

**VILLAGE OF PALMYRA**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
March 2, 2026 6:00 PM  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**ROLE CALL** - Present: Mayor Perry, Trustees Luke, Parkison, Denniston and Leo. Attorney St. Martin was absent.

**OTHER ATTENDEES** – Nick Dandino and Mikel Hallings (*Palmyra Fire Dept.*), David Husk, Rebecca Wetherby, David Freeland

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Perry called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP #1** – Clerk-Treasurer Shaffer reviewed the proposed budget with the Board, with assistance from Rebecca Wetherby. The current tax rate is \$9.916191 and the tax cap is \$10.145742. Initial projections began with a tax rate of \$10.68; however, by the end of the workshop the projected rate had been reduced to \$10.33. It was acknowledged that additional adjustments will be necessary, and the Board will continue working to further refine the budget.

We will reconvene for the next budget workshop on March 16 at 6:00 p.m., with the regular Board meeting to follow immediately after. A tentative third workshop has also been scheduled for April 6 at 6:00 p.m., if needed.

This workshop concluded at 6:45 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING -**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – No requests were received by 5:00pm on February 27, 2026.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – February 23, 2026 as submitted. Motion made by Trustee Parkison, seconded by Trustee Leo. Votes, 3 ayes, Trustee Denniston abstained. CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT** – 10A vouchers 26-00633 through 26-00640 for \$4,688.34. Motion made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Denniston. Votes, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION** –

- 2026-2027 Budget Workshops to be held at the Village Hall (144 E Main St)
- March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, regular board meeting follows immediately after
  - \*\*April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, regular board meeting
    - \*\* This workshop is tentative and will only take place if necessary.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

### Trustee Parkison:

- Code has issued one permit and completed three inspections. Ed will be attending the EOC Central Chapter Conference in Syracuse on April 7-9<sup>th</sup> which is a 12-hour NYS Continuing Education course that meets new requirements set forth by NYS that went into effect on January 1, 2026.
- American Legion – March is women’s history month, and March 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Navy Reserve’s birthday. On March 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm they will be hosting a steak dinner including strip steak, vegetable, baked potato, salad, roll and butter with presale tickets available at the post for \$20 each – only 60 tickets available.

### Trustee Denniston:

- We are still eagerly waiting to hear back from NYS on the awards for the NY Forward Grant and the PLAYS Grant.

### Trustee Luke:

- Nothing additional to report since our last meeting.

### Trustee Leo:

- Fire Call Stats for February: There were 36 calls total, including 9 fire alarms and 8 motor vehicle accidents, which made up the largest share of responses.
- This past weekend, crews also responded to a structure fire on Route 31. Although the incident occurred in Port Gibson’s district, our department provides automatic mutual aid, so our team assisted with the response. Crews were on scene within 12 minutes, and thankfully no injuries were reported. The fire is believed to have been caused by an iPad or laptop that was plugged in and charging.
- There was also a possible structure fire on Canal Street yesterday, which was traced back to food catching fire on a stovetop.
- Additionally, crews responded to Jeffery Road, where a large willow tree had fallen. Firefighters assisted with cutting and clearing the tree, helping to remove the hazard and significantly reduce the time it would have taken to address the situation.

### Mayor Perry:

- Update on Codification Project – Mayor Perry and Clerk-Treasurer Shaffer met with representatives from General Code last week to discuss the progress of our codification project. After fully reviewing our existing code, their team has provided valuable feedback and posed numerous questions which will be discussed with Village Attorney, Matt St. Martin, and the board in the coming weeks.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Chief DiNardo –

- Police: 612 calls for service for February resulting in 181 traffic stops, 73 tickets issued and 15 traffic arrests.
- Chief DiNardo will be out of town with Sgt. Lergner March 4-5<sup>th</sup> as they will be heading to Albany to receive our accreditation award.
- We have received a check for \$2,586 from the Body Armor Grant and there are three officers whose body armor is expired (DiNardo, Morse and Becker). Chief DiNardo is requesting that we use grant funds to help replace them with an additional \$640 - \$700 requested from the board.

- **MOTION TO APPROVE** up to \$1,000, not to exceed made by Trustee Leo, seconded by Trustee Luke. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.
- **MOTION TO APPROVE** No Parking on the following streets, as per list provided by Nick Welch for the Finger Lakes Country Music Festival:
  - West Jackson to Route 21
  - West Charlotte Ave
  - Birdsall Parkway
  - Claremont Park
  - Stafford Street
  - Stafford Road (with approval from the Town)
  - Hyde Parkway
  - West Foster
  - Brookside Terrace
  - Aldrich Drive
  - Tremont Street
  - Gates Street
  - Washington Street
  - Sunset Drive
  - Salzburg Village

Made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Parkison. Votes, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

- **MOTION TO APPROVE** charging Nick Welch \$1,000 for police coverage to be provided at the Finger Lakes Country Music Festival. Motion made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Denniston. Votes, 4 ayes, CARRIED.

Aubrey Shaffer – Clerk’s Office:

- Water bills will be sent out this week. As a reminder, residents can always view the status of their account, pay their bill electronically or set up auto-payments by visiting the link at the top of our website.
- The Water department has begun leaving notices for residents whose water meters have stopped working and need replacement. They will eventually be contacting all residents but are prioritizing properties where there is a known or likely issue with the existing meter.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS -**

- An application was received from the Class of 2026 Last Bash Committee Chairs. They have made arrangements with the Wayne County Fairgrounds to use their space for the event following graduation on Thursday, June 11th from 9pm – 1am. Committee members plan to move students inside Floral Hall from 11pm to 1am to help keep noise levels to a minimum but they were advised that they needed to file an after-hours noise variance with the Village.
  - **MOTION TO APPROVE** Noise variance application for the Class of 2026 Last Bash Committee, while using facilities at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on June 11, 2026. Motion made by Trustee Leo, seconded by Trustee Luke. Votes, 3 ayes. Abstentions, 2 (Trustee Denniston and Mayor Perry). CARRIED.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION -**

As there were no further regular items to be discussed, a motion was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Parkison to enter Executive Session for discussion regarding contractual and personnel matters at 7:02 pm with no vote to be held after Executive Session. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Mayor Perry declared the return to public session at 7:47pm.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

Motion was made by Trustee Denniston, seconded by Trustee Parkison to adjourn at 7:47pm. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Next meeting will be March 16, 2026, at 6:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aubrey Shaffer, Clerk-Treasurer

**NEXT MEETING –**

Please be courteous to those who are speaking and not talk amongst yourselves. If you need to have a conversation, please step into the hallway so that you do not disturb others who are trying to listen.