

TOWN OF SALEM
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING-TOWN BOARD
DECEMBER 14, 2022

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

Others Present: Travis Keys-H'Way/Water; Moe Patrick-Planning Bd.; Kim Erbe-Panning Bd./Library; Rebecca Brown-Water Clerk/Library; Herb Perkins-Sewer Comm./L, L & P; Rachel Clothier & Krista Sullivan-Courthouse; Nancy Quell-DCO

Public Present: NONE

Absent-Councilwoman Laura Dunham; Jeanne Smith-Georgi (report provided); Eric Rogers-Water Dep't. (report provided); Judy Flagg-Historian/ Historic Preservation/Records Mg'mt.; Bob Graham-Salem Fire Dep't. (report provided)

5:00 P.M.-Review of **Warrants #12 & Highway Abstract #12 of 2022** for approval & payment

6:00 P.M.-Meeting called to order by Supervisor Evera Sue Clary, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from 09/28/2022-2nd 2023 Budget Workshop Meeting-Motion made by Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, to approve the 2nd 2023 Budget Workshop Meeting minutes; passed 4-0 (in absence of Councilwoman Dunham).

Minutes from 10/26/2022 Public Hearings on Fire Protection Contracts; 2023 Preliminary Budget & Local Law #1 to Override the 2023 Tax Cap-Motion made by Councilman Marcus Blanck, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to approve the minutes from the 10/26/2022 Public Hearings as stated above; passed 4-0.

Minutes from the 11/02/2023 Special 2023 Budget Workshop Meeting/Preliminary Budget-Motion made by Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, to approve these minutes with the following two (2) changes: **Page 1-GENERAL LINE ITEMS-Line 17-Con't. Exp.-Supervisor** should read as follows:decided to increase from \$4,300 to \$5,500 & **Page 2-Line 214 AIM-Misc.** should read 'Decrease' from \$23,732 to \$23,578 (not Increase as stated); passed 4-0.

Minutes from the 11/09/2022 Regular Monthly Meeting-Motion made by Councilman Marcus Blanck, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to approve the minutes from the 11/09/2022 Regular Monthly Meeting; passed 4-0.

Approval of Warrants #12 & Highway Abstract #12 of 2022-Motion made by Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Levey, to approve Warrants #12 & Highway Abstract #12 as presented for payment; passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

DCO Nany Quell-was present to comment/explain about the issue w/dogs on Smith Road that have been in the news lately; posting a bond has usually been quick but has not been lately. These dogs are probably not adoptable because they most like have Parvo. Could have Code Enforcement go in because of this issue, which could be detrimental to humans. Discussed what had been going on as far as she knew & answered what questions she could. This could be an on-going problem. Clerk Gilchrist has sent renewal notices on the licensing of the dogs but to no avail at this time.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Salem Fire Dep't.-Chief Graham emailed his report to the Board; total of 13 calls for Nov. (including 3-Mutual Aid calls--2-Cambridge & 1-Greenwich)

Training: chimney fire, air pack, driver training, station maintenance, ropes/knots

Meetings: Fire Dep't. held monthly mtg.; Chiefs/Officers mtg. in Hebron

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Breakfast w/Santa was held Sunday, 12/11 @ the Firehouse & it went very well.

Santa Truck will be driving around the former Village on Sunday night, 12/18/22, w/Santa.

Total Hours for Year-8,128; report will be filed

Courthouse-Lunch, Learn n Play report from Herb Perkins. Use ARPA fund money for the porch instead of painting the bldg. **Motion made by** Councilman Marcus Blanck, seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Levey, to use ARPA funds toward the porch repair as it will now cost more to repair/finish this project & forgo ARPA funds for painting of the building as had been requested; passed 4-0.

President's Report from Bob Akland provided for all on state of the Courthouse.

Year's schedule of events for Courthouse provided (there could be some minor changes/adjustments).

Highway Dep't.-Travis reported the new waste oil furnace was all hooked up. County has provided T/O/S w/ salt brine for the roads. Travis has already spoken to both Ron Jameson & Kent Foster & would like to buy gravel for 2023 at this year's contract price. Will need to wait & see what comes in for CHIPS. **Motion made by** Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck to allow Travis to buy gravel from both Kent Foster & Ron Jameson @ the 2022 price, waiting to see what comes in for CHIPS money; passed 4-0.

New Waste Oil furnace is hooked up, waiting for Willie Linendoll to hard wire it.

Fuel prices still rising & are already over the amount budgeted.

Employment-still two full-time spots available in Highway Dep't.

Water-Eric emailed his report to all Board members. Travis reported they are having problems w/the chlorine pump. Three-year D/O/H inspection done & new chemicals were purchased. Travis also visited Debbie Reilly & drew some water in the basement. Put in a couple of new filters. Has problem with the ¾" line with her draw; more water needs to be run through it.

Travis has created a major water draw notification system list & Deb is now on it.

Monthly water sample required by D/O/H 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. Working w/D/O/H on getting well #3 back into the rotation with the other two pumps; if the well is used more, it will help that well & put less strain on well #1 & #2.

D/O/H did their 2022 Sanitary Survey; came to water office, did a walk around & NO violations were seen.

One service line temporarily shut off due to home being sold @ tax auction (so meter would not freeze up & dump water all over the basement); note was left on the door for the new owner.

Report will be filed.

Georgi-Jeanne Smith emailed report to all Board members. Water was shut off by Jeff Suite. Playground Committee is looking for a vintage swing. The LARAC Grant writing workshop scheduled for the CR was cancelled. Propane was checked & is just under 50%; Kathy Chambers will have Bove do a delivery. Councilwoman Dunham doing the LARAC grant for 2023; needs proof of the Federal I.D. number; Clerk Gilchrist will get her a copy that the IRS provided to the T/O/S to keep on file. Cameras now working in the CR as Cordell Smith has fixed them. Supervisor Clary reported that CFA Christ Belden will be glad to combine one grant for disability access, art preservation, heat, & a new roof beginning in January of 2023. Get an estimate on what it would cost to write the grant.

One wedding booked-total of four weddings for 2023 scheduled so far.

Report will be filed.

Planning Board-Clerk Erbe reported an application for a Scott Lake Road property for 12/22 mtg. Town Board will need to appoint Edward Donoghue to his own five-year term on the Planning Board; he was just

appointed to fill out wife, Janet's, unexpired term. **Resolution #105-Motion made by** Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Levey, to appoint Edward Donoghue to a five-year term on the Salem Planning Board, term to begin January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027; passed 4-0.

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Bancroft Library/Proudfit Hall-New rug desperately needed in the Proudfit Hall space; still have Justice funds that might be able to be used from prior issue.

Kim Erbe needs to be re-appointed to the Bancroft Library Board of Trustees. **Resolution #106-Motion made by** Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, to re-appoint Kim Erbe to the Bancroft Library Board of Trustees for a five-year term, beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027; passed 4-0.

DCO-Nancy Quell provided Nov. report. Homeowner at 1155 County Rte. 64 in Shushan complained about neighbor's dogs barking in the early morning. There are no local laws regarding quiet hours; complainant said she would call the NYS Police. Nancy dropped off complaint form but still hasn't gotten it back.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT/OLD BUSINESS

Salem/Shushan Lighting Districts-All bulbs should be replaced w/LED's hopefully by Christmas according to NYSEG.

Lighting on County Route 61 Bridge in Shushan-Lights are all ready to go, if necessary. County installed the same. Question will be when will they need to be turned on & who will do it. And will the Shushan Lighting District pay for the same.

Just an FYI--the car is still tipped upside down, closer to County Rte. 61, & is really in the way of the parked machinery working on the bridge (it is also filled w/garbage). It would appear that it is, however, parked on private property.

Washington County Tax Sale to Hudson Headwaters-House across from Pizza World, at the corner of NYS Rte. 22 & County Rte. 64, was just purchased from Washington County tax sale by Hudson Headwaters, who is also looking at purchasing two pieces of property from Albert Sheldon. Will discuss more under New Business.

Shophe off Broadway Porch Project-will now require a correct drawing by a certified engineer before the project can proceed; current drawing did not depict the work that was being done, which is required by Wash. Co. Code Enforcement.

Delaware Engineering Correspondence re Municipal Sewer-There will be a meeting of the Sewer Committee on January 23rd, probably by Zoom.

NEW BUSINESS

Round 7-Restore NY Grant Application-Salem Shirt Shop doing Intent to Apply; Town of Salem doing grant application. Need a Resolution to schedule a Public Hearing. **Resolution #107-Motion made by** Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, to pass said Resolution #107, scheduling a Public Hearing on Round 7-Restore NY Grant Application, for January 11, 2023, @ 6:00 p.m. at Proudfit Hall; 181 Main Street; Salem, NY 12865, provided Attorney David Klingebiel says it's a go. Passed 4-0

Zoning Mixed Use & Agriculture-Need to add health care facility (or whatever language is decided should be used) as a use in the Mixed-Use category; Attorney Klingebiel is reviewing, along w/Planning Board Clerk, Kim Erbe. Hudson Headwaters is purchasing three (3) parcels total: 1-1830 County Route 64-House/ /Garage/ Land-.59 acres, tax map #209.-1-68 (Washington County tax sale parcel); 2-6.10 acre parcel on So. Main Street designated as Field Crops, owned by Albert Sheldon, & in the Mixed-Use District already, tax map #209.-1-67; 3-Approx. 1.2 acre parcel to be cut from 1800 County Rte. 64; total acres 114.2, classified as 241-Rural Res. & Ag; tax map #209.-1-49, also owned by Albert Sheldon. (This parcel would have to go through the

Planning Board for sub-division & possible re-zoning.) There will be a meeting on Monday, 12/19/22, in the Town Office w/representatives from Hudson Headwaters. Supervisor Clary would like Moe Patrick, Planning Board Chair, & Kimberly Erbe, Planning Board Clerk, to attend said meeting if at all possible.

Positive Pay Svc. thru G. F. Nat'l. Bk.-Do positive pay on all necessary accounts for security breach protection. **Motion made by** Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, to secure

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Positive Pay for whatever accounts are deemed necessary in order to protect them from a security breach; passed 4-0.

Resolutions per Clerk to Supervisor Chambers:

Resolution #108-Motion made by Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, for a transfer as follows:

VM2770-Misc.	\$ 1,300.00	
VM6510.4-Veteran's		\$ 1,300.00

Passed 4-0

Resolution #109-Motion made by Councilman Marcus Blanck, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, for a transfer as follows:

TE599-Fund Balance	\$ 562.15	
TE1620.4-Contractural		\$ 562.15

Passed 4-0

Resolution #110-Motion made by Councilman Marcus Blanck, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, for a Budget Increase as follows:

GM2770-LARAC	\$ 500.00	
Gm7450.41-LARAC		\$ 500.00

Passed 4-0

Resolution #111-Motion made by Councilwoman Brenda Levey, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, for a transfer as follows:

DA5110.1-Repairs	\$ 6,331.30	
DA5110.12-PTE		\$ 6,331.30

Passed 4-0

Resolution #112-Motion made by Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, for a transfers as follows:

DA5110.4-Repairs	\$ 14,930.46	
DA5130.2-Equipment		\$14,930.46

Passed 4-0

Resolution #113-Motion made by Councilman Marcus Blanck, seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Levey, for a transfer as follows:

DA5142.1-Snow Removal	\$ 4,285.84	
DA5142.11-Snow Removal OT		\$ 2,349.09
DA5142.12-Snow Removal PTE		\$ 1,936.75

Passed 4-0

Resolution #114-Motion made by Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, for a transfer as follows:

DA5110.4-Repairs	\$ 18,133.58	
DA9730.61-BAN	\$ 14,770.00	
DA5142.4		\$ 32,903.58

Passed 4-0

Resolution #115-Motion made by Councilwoman Brenda Levey, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, for a Budget Increase as follows:

DA2650-Equipment Sold-\$ 36,888.88

DA5130.2-Equipment

\$ 36,888.88

Passed 4-0

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Motion to Adjourn-Motion made by Councilman Marcus Blanck, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to adjourn the regular monthly meeting of the Salem Town Board; passed 4-0. Meeting was adjourned @ 7:58 p.m.

Year-End Meeting- will be held Tuesday, December 27, 2022, @ Proudfit Hall; 181 Main Street; Salem, NY, beginning @ 5:00 p.m. Councilwoman Levey will check w/Bancroft Library to make sure this date & time are available.

Organizational Meeting-will be held on January 11, 2023, beginning @ 5:00 p.m. to review Warrants #1 & Highway Abstract #1 of 2023 for payment. Organizational Meeting will be called to order @ 5:30 p.m.

Regular Monthly Meeting will immediately follow the Organizational Meeting

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk
Town of Salem

