN OF SALEM
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING-TOWN BOARD
FEBRUARY 12, 2020

Present: Supervisor Evera Sue Clary; Town Council: Marcus Blanck; Howard Law; Brenda Levey; Laura Dunham; Town Clerk-Pat Gilchrist; Clerk to Supervisor-Kathy Chambers

Others Present: Travis Keys-Highway; Al Cormier-Deputy Historian & Records Mg'mt.; Kim Erbe-Planning Bd. & Library; Janice Quartararo-Courthouse; Herb Perkins-LL & P; Sewer Advisory Comm.; Rebecca Brown-Water Clerk & Library; Tauno Wirkki-BAR Chairman

Public Present: Laura Chadwick-Wash. Co. Real Property; Rob & Meg Southerland; Tina Fleming; Jacob Jameson; Margaret Keys

Absent:Eric Rogers-Water; Wendy Bordwell-Georgi; Historian-Judy Flagg; Nancy Quell-DCO

6:00 P.M.-Review of Warrants #2 & Abstract #2 for payment

7:00 P.M.-Meeting called to order by Supervisor Clary, followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes-Motion made by Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, to approve the Organizational Meeting Minutes from January 08, 2020; passed 4-0 by the following Board members: Howard Law; Marcus Blanck; Brenda Levey; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary (Councilwoman Dunham absent due to illness)

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes from January 08, 2020: **Motion made by** Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Levey, to approve the minutes with changes to **Resolution #17** per Attorney Alan Wrigley & addition of **Resolution #18** for a budget amendment in the water, as indicated on additional sheet Clerk Gilchrist sent to all Board members; passed 4-0 by the following Board members: Howard Law; Brenda Levey; Marcus Blanck; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary (Councilwoman Dunham absent)

Special Georgi & Highway Mtg.-Minutes from January 15, 2020 Special Meeting-**Motion made by** Councilman Marcus Blanck, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2020 special meeting for matters of concern regarding the Georgi & the Highway Dep't.; passed unanimously 5-0 by the following Board members: Marcus Blanck; Howard Law; Brenda Levey; Laura Dunham; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary

Rob Southerland-Guest Speaker-Rob works w/Glens Falls Hospital's Patient & Family Care Center

1.-Current statue of Salem Family Health Center-Bldg. was originally a theatre, purchased by Washington County for a County Courthouse; deeded by Wash. Co. to the Town of Salem that eventually became a local office for the Mary McClellan Hospital until it folded; then taken over by Glens Falls Hospital as a local office for medical care, bloodwork & physical therapy, open Mondays-Fridays. The office is currently still maintained by Glens Falls Hospital (in association now w/Albany Medical Cntr.) but only on Tuesdays & Thursdays with **no** bloodwork or physical therapy available in Salem. Patients must go to Cambridge or Greenwich Family Health Center for these services.

2.-There is a need for medical services here in Salem no matter how limited as we are a small rural community that needs to be served, with many elderly patients needing care

3.-Rob would be glad to give feedback to the hospital on concerns the Board or residents have.

As of April 1, a nurse practitioner will be available in Salem on Wednesdays to schedule patients. This person will be put in place by Glens Falls Hospital, paid through the Hospital, working w/Hudson Headwaters to accomplish the same. Glens Falls Hospital is trying to maintain rural health care clinics in areas in Washington County. The Town owns the building—what about upkeep; i.e. roof repair, foundations work, etc.? Rob felt there must be grants available for exterior renovations & that this could be an avenue to be explored. Hudson Headwaters did receive the grant for the mobile health van, which probably won't be available until at least

the middle of 2021. Anyone with any concerns regarding Glens Falls Hospital is encouraged to contact Rob, who will relay the concerns back to the authorities at the Hospital. Thank-you, Rob!

Laura Chadwick-Guest-Washington County Real Property-Laura reported to the Board that Wash. Co. rec'd. a grant in the amount of \$590,031 for a rival with shared services. Six towns (not currently @ 100 percent) will be sharing in the rival process: Dresden, Fort Edward, Easton, Jackson, Salem & White Creek. The cost/parcel if done individually would be \$85-\$115; the cost is \$65/parcel w/shared services grant. Process began in July Of 2018 w/resolution from Salem Town Board to join in the shared services grant; applied for in December of 2018; approved in February of 2019; RFP's issued in 08/2019
Garr Appraisals from Clifton Park will be doing the rival

There are 1,776 parcels in Town of Salem—the cost to Salem w/o the shared services would be at least \$16,000. The other cost associated w/the rival would be \$500/yr for two years for Laura's svcs. Real Property Directory, working with the Towns, Garr & Wash. Co. The new assessment figures would appear on the September 2022 School tax bill and the Town/County 2023 tax bill. Hope to be complete with the rival in July of this year. The assessments will be kept at 100% for four (4) years, when Towns can apply to NYS for state aid again. Laura would like the Town Board to pass a Resolution allowing Supervisor Clary to sign the contract for re-valuation with Washington County.

Resolution #19-Motion made by Councilwoman Laura Dunham, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, instructing Supervisor Evera Sue Clary to execute the contract for revaluation with Washington County as soon as possible; passed unanimously 5-0 by the following Board members: Laura Dunham; Howard Law; Marcus Blanck; Brenda Levey; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary

Thank you, Laura, for all your help with this shared service grant and for attending meetings of the Town Board to explain the same! We value your help and assistance!

Motion to sign & pay Warrants #2 & Abstract #2 of 2020 for payment-Motion made by Councilwoman Laura Dunham, seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Levey, to sign & pay Warrants #2 & Abstract #2 as presented for payment; passed unanimously 5-0 by the following Board members: Laura Dunham; Brenda Levey; Marcus Blanck; Howard Law; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary

Water Dep't.-Eric absent Travis reported that fire hydrant #30, located @ intersection of Williams Street & West Broadway/Rte. 30, was hit last night by a car. Hydrant broke off at the safety brake points & ended up about 40' from where it should be; water turned off @ the main valve that goes to hydrant to prevent any leaking. Ordered replacement hydrant w/parts needed as there were no savable parts on the one that was hit. Pumped out what little water was in bottom & taped two bags over it to keep dirt, etc. out. Travis donated two hay bales to help it from freezing up.

Current rates need to be changed in the Water Rules & Regulations

Currently 315 meters in service; regular upkeep/maintenance was performed. Still having water tank communication issues; working on fixing the same. Fixed a few no-read meter heads (will be working more on this); eye wash/fire extinguisher checks done; monthly water sample required by DOH passed & met all requirements for a public water supply as set forth in their rules/regs. Rural Water was here for a couple of days to map out all curb stops, valves & fire hydrants. Everything done that they need for free mapping (could have something back by August of 2020; if not, August of 2021). There are two systems ahead of Salem & Rural Water only does two free mappings/year within all of NYS; we are #3 but could get bumped up to #2! They did a free power audit to see if they could find any savings; waiting for the report. Am still pushing for the Diamond Mapping, also.

Many water tests to do for 2020—monthly coliform; quarterly iron/manganese; gross alpha particle activity; nitrate, table 8B; table 8D; table 9A; table 9C; radium 226 & radium 228.

Highway Dep't.-Travis reported to the Board again that the Town of Salem does not have a Clear Road Policy currently & he feels this is needed.

Resolution #20-Motion made by Councilman Marcus Blanck, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to adopt the Clear Road Policy suggested by Travis & e-mailed to Board members last month; passed unanimously 5-0 by the following Board members: Marcus Blanck; Howard Law; Brenda Levey; Laura Dunham; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary

Travis reported that he & Councilman Law met w/DEC on the Town owned split parcel located off Battenkill Grove Way. He would like to move forward w/surveying & the permitting process required through DEC for a new gravel pit on this Town owned property. **Motion made by** Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, permitting Town Highway Superintendent Travis Keys to move forward with getting the parcel surveyed & starting the permitting process through NYSDEC for a new gravel pit. Passed unanimously 5-0 by the following Board members: Howard Law; Marcus Blanck; Brenda Levey; Laura Dunham; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary

Did some work on Blind Buck Rd. where the mud has been the worst; looking to do major project there from the end of the blacktop to just past John Hubbard's house.

Filled as many pot holes on dirt roads that would stay; cold patched the black tops

Doing tree work around Shushan w/the tree crew; removed the large locust tree on Archibald Street in front of Miner's house. Will be renting a lift for a month or two to help w/cutting of the taller limbs; this should be safer!

Pay loader sprung a bearing & it at Capital Tractor being fixed. Ron Jameson will rent us his small loader in the meantime.

Bids for Screened Gravel & Winter Sand 2020-The following bids were received & opened by Sup't.

Keys:

1.-Jenkinsville Sand & Gravel-Price per yard screening process for 1-1/2" minus screen gravel-\$3.15/yd.-\$22,050

Price per yard screening process for 3/8" minus winter sand-\$3.15/yd.-\$22,050

2.-Ron Jameson Contractor LLC-Screening 7,000 yds. of 1-1/2" minus gravel @ \$2.85/yd.-\$19,950 & 7,000 yds. of 3/8" minus winter and at the town's pit for the cost of \$2.85/yd.- \$19,950, for a total of \$39,900.

Town Highway Superintendent can add to yardage if desired at same quoted price. We would also like to offer crushing services at the same quoted price of \$2.85/cu. yd. to be processed off-site. This offer good for the 2020 season only.

Both Jenkinsville Sand & Gravel & Ron Jameson Contractor LLC had Non-Collusive Bidding Certificates attached, as requested.

Resolution #21-Motion made by Councilman Laura Dunham, seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Levey to award the bid for screened gravel & winter sand to Jameson Contractor LLC for a total bid of \$39,900; passed unanimously 5-0 by the following Board members: Laura Dunham; Brenda Levey; Marcus Blanck; Howard Law; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary

Bids for Gravel & Top Soil 2020-The following bid was received for gravel & topsoil for 2020:

1.-Ron Jameson Contractor LLC-Supply Town with 1.5" minus gravel at Jameson's pit for \$6.00/cu. yd.

Supply Town with 1" minus Topsoil at Jameson's pit for \$20.00/cu. yd.

Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate attached as requested.

Resolution #22-Motion made by Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilwoman Laura Dunham, to accept the only bid by Ron Jameson Contractor LLC for Gravel & Top Soil for 2020 @ a price of \$6.00/cu. yd. for both 1.5" & 1"; passed unanimously 5-0 by the following Board members: Howard Law; Laura Dunham; Brenda Levey; Marcus Blanck; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary

Highway daily report for month of January 2020 will be filed.

Historian/Records Management-Deputy Historian Al Cormier reported in absence of Judy Flagg, who is out sick. The Archive Room is finally back in order, with Records Management still on-going.

Historic Preservation-Renovations/restoration will begin on the White Church (First United Presbyterian Church)—exterior carpentry repairs, exterior painting; foundation work roof work, windows & a new handicap ramp. Marie Bell from the church is working with the Commission & is also working w/SHPO.

Updating of the owners of property in the historic district is ongoing. Letters are sent out to the new owners regarding the historic status of their property as soon as ownership is verified.

2019 Historic Preservation Commission annual report has been completed & sent to NYS Historical Preservation Office & to Town Clerk Gilchrist for filing.

It was announced that Mr. Cormier has been named Washington County Senior Citizen of the year--congrats, Al & thank you for all your hard work!

Salem Fire Dep't.-Chief Graham absent-report will be provided.

Shushan Fire Dep't.-The department's annual banquet was Saturday night, 02/08 @ the Salem Firehouse.

Courthouse-Janice reported that the first Art Opening would be Friday, 03/06/2020, 5-7 p.m., showcasing the work of David O'Keefe & Lynn Kerr. After school programs will be continued w/Zena Pesta from 03/12-04/09/2020, 3:-30-4:30; the class is geared toward children from ages 10-14.

Open Mic night will be held Friday, 03/13/2020, @ 6:30 p.m. @ Jacko's Corner. Local high school & community talent will be performing onstage for 10 minutes or so. Courthouse will provide pizza & refreshments. HSCPA has hired a new Administrative Assistant, Aggie Duveen for 3 days/week.

There will be a ceremony for the new windows that were installed, scheduled for weekend of 03/28. The five families that sponsored a window will be there. There will be plaques, inscribed w/the family name of each donor. Sponsors are: Joe Childs, Bob & Carolyn Akland, Evelyn Estey, Tomasi Family & 2018 Board of Directors n appreciation of all HSCPA Volunteers Paul Tomlinson, Lori Colombraro, Donald Tomlinson & Paul & Kathi Gaudreau.

Also included is December, 2019 year-end financials; report will be filed.

Library-Rebecca Brown reported there was now an AED in the community room cabinet behind the Judge's Bench. AC for the community room is happening. There will be great programs during winter break vacation for the kids so please check them out!

Planning Board-Kim Erbe reported that there was one site plan application to build a garage

Sewer Advisory Board-Minutes from 01/28/2020 meeting were provided by Laura Dunham, Secretary.

Meeting will continue to be held the 4th Tuesday of the month in the Salem Town Office. The committee would like to have Mary Beth Bianconi, from Delaware Engineering, attend the next meeting on 02/24/2020, to talk about what the next steps would be in the process. All Town Board members are invited.

Resolution #23-Motion made by Councilwoman Brenda Levey, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to appoint Tina Fleming, Herb Perkins, Bruce Ferguson, Nancy Higby, Laura Dunham, Ted Wilson, Chris Preble, Sue Clary, Jim Carrolan & David Glover to serve currently. Others may be added, if interested, at a later date. Passed 4-1 by the following Board members: Brenda Levey; Laura Dunham; Howard Law; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary; Councilman Marcus Blanck voted no

Salem Memorial & Veteran's Park Committee-Secretary Heather Bellanca submitted minutes for the Board members; the committee met on 02/03 @ Salem Courthouse. Laura Dunham nominated & unanimously appointed as committee chair; Heather Bellanca was nominated & unanimously appointed as Secretary. Minutes will be provided to Supervisor Clary for distribution at least the Monday before a Board meeting.

Resolution #24-Motion made by Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, to accept the following people as members of the Salem Memorial & Veteran's Park Committee: Meg Aesch, Laura Dunham, Nancy Hand Higby, Ed Phillips, Meg Southerland, Heather Bellanca, Al Cormier, Judy Flagg & Donna Orlyk; passed unanimously 5-0 by the following Board members: Howard Law; Marcus Blanck; Laura Dunham; Brenda Levey; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary

Next Park Committee Meeting-will be held on Monday, 03/02 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Georgi-There will be a special Town Board meeting on Wednesday, 02/19/2020, @ 6:00 p.m. to discuss add'l. matters concerning the Georgi. Notice will be put in the Post Star by Clerk Gilchrist.

Supervisor's Report

Fuel Fund Dinner-Supervisor Clary announced the Fuel Fund Dinner for Thursday, 02/13/2020 from 5-6:30 p.m. @ the White Church. Take outs or eat in are both available.

Summer Swim Program-There is no longer a 'Hebron Camp'; the property is now privately owned & only swim lesson are offered. Supervisor Clary announced that Lake Lauderdale was a win-win & didn't cost the Town anything. The total expenditures were \$4,365.00 & outside revenues were from the following sources:

NY Connects-\$1,000 (Grant)

Shoppe off Broadway-\$2,500

Transportation Fees Collected-\$750

Wash. Co. Youth Bureau-\$871

Total Rec'd. -\$5,121

2019 Budgeted Amount-was \$9,000; the Town was billed for two years of swim instruction in 2019 because Cambridge Village didn't get a bill to Town of Salem by end of the year. The bus transportation to Salem Central School came out of that line, also.

There were more hurdles than Herb Perkins thought there would be by switching to Hebron. He, as well as Supervisor Clary, asked the Board to reconsider reinstating the swim program back to Lake Lauderdale for the 2020 season. There is currently only \$2600 in the Salem Youth line item in the 2020 budget, with \$850 given to the Salem Area Youth Association to help defray their liability insurance costs.

Resolution #25-After much discussion, **motion made by** Councilman Marcus Blanck, seconded by Councilwoman Laura Dunham, to reinstate the summer swim program w/Lake Lauderdale for the 2020 summer season, guaranteeing the income per the hand-out Supervisor Clary provided of \$5,121. Passed unanimously 5-0 by the following Board members: Marcus Blanck; Laura Dunham; Howard Law; Brenda Levey; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary

Deaccessioning of Georgi Furniture-Looks like it might be at least another month for a decision.

OLD BUSINESS

Glens Falls Nat'l. Bk. & Tr. Co.-ICS Money Market Accounts available; money can be moved into these acc'ts. as needed w/no minimum time frame; currently paying 1.5%. Clerk to Supervisor Chambers will monitor w/Supervisor Clary. **Resolution #26-Motion made by** Councilman Marcus Blanck, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to move money into the Money Market Acc'ts., currently paying 1.5%, as needed, monitoring when money needs to come in and go out; passed unanimously 5-0 by the following Board members: Marcus Blanck; Howard Law; Brenda Levey; Laura Dunham; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary

NYSE&G LED Streetlight Conversion Program-Please review all information Supervisor Clary sent to all Board members

NEW BUSINESS

Solar Moratorium Renewal-Local Law #4 of 2019 was filed w/the NYS Dep't. of State on September 13, 2019, said local law entitled 'Moratorium on Certain Solar Uses'. Said Local Law shall be subject to renewal for a cumulative period **of up to an additional six (6) months**, if necessary, by resolution of the Town Board. Local Law #4 would run out on March 12, 2020 if not renewed.

Resolution #27-Motion made by Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, to extend the current Moratorium on Certain Solar Uses from March 12, 2020 to September 11, 2020, an additional six (6) months, as stated in the currently filed **Local Law #4 of 2019**; passed unanimously by the following Board members: Howard Law; Marcus Blanck; Laura Dunham; Brenda Levey; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary

Tina Fleming-advised the Board that her flood insurance premium was being raised from the current \$500 to \$3,000; she has zero value on her property and probably will never be able to sell it. Currently working w/FEMA flood advocate re deductibles, costs, etc. (Higher deductible, lower the premium). The Town of Salem currently has no Flood Mitigation Plan in place so this is only going to get worse! Councilwoman Brenda Levey has volunteered to re-start the Flood Mitigation Committee with some help.

Next Meeting-will be a special meeting to discuss Georgi concerns on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, @ 6:00 p.m. in the Salem Town Office.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting of the Salem Town Board will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, in the Salem Town Office, review of Warrants #3 and Abstract #3 to begin at 6:00 p.m., regular meeting to begin @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk
Town of Salem