

VILLAGE OF PALMYRA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 6, 2025 6:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING

ROLE CALL –

Present: Mayor Perry, Trustees Luke, Denniston, Parkison. Trustee Leo and Attorney St. Martin were absent.

OTHER ATTENDEES –

Kathy Pray, Tracy Vanderwall, Augie, Caroline Grasso, Naomi Godshall, Marty Aman (*Wayne County Water & Sewer Authority*) and Mark Bailey (*MRB Group*).

CALL TO ORDER –

Mayor Perry called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT – No voice messages or emails were received by 5:00pm on 10/3

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Denniston to approve September 22, 2025, meeting minutes as submitted. Vote, 3 ayes CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT – Motion made by Trustee Denniston, seconded by Trustee Luke to approve 5A vouchers, 26-00244 through 26-00285 for \$95,592.83. Vote, 3 ayes CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

Marty Aman (*Wayne County Water & Sewer Authority*) and Mark Bailey (*MRB Group*) addressed the odor from the Waste Water Treatment Plant stressing that there is no methane or hazardous gasses going out to the public, the odor is hydrogen sulfide which is caused from the oxidation that is happening to the low-flow of waste coming in from Macedon, at this time. They are working to treat the contents with calcium nitrate to prevent this slow feed from going septic as it gets to the plant and they anticipate the flow will regulate once Walworth is brought online, per the attached letter. If residents are concerned or wish to discuss further, they are welcome to contact Wayne County Water & Sewer Authority for more clarification (315-986-1929).

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Parkison:

Code has issued one permit, one Certificate of Completion, twelve inspections and three violation letters sent. Mayor Perry adds that on October 15th, Habitat for Humanity will be staging two halves of a new home they're building on Canal Street and the placement will happen on October 16th. This will cause Canal Street

to be closed between William Street and Maple Avenue for approximately six to eight hours. The Police Department, Fire Department and School are aware, as well.

Trustee Denniston:

MOTION TO APPROVE Spencer Ace's application to the Palmyra Fire Company for interior membership made by Trustee Parkinson pending a physical exam, seconded by Trustee Denniston. Vote, 3 ayes CARRIED.

Trustee Luke:

Historic Palmyra is looking for festive homes to add to their Holiday House Tour on December 6th from 3-7pm. There is no preference on how the home is decorated or whether it's interior or exterior decorations (whimsical, traditional, unique, etc.) Please contact Historic Palmyra if you're interested in participating.

Palmyra Farmer's Market is hosting a fall festival on Wednesday, October 22nd, during the, Farmers Market from 4 to 6.30. There'll be live music, cider and donuts, pumpkin decorating, face painting as well as a fall window decorating competition among Merchants. Votes can be submitted at the Farmer's Market, the Village Hall, or at the library.

Palmyra Harvest on the Canal (PHOC) was taken on by the Wayne County Fair Board after the Canal Town Days board dissolved, and the event was discontinued. However, several committee chairpersons of PHOC are stepping down and they're seeking new volunteers. They have shared that if they do not have enough volunteers signed up by November 1st, they will be forced to discontinue the event even though it's been very successful. If interested, please contact Pam Ferranti (585-305-8833) or Sarah Hamilton (315- 945-1341) for more information.

Our NY Forward Public Engagement Meeting was held on October 2nd but only had three attendees aside from several board members. The deadline to submit our application is November 7th. If you have a project you're interested in submitting, please contact Emily Honen at MRB Group for more details (Emily.Honen@mrbgroup.com or 518-650-2261).

Trustee Leo:

Excused.

Mayor Perry:

Highway: Striped the parking lot at the Village Hall to alleviate confusion and reduce safety concerns, filled potholes and continued with ongoing repairs to our 250 catch basins throughout the village. Preparing for leaf season with continued street sweeping and brush pick up.

Buildings & Grounds: Continued mowing, installed a new dog-waste station in the Village Park, finished partial-paving project in the cemetery with fresh topsoil and seed along the edges.

MOTION TO APPROVE Highway Department Contract Renewal with the Town of Palmyra made by Trustee Denniston, seconded by Trustee Parkison. Vote, 3 ayes CARRIED.

MOTION TO APPROVE Bailiff Contract with the Town of Palmyra made by Trustee Parkison, seconded by Trustee Denniston. Vote, 3 ayes CARRIED.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Department – Chief DiNardo:

Mayor Perry and Chief DiNardo recently attended a local senior luncheon where many residents were unaware of the diverse workload our Police Department is regularly faced with. Chief DiNardo prepared and read a letter outlining key activities and achievements of the department for the last month; see attached.

MOTION TO APPOINT Ms. Chelsea Werzinger as a part-time Evidence Clerk for the Police Department made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Parkison. Vote, 3 ayes CARRIED.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO APPOINT two part-time crossing guards, Mr. Raymond Leno at a rate of \$22.45 per hour and Mr. Scott Erdeli at a rate of \$22.45 per hour and Ms. Mary Beth Braman as a part-time deputy clerk at a rate of \$21.00 per hour made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Denniston. Vote, 3 ayes CARRIED.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

MOTION that a sum up to and not to exceed FIFTEEN THOUSAND SEVENTY TWO DOLLARS AND NINETY EIGHT CENTS (\$15,072.98) shall be reallocated from A-1990.4 (Contingency) to A-8810.4 (Contractual Expenditures) to pay for the cost of paving at the Cemetery from Vienna Street to the Chapel made by Trustee Denniston, seconded by Trustee Parkison. Vote, 3 ayes CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Denniston to adjourn at 6:41pm. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED. Next meeting will be October 20, 2025, at 6:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Aubrey Shaffer, Clerk-Treasurer

NEXT MEETING

We ask that you 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.

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

Residents,

Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority is aware of ongoing concerns associated with odors from the new sewage treatment plant. Please note that the Authority takes these concerns seriously, and offers the following updates and clarifications on odor issues:

- The new treatment process has been underway in Palmyra since the end of June.
- Since the end of June, several construction activities associated with the decommissioning of the former Palmyra and Macedon wastewater treatment plants have occurred. In both scenarios, former anaerobic digesters were being emptied and demolished. Anaerobic digestion is prone to generation of unpleasant odors. In Palmyra specifically, all former anaerobic digestion tanks have now been removed and demolished as of mid-September and therefore has permanently alleviated an on-site source of odors from these construction activities.
- Sewage piping containing flows from Marion and Macedon have been active since mid to late August. These pumping facilities were all designed with the ability to feed chemicals, specifically calcium nitrate, which are commonly used to prevent the generation of unpleasant odors (hydrogen sulfide) by preventing sewage from turning septic. During the initial startup period, the equipment provided to feed chemicals have had controls/programming related issues. These chemical systems are now up and running as intended. We will be continuing to work to optimize these systems to prevent odor generation.
- Please note the wastewater treatment plant in Palmyra is designed with gas monitoring equipment in the influent building specifically tracking gas concentrations such as hydrogen sulfide. Hydrogen sulfide, a gas known for unpleasant odors, has been present. This is an expected gas in sanitary sewage conveyance, and its formation can be controlled via the addition of chemicals noted previously. At this time, hydrogen sulfide formation levels are beginning to be better controlled and are consistently well below hazardous levels. The odor from hydrogen sulfide can be detected at levels much lower than any hazardous level.
- Methane has been noted as a concern from the public. Please note that the new wastewater treatment facility utilizes aerobic treatment and digestion processes which would not be expected to result in the formation of methane gas. Please also note that methane itself is an odorless gas.

Thank you,

Dear Mayor and Board of Trustees,

This report outlines the key activities and achievements of the department for Month. Our officers have managed a diverse range of incidents and ongoing initiatives, and I wish to provide you with their hard work and accomplishments.

We were requested to respond to a significant Motor Vehicle Accident involving a vehicle that went into a pond and the driver who was trapped while on the phone with 911. From the Time of Dispatch to the time he arrived on scene this was less than 5 minutes, and he arrived ready to enter the water to locate the victim

We have also been heavily involved in multiple drug-related cases throughout the Village.

drug related cases throughout the Village

Our School Resource Officer effectively addressed a concerning incident involving a 10-year-old who showed up to school after ingesting LSD.

WORKING ON SEVERAL SEX OFFENSES INVOLVING JUVENILES.

Both incidents will involve in depth Investigations and will be resulting in Felony arrests.

Additionally, during this time, 2 warrant subjects were apprehended in Orleans County and two officers were tasked with monitoring with picking up and two felony warrant subjects who were Juveniles and remain with them overnight until their appearance in County Court. Thanks to Raise the age, unfunded mandates implemented by New York State.

The department has had to deal with several criminal Mischief complaints as well numerous Mental health issues that resulted in Arrest and Transportation to local hospital.

Our members have also received increasing variety of in-progress disturbance calls and made several felony drug arrests.

Currently Officers are in the process of investigating a case after discovery of a loaded firearm.

We are currently tasked with finding time to relay Crystal Methamphetamine and several items of DNA to the NYSP crime lab and as well as our Datamaster which was damaged by a suspect to Albany for repair.

During Harvest on the canal, Officers were diverted to respond to the Park after it was discovered that a 37 Year old man who is a registered sex offender and recently released from Prison was on site to meet a 14 year female. This case led to numerous Felonies being charged and Parole filing a violation.

In our continuous efforts to protect the community, we have addressed several scam cases involving hacked accounts. We are currently awaiting a search warrant and anticipate four pending arrests, alongside multiple arrests for criminal mischief, including two separate incidents of bathroom damage. Throughout this period, we have maintained a strong focus on providing traffic enforcement across all areas of our jurisdiction.

Beyond active incident response, we are diligently working towards departmental accreditation, updating our operational codes, and enforcing parking regulations.

Most recently we passed out DCJS audit regarding the critical standards that were implemented with Police Reform and are preparing our DCJS Audit to become an Accredited agency for the first time in the department's history, which is set to occur in early January. This will result in a significant insurance cost reduction for the Village.

During the month, officers responded to 2 car fires that were extinguished using fire extinguishers and CPR was performed on an unconscious person.

We are recovering from the numerous community events which heavily on all officers to partake and work additional hours, including the Wayne County Fair, Harvest on the Canal, the Country Music Concert, as well as the Homecoming dance and parade.

776 Calls for Service September

11 Psychiatric calls - 11 Larcenies - 2 Structure Fires - 2 Vehicles Fires

1 Unattended Death - 17 Disturbances - 14 Domestics - 5 Juveniles Complaints

11 Accidents – (18) 911 hangups - 8 Welfare Checks - 3 Warrant Arrests

2 Trespass in progress complaints -18 Suspicious Incidents in progress

3 Criminal Mischiefs - 13 Assist Fire and EMS - 22 Special Investigations

57 Assist Citizens - 219 Property Checks and 256 traffic stops with 98 UTT's being issued and 83 calls for service being another category

Average response time to arrive on scene less than 3 minutes.

15 Criminal Arrests were made with numerous pending or arrest ready

With these calls, time spent on scene is only a fraction of time spent by Officers when being dispatched to calls for service. Officers are required to complete in depth reports, secure statements, secure footage, complete thorough investigations, secure evidence, make the arrest, process the arrestees and transport them to CAPS arraignment. This also doesn't account for repeated court appearances that Officers are required to attend on their pass days.

I should add that this has all been done with minimal overtime, thanks to overlap, officers agreeing to come flex hours, and part-time officer coverage. We have very dedicated officers willing to ignore union allotments and work with me to make this happen.



September 24, 2025

Dear Friend of the Palmyra Community,

The Palmyra Village Farmers Market is excited to host our annual Fall Festival on Wednesday, October 22, 2025! This fun-filled day will bring our community together with live music, cider and donuts, face painting, and pumpkin decorating for kids. We will also be celebrating our Main Street merchants and vendors with festive decorating contests.

We would love your help in making the pumpkin-decorating contest a highlight of the day. We are seeking \$100 sponsorships to cover the cost of pumpkins and art supplies for the kids. Your support will help create lasting memories for families while keeping this event free and fun for everyone.

If you would like to be part of this special community tradition, please reach out to:

- Jody Blazey at 315-576-6272
- Sheila Koeberle at 315-597-5276

Thank you for considering this opportunity to bring joy to local families and strengthen our community spirit. We could not do it without friends like you!

Warmly,

Jody Blazey

Farm Market Vendor Booth Fall Decorating Contest sponsored by Jody Blazey, Eastern Shore Insurance Agency

- Participating Farm Market Vendors will decorate their booths/trailers at the Farmers' Market on Wednesday 10/22/2025
- The community will cast their votes during the Farmers' Market Fall Festival on 10/22/2025
- The winner will be announced at the Farmers' Market on Wednesday, October 29th and will be posted on the Palmyra Village and Palmyra Community Library websites
- The winner will receive \$100.00



Jody Blazey, AFIS
315.887.5830



**EASTERN
SHORE**
INSURANCE AGENCY

Business | Farm
Public Entity | Non-Profit
Personal

315.986.7017
easternshoreia.com



**Main Street Merchant Fall Window Decorating Contest sponsored by the Western
Wayne Chamber of Commerce**

- Participating merchants should have their windows decorated by 10/8/2025 and remain decorated through 10/25/2025
- The community can cast their votes at the Palmyra Community Library and The Palmyra Village Hall from 10/8/2025 to 10/25/2025, as well as at the Farmers' Market on Wednesday nights
- The winner will be announced at the Farmers' Market on Wednesday, October 29th and will be posted on the Palmyra Village and Palmyra Community Library websites
- The winner will receive \$100.00
- Please let us know by 10/1/2025 if you will be participating by contacting Jody Blazey Cell 315-576-6272 or Sheila Koeberle, Director Palmyra Community Library 315-597-5276



WESTERN WAYNE
CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE