

**VILLAGE OF PALMYRA**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**APRIL 7, 2025     6:00 PM**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor Perry, Trustee Denniston, Leo, Luke and Parkison. Attorney St. Martin was absent.

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Brian Bieda and Jason Monroe from Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority (WCWSA), Kammy Catchman, Ryan Darling (FD), Kyle DiNardo (Chief of Police), Wayne Eidman (FD), Scott Erdeli (FD), Doug Fogal (FD), Georgeann Graham, Mikel Hallings (FD), Gary Hopkins (Superintendent for Buildings, Grounds, Parks and Cemetery), David Husk, Lucas Shulla (FD), Lisa Stivers (FD), Mary Ann Smith-Williams, Linda Valley, Tracy Vanderwall and Caroline Grasso, reporter for the *Times of Wayne County*

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Georgeann Graham-Budget

I see that you guys are looking for an increase to the board. I consider this, three of you, or just brought in this year in November. We had 10 meetings. Tim Denniston has missed five times, late once, left early once and he had no report to five. Parkinson, absent twice, no report four of the eight times that he was here. I don't understand why you have no report at all. Gina, she hasn't had any reports about the wastewater plant. I mean, there you should have something each month on that. That's a big thing that is gonna cost us lots of money. And is there any requirements about how many meetings you're supposed to be at? I don't think if you if you don't come, you don't get paid. A lot of places are like that. If you're a union Stewart, you don't meet the meeting, you don't get paid. Code Enforcement. Why isn't it back with the town? We were trying to save money. Why was it taken out of in 2018, we stopped it? It used to be with the town. We need to find ways to save money because we have the wastewater plant that's costing lots of money. We have the town with the landfill that's gonna put our taxes up. Everything is going up, and how are we supposed to afford all this? Why aren't the courts combined? Why can't we combine courts with the town? It saves money. Does anybody even look into that? I also had a question. We bought cameras again. What do we buy cameras for? We had the IT budget at \$6000, we spent \$38,000. For cameras. We just spent \$65,000 for the ARPA grant. Also, in the Fire Department, contractual expenses were way over. Did we pay any part of the banquet for the department, the village? And also, did David Husk receive any money to help with the budget? Look at my questions, and I'll probably have some more that I will email Rebecca.

David Husk- Budget

No, I did not receive any money for helping with the budget. I stand before you tonight as former member of the village board. six years as a trustee, four years as a deputy mayor in eight years as a mayor and a village taxpayer. I applaud you on being under the tax cap for, at least that I know of, the last past 18 years. This year's amount of 24 cents under is true fiscally responsible with an accountant, a transportation broker, a vice president of a bank, a first responder police officer, and a longtime business owner, the village, is fortunate to have your talents for our residents. The time you spend on village issues is appreciated by many citizens and criticized by a few. Time taken from your family should not

be taken lightly. The pay you receive is just a small, and I repeat small, token of your commitment you provide. Most people get raises, retirees on Social Security get a raise cost of living, federal benefit recipients, they get raises, or they get better benefits increase, state retirement recipients, and most working families, I said most working families. In the time where social media is the norm, I'll remind you that I have always said to you, everyone is entitled to their opinion, but not their own facts. In closing, thank you again for your time, your commitment, your dedication, it's well deserved and appreciated by many village residents. Thank you.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Motion was made by Trustee Leo, seconded by Trustee Parkison to approve the minutes from March 17, 2025. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT** Motion was made by Trustee Denniston seconded by Trustee Luke to approve payment of 11A vouchers 25-00715 TO 25-00772 for \$251,833.02. Vote, 4 ayes, CARRIED.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION**

On April 4, the Board was given:      March- Capital Project and Reserve reports  
    Revenue and Expense report through 4/4  
    Bank and CD balances through 4/4

### **RAW WATER LINE- BRIAN BIEDA (WCWSA)**

Michael Boesel (Highway Superintendent) and WCWSA are proposing replacement of sections of the raw water line that have been “bandaided”(which cost about \$2000 apiece) for years. This includes replacing 400 LF of new pipe at Armington Road and finishing off the remaining 400 LF of pipe through the Schwartz woodlot. North right of way of Armington Road. **and** replace ~1450 LF of pipe through open field. This would start from an existing Hymax coupling (installed by RoadTek/Pal Hwy on 6/23/21) the south side of Johnson/Minor intersection and head southeast, crossing the creek. Mayor Perry asked B. Bieda to share why it would be beneficial to put a blow off in at Armington Road. He explained a valve and a blow off, which would be a hydrant on option one, would allow him to shut the raw water line off at Armington Road to the village. Right now, he has to go to Shortsville, as the next closest valve, to shut off. Doing that takes a long time for that pipe to drain from Shortsville to Palmyra. J. Monroe, WCWSA : The other part of that is when he has to shut down, because Canandaigua Lake is so far from Palmyra, all that head pressure builds up at that point. Once you start taking the pressure down and bringing the pressure back up it causes expansion contraction in the pipe and causes more leaks.

At Mayor Perry’s request, B. Bieda explained that the raw water line starts about a mile south of the north end of Canandaigua Lake (20 in. diameter pipe) then goes through the backside of the Ontario County Fairgrounds, crosses from Route 488 and comes through Shortsville, where Leonard’s Express is. Then from Shortsville it comes down Curran Road , down Johnson Rd, a little bit on Armington Road, then cuts through the through the woods and then down Johnson Rd. Then East Foster to Spring St crosses through some lots there, and then over the Spring Street Water Plant.

Trustee Denniston mentioned he did a ride along with M. Boesel so he could see what needed to be done.

This project will affect Garlock so they will give them several days’ notice. WCWSA is hoping to do prep work where they lay pipe for a couple of days and then you can plan the shut down. Then tie in the two ends. The old steel welded line is very susceptible to the different soil conditions so anytime you take a little soil pressure off it can lead to additional leaks. The piece we replaced last year was just a couple days’ worth of work. A majority of the cost is not the labor part but the materials. WCWSA will work together with the Highway Department to complete this project. Mayor Perry would like to move forward using money from the Water Reserve to fund the project.

PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Palmyra, Wayne County, New York, adopted a resolution during a meeting on April 7, subject to Permissive Referendum as follows:  
BE IT RESOLVED that a sum up to and not to exceed ONE HUNDRED AND TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$110,000) shall be expended from the Capital Water Reserve for the replacement of sections of the raw water line. Motion to approve the above permissive referendum was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Denniston. Vote, 4 ayes, CARRIED. R. Wetherby reminded everyone that if less is spent it goes back into the reserve and the permissive referendum will be posted for 30 days.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

### **Trustee Luke-**

**COURT AUDIT:** Correspondence has been received from the NYS Unified Court System reminding the Village that the annual court audit is due. And in answer to that, Trustee Luke reported that the Court Audit was completed March 29, 2025. Motion was made by Mayor Perry, seconded by Trustee Leo to acknowledge completion of the annual court audit by Trustee Luke with no discrepancies having been found. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. A copy of the court audit will remain on file in the Village Hall and one will be sent to the state. She also wanted to note to anyone looking for updates on the Waste Water Treatment Plant they have their own website that is updated.

**Trustee Leo-**Fire Department Calls Statistics for March: Total events were 35. This will be on file in the Village Clerk's office.

Motion to approve Fire Department positions: 14-1 Lucas Shulla 14-2 Mikel Hallings 14-3 Wayne Eidman 14-4 Douglas Fogal Captain David Oakley Lieutenants Scott Erdeli, Ryan Darling, Lisa Stivers was made by Trustee Parkison, seconded by Trustee Denniston. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Motion to accept Fire Department applicant Dylan Fogal pending a background check was made by Trustee Parkison, seconded by Trustee Denniston. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**Trustee Denniston-** was going to report on his ride along to the proposed raw water line replacement but spoke during the raw water line discussion instead.

**Trustee Parkison-** Code Enforcement report: 7 new building permits issued, 2 COO, 10 field inspections were done, 3 of which revealed violations. There was no permit for a roofing job on Stafford, and a special use permit is needed for roll-offs on Main St. Miscellaneous debris needs to be cleaned up on Howell and Vienna.

**Mayor Perry-** Highway- Brush pickup has started, cleaning creeks and street sweeping due to rain, repair, hole patching and working with Building and Grounds with fixing all trees and paver restraints on Main Street. Highway fixed six of the electric pavers as well. Trash pickup is done at the Marina and Trailhead by Buildings and Grounds and the Highway does Main St. Started lawn repair. 2 interments were done and getting spring cleanup at all cemeteries.

### **G. Hopkins**

Flagpole-weather bent the pole and needed to be needed wait until weather conditions were better. They couldn't fix using the aerial truck so they are looking for a 150 feet lift to get up there to bring it down to repair it and put it back up the same day.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Chief Shulla-** Thanked the Village Board for a great year and looking forward to another great year with his leadership team.

**Chief DiNardo-** March monthly statistics were missing the part-time officers so he will present the statistics at the next Board meeting. Officer Bryant is now a full time SRO (School Resource Officer) as of April 1. As he is no longer on the road, Chief DiNardo would like to ask the board to hire current part time officer Sarah Becker as a full-time officer to backfill this position effective April 9 at the rate of \$28.53. Mayor Perry said the Police Department is still at 4 full-time officers as Officer Bryant is being paid by the school. Motion to approve Sarah Becker as a full-time officer was made by Trustee Denniston, seconded by Trustee Leo. Mayor Perry asked for a Roll Call Vote. Trustee Denniston: Aye

Trustee Leo: Aye Trustee Luke: Aye Trustee Parkison: Abstain Mayor Perry: Aye Vote, 4 ayes, 1 abstain. Motion carried.

Motion to surplus 24 tires (that are no longer usable) and large metal tire rack and have them put on the auction site was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Leo. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. He is requesting to purchase backup sights for his rifles. As there is money is available in his budget no motion was needed. He asked Tustee Luke what the minimum asset value for updating his departments asset inventory should be. She told him items over \$500 and no consumable items needed to listed. Purple Painted Lady is having Coffee with a Cop on May 3<sup>rd</sup> if interested in attending let her know. **Clerk-Treasurer Wetherby:** On May 1<sup>st</sup> will be Design Day event at 6:00pm at the Primary School for the Village Park. It is an open house format where you will be able to see the kids pictures and ideas made earlier that day.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION TO SCHEDULE 2025-2026 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING** for April 21, 2025 was made by Trustee Parkison, seconded by Trustee Luke. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. C-T Wetherby said this will be advertised in the Times of Wayne County as well as on our Facebook page.

**MOTION TO APPROVE 2025 NUTRITION SITE CONTRACT FROM WAYNE COUNTY AGING AND YOUTH AND FOR MAYOR PERRY TO SIGN** was made by Trustee Denniston, seconded by Trustee Parkison. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. C-T Wetherby explained that the Wayne County Aging and Youth department runs a program five days a week for seniors. They do give us a small amount for rent to offset costs but it is also a great service for our community.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT NYSEG DONATION OF \$1000 TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT** was made by Trustee Denniston, seconded by Trustee Leo. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. This was not solicited and was given to the Fire Department for attending a NYSEG training.

Mayor Perry asked about the training the Fire Department had this past week. Lt. R. Darling spoke about the training they did at the Rochester International Airport.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS\*\*\*** A1990.4 to A1620.4 \$8000 A3410.1 to A3410.4 \$541.70 A1010.4 to A1210.4 \$46.57 Motion to approve budget adjustments as stated above was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Parkison. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. C-T Wetherby reminded them the account codes are publicly available on the Comptroller's website that she listed on the agenda and descriptions are also on the budget. \*\*\* <https://www.osc.ny.gov/local-government/required-reporting/chart-accounts-query>

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** As there were no further regular items to be discussed, a motion was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Leo to go into Executive Session for discussion of personnel at 6:47pm. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. There will be no action taken after Executive Session.

Mayor Perry declared the return to public session at 7:55pm

**ADJOURNMENT** Next meeting will be April 21, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Village Hall. Motion was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Parkison to adjourn at 7:56pm. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

**\*\*Please see handout at sign in table with information on Public Comment Rules for Village Meetings**



Rebecca Wetherby <clerk@palmyravillageny.org>

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## Budget

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Rebecca Wetherby <clerk@palmyravillageny.org>  
To: Gigit Graham <GigitGraham@gmail.com>

Tue, Apr 15, 2025 at 11:25 AM

Hi Gigit,

Yes, you would've this week but since you emailed I will answer what I can now.

The last time we contracted with the Town for Code Enforcement there was a lawsuit brought against the Village by a local landlord. At that time we felt it best for Village residents to have their own Code Officer.

I wouldn't have been told if Pat Sheridan was retiring.

I have been looking into combining the courts for the last year but that can't happen until Judge Rodman's term is up in 2026. It's definitely on my radar to pursue.

I don't know anything about the Town barns being closed.

There is a huge scope of things that the Village and Town are responsible for doing. Staff are needed to accomplish those responsibilities. I am not aware that there are 11 clerks. We share a court clerk with the Town and I believe a couple of the clerks for the Town are only part time or are shared between departments.

It was for 2-3 new cameras and a camera server. The camera server was a significant portion. This was approved back in 2023 but we have been going back and forth with the vendor to correct some issues with the invoice including charging us tax.

They were over budget for a variety of items that came up this year.

There is **absolutely** none of our money spent on the banquet. The Fire COMPANY puts that on not the Department. You would need to speak to the Fire Company on where they get their funding.

A1990.4 is the contingency line. For encumbrance purposes I moved it to A1620.4 to balance that line.

The raw water line is owned by the Village so the Town would not be asked to contribute.

For the Board members going to meetings is just a part of what a trustee or councilman does in any community. The raise that was put in this year equates to \$14.50 more per month for each of the Trustees and \$18.16 more per month for the Mayor. All trustees are paid the same for the position regardless of the time they have served. Just so you are aware, Trustee Parkison serves in the Reserves so he might have to miss a meeting from time to time without it being under his control.

David Husk did not get paid for helping with the budget.

I hope that answers everything.

Rebecca

On Fri, Apr 11, 2025 at 11:23 AM Gigit Graham <gigitgraham@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Rebecca,

I was wondering if any of my questions I brought up at the village meeting will be answered.

Since we don't have a code officer, why don't we work with the town. I believe Mr Sheridan is thinking about retiring, it might be a good time to have someone work with him.

Same with the courts. I thought I heard Mrs. Peterson was retiring also. I would hope that the mayor and supervisor would work together on trying to keep taxes down for the village and town residents.

With another assessment in 2026, the waste water plant and the closing of the town barn, elected officials need to be thinking about saving money. Why do we need 11 clerks between the town and village. That is crazy.

I also asked about the new cameras, what were they for and what meeting was this purchase approved?

Also, in the fire contractual, what was that for over budget. Was any money spent for the fire department banquet.

Where does that money come from for the banquet? Is it taxpayers money?

Why was the money moved from a1990.4 to a1620.4. \$8000.

The raw water line? Does the town pay any of that cost?

Thanks, I hope to hear from you soon.

Gigit Graham

Sent from my iPhone