

VILLAGE OF PALMYRA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING

November 15, 1999 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Wilson, Trustees Gunkler, Salomon, and Celentano. Absent: Trustee DeVogelaere.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion by Trustee Celentano second by Trustee Gunkler, to approve the minutes from November 1, 1999. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT: Motion by Trustee Gunkler, second by Trustee Celentano to approve for payment Abstract #7, vouchers 476-559 for \$65,969.38 pending the appropriate signatures. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence has been received and is on file at Village Hall:

1. Cornell University - Progress Report on Canal Corridor Initiative
2. Sniedze Associates - review of Canal Street plans
3. DOH - Approval - completed works. Rt. 21Curran, Outlet, Armington Rd. -water distribution system
4. ST Environmental - expenditure report.

WAYNE COUNTY HEALTH CARE PLAN TRUST: Mayor Wilson introduced Tom Pomodoro of the Health Economics Group. They are the managers for the Wayne County Employee Health Care Plan Trust. The WCHCPT was created by Wayne County Board of Supervisors. Each town and village in the county will be allowed to join the trust beginning in January 2000. Since 1995, Wayne County has self-funded their health benefits. The county would pay any claims. The current cost of the traditional and HMO model WC Medical Plans are 30% below the 1999 Blue Cross Blue Shield Community rate, with comparable benefits. Village employees and retirees had been asked to attend the meeting to ask any questions they may have about the plan. Mr. Pomodoro explained that the WCHCPT is the only trust in the state. It is administered by Health Economics Group and will be managed by a Board of Directors comprised of 3-4 Wayne County supervisors, a representative from the 3 unions and a member of the Wayne County Mayors Association. Health Economics offers the Doctor's Health Plan, comparable to Blue Choice and the Traditional Plan, comparable to Blue Million. There are four other HMO plans as well. Rates are determined by past experience within the whole community entered into the plan. It is protected by a Stop Loss Policy should anyone have a major illness or if a municipality exceeds the limit. Mr. Pomodoro explained the benefit packages and the premium schedules. One of the benefits of the WCHCP, is there are no referrals needed in order to see a specialist. The only way benefits will and can change is by the employer and employees. Chief Dalton asked how many municipalities had signed on. Enrollment will not begin until January 2000, so no one has signed on yet. The Town of Rose has belonged for the last two years as a department of the County. The Town of Walworth has approved it and it looks like the town of Arcadia has approved it. The Village of Lyons Police Union has approved it. Many other municipalities are looking at it.

Mr. Pomodoro asked for questions from the employees. Several employees asked about a dental plan. He said the benefits shown on the handouts are just a rider on the Doctors Health Plan. If a village or town has a specific dental care plan; ie. Smile Saver Three, one can be created to match it. Wayne County employees have no dental plan. The dental plan will be just as good or better than what is in place now. It will be at the same cost as the Blue Shield/Blue Cross plans. An employee could just purchase the Dental Plan if desired.

Several questions came up regarding out of state care. In those instances, Health Economics would receive a phone call from the hospital or doctors involved to verify coverage just as they do in the Blue Cross/Blue Shield arena.

The list of participating physicians was included in the handouts. If a primary care physician is not listed, it is possible to have them added. Some do not participate but still accept payments from the trust.

If an individual's claims exceed \$50,000 in any 15-month time period, the excess is paid by a policy with Gerber. Another insurance policy picks up the excess if a group's claims exceed 4 million in a year. Eventually a reserve builds up and less aggregate insurance may be required to be purchased. Genesee County has a reserve of 1.7 million dollars.

Co-payments are made with the doctor's office, the trust handles the rest. Prescriptions are handled the same way as through Blue Choice - online. This program is available in an eight county area, if an individual is looking for coverage out of that area they would transfer into the Traditional Program.

Mayor Wilson thanked Health Economics for their presentation and called a recess at 8:00 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:10 pm. Mayor Wilson asked for any general comments on the information from Health Economics. Chief Dalton remarked that he felt it would only be fair to invite Blue Cross/Blue Shield to present their side of the story. Mayor Wilson agreed to have this set up for the next meeting. He also reminded those present that the rising cost of health care benefits is a major concern for the Village. If it is possible to provide a plan to the employees with the same or better benefits at a lower cost, it is something the Village Board must consider. A lengthy discussion involving other questions and comments about the WC Health Plan took place until 8:55 when another recess was called.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/TRUSTEE REPORTS: Mayor Wilson reported that quotes are coming in for the reconstruction and installation of the new ceiling and electric for the east side of the Park and Club Rooms. It may be possible to finance the construction through the Sexton Fund.

Trustee Celentano reported that highway department employee Harold Brown is retiring on November 26. He thanked Harold for his many years of service to the Village and wished him luck.

Clerk Lynch reported that the Village owes a big thank you to the Grace Fellowship Youth Group volunteers who raked the Village Park on Saturday.

Motion was made by Trustee Gunkler to approve the membership of Jason Miller and Laurie Reeves into the Fire Department pending the appropriate physical and training. Second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 3.0. CARRIED. (Trustee Salomon excused at 7:15 pm) He reported that Santa's usual yearly visit will be done in conjunction with the downtown Village-wide open house on Saturday, December 11th organized by the Economic Development Committee. Santa will be available for pictures with the kids at Gawel's Studio.

MARINA: Mayor Wilson noted that the Village is in receipt of a work permit from the Army Corps of Engineers for the Marina project that needs to be signed and submitted. Motion was made by Trustee Gunkler, second by Trustee Celentano to authorize the Mayor to sign the permit. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED. Bid documents are being prepared and work should begin this winter.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN: The formal adoption of the watershed management plan was tabled until the next Board meeting.

CANAL STREET REVITALIZATION: The new street sign design has been submitted by LaBella Associates. It appears to be much easier to read. This design can easily be tied into the new light poles on Canal Street. LaBella will be notified that the Village likes this design. Materials for the signs will have to be determined as well. Clerk Lynch was instructed to report to LaBella that there is one final design change for the street. There will be a 12' curb cut added to the west side of the McEvoy property for a new driveway. Joyce Dutton asked that LaBella be asked if it would be possible to have the hanging flower brackets moved to the back side (or sidewalk side) of the pole. The flowers would not interfere with reading of the street sign and would then be out of the way of truck traffic. She also asked that we remind LaBella that the Village wanted hardwood used for the street benches.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Resident Vicky Daly asked the Board to consider no parking on Canandaigua Street in front of grade school when they update the parking law. The street is not wide enough to accommodate tractor trailers going around the parked cars. The center line can not be moved to the west because the underlayment next to the curb is made of concrete and would not support the heavy truck traffic.

Steve Buchiere thanked the Village for the paving of East Foster Street and also thinks that overall, the Village appears much brighter at night. Mayor Wilson noted that's due to NYSEG updating the street lights when the old models burn out.

Chief Dalton reported that the culvert pipe in front of his residence has been and still is exposed following the Jackson Street project. Mayor Wilson asked the Chief to show him the problem and he would take care of it with Bob Raeman.

Judge Rodman noted that he had reviewed the Mayors proposed response to the Comptrollers Office regarding the audit. He has no problem with the Mayor's comments but still considers that his handing over of the court books on a yearly basis to the Board constitutes an audit of the Court.

POLICE CAR: It is time to start the process for ordering a new police car. It takes several weeks after ordering before it becomes available. Mayor Wilson asked the Board to allow the Chief to order it. He feels the best way to finance it will be through a bond that will possibly include the Village sidewalks. Motion was made by Trustee Gunkler to authorize the Chief to order the police car, cost not to exceed \$26, 500 as long as the payment for which will not be due until at least June 1st, 2000. Second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Due to a time deadline for a grant application, the following resolution was made and the vote taken via telephone. The Clerk was instructed to add said resolution to the November 15th minutes. Motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Trustee Celentano.

WHEREAS, the State of New York has enacted a law establishing the Justice Court Assistance Program. L.1999, C.280 that will enable communities to apply to the Chief Administrative Judge for a grant of State funds to assist in the operation of justice courts; and

WHEREAS, the availability of grant funding would enhance the ability of the Village Justice Court to provide suitable and sufficient services to the community,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Mayor to file an application for a Justice Court Assistance Program grant for the New York State fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.

Vote: 5 ayes. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. by Mayor Wilson, second by Trustee Gunkler. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch
Village Clerk

