

VILLAGE OF PALMYRA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 5, 2026 6:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING

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

OTHER ATTENDEES: Marty Aman and Bill Davis (*Wayne County Water & Sewer Authority*), James Elliott, Nick Dandino and Scott Erdeli (*Palmyra Fire Dept*), Tracy Vanderwall

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REGULAR MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT – No voice messages or emails were received by 5:00pm on 1/2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

- MOTION TO APPROVE December 1, 2025 minutes, as submitted, made by Trustee Leo, seconded by Trustee Denniston. Votes, 4 ayes, CARRIED.
- MOTION TO APPROVE December 15, 2025 minutes, as submitted, made by Trustee Parkison, seconded by Trustee Leo. Votes, 3 ayes, CARRIED. Trustee Denniston abstained.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT –

- MOTION TO APPROVE Abstract 8A vouchers 26-00470 through 26-00504 for \$30,688.85 made by Trustee Leo, seconded by Trustee Parkison. Votes, 4 ayes, CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION –

Bill Davis (*MRB Group*), Marty Aman and Mark Bailey (*Wayne County Water & Sewer Authority*) presented regarding proposed Addendum No. 3 to the 2020 Amended and Restated Western Regional Wastewater Treatment System Improvement and Services Agreement requesting approval for the purchase of a “Direct Contact Based Sludge Dryer”.

Marty explained that pending state regulations, especially related to PFAS, may soon prohibit landspreading, potentially leaving landfilling as the only long-term disposal option. At the same time, landfill fees are rising rapidly—now \$160–\$180 per ton—and area landfills are nearing capacity or limiting biosolids intake.

Because of these challenges, reducing sludge volume is essential. A dryer would cut disposal volume by at least four times (about an 80% reduction) and produce Class A biosolids, preserving the option of landspreading if future PFAS limits allow.

Financially, now is the best time to add the dryer due to favorable interest-rate subsidies, held pricing, an additional \$10 million grant, and remaining project contingency funds. Even with a worst-case dryer cost of \$8.5 million, annual charges are estimated at \$451–\$496 per EDU—still below the original projection of \$520.

In summary, adding the sludge dryer now reduces waste, controls long-term costs, and prepares the facility for future regulatory requirements (*exhibits attached*).

Additionally, Bill asked whether any new odor complaints had been received and noted that the facility is still stabilizing biologically now that Walworth has come online. Mayor Perry confirmed that no recent odor concerns have been reported to our offices.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Parkison:

- Currently no updates to provide.

Trustee Denniston:

- On December 18th, Trustee Denniston, Mayor Perry, Gary Hopkins and Aubrey Shaffer presented the Village's application for the NY Forward Grant to the NYS Economic Development Council in Rochester. While we have not been given an exact date for the final decision to be made, we expect to hear by early Spring.

Trustee Luke:

- DPW recently repaired another water main break on the top of hill on Burnham Heights

Trustee Leo:

- Fire Department members have continued to train with East Palmyra FD including working hands-on with a vehicle fire to better understand the hazards involved and they trained on lithium batteries to explore how they burn and explode and see what it takes for them to be extinguished. During the month of December, members also participated in ice/cold water rescue trainings. Lastly, there are a few members that will be attending a state class in the coming weeks at Sodus Point.

Mayor Perry:

- Highway – Snow – since the 15th of December, they've made 17 trips, some trips are plowing and salting while others are just salting and some days include two to three runs per day. They also repaired the 6" water main break at the top of

Burnham Heights. Crews were able to squeeze in some brush pick up on December 22nd and they continue with general maintenance and cleaning during “down time”.

- Buildings & Grounds: They’ve also been keeping up with snow while finishing renovations to the clerk’s office including paint and the construction of a small server room for storage and computer equipment.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief DiNardo – Police Dept:

- For the last two months, the PD has had 1,513 calls for service primarily comprising of 566 calls for property checks, 362 traffic stops resulting in 118 traffic tickets. Chief DiNardo specifically notes this is the first time in two months there have been zero criminal mischief issues and juvenile complaints are under 10. There were 37 arrests and the PD currently has 16 open warrants and 10 were closed by arrest.
- Accreditation Inspection is set for January 13th – 15th with inspectors on-site all three days.
- The background check for Ximena Ramirez Medina has been returned and will be completed after the Accreditation Inspection
- The background check for Brent Newpher has also been returned, now we are waiting for RPD to send over results on his psych evaluation.
- Officers Becker and Pollotta will be at the Officers Training Conference on January 6th and 7th to primarily learn about courtroom testimony, updated case law, skimming devices, the uptick on temporary tags and several other case law reviews
- A special “thank you” to Officer Bryant for his efforts with Toys for Tots as they were able to serve approximately 40 families this year.
- NYS Parks grant is open as of 12/31 – do not need to be a 501c3 and applications are due February 9th at 4pm. This is a 90/10% funding opportunity with the out-of-pocket 10% being eligible to combine with other grant monies.

Aubrey Shaffer – Clerk’s Office:

- Water bill payments are due on January 15th and we did have a number of water bills returned this quarter due to the mailing labels on the envelopes having been wiped off from the various postage meter machines. The clerk’s office immediately resent anything that got returned and we started keeping track of anything that had come back. Please contact our office with any question. As a reminder:
 - As residents can always call our office or check the status of their water bills on our website, late penalties will not be waived.

- you can also pay electronically through the website or call our office to sign up to receive your bill via email, instead
- We expect to be open back up for Tuesdays in the very near future

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A Permissive Referendum has been requested to purchase a diatom slurry pump for the Water Treatment Facility, as previously approved for replacement during the December 1st meeting. This referendum allows us to be able to take money from the Water Reserve Fund in order to purchase them, as follows:

MOTION that a sum up to and not to exceed \$13,000.00 shall be expended from the Water Capital Reserve for the purchase of a diatom slurry pump for the Water Treatment Facility made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Denniston. Votes, 4 ayes, CARRIED.

Following publication, the foregoing resolutions shall be posted in six (6) conspicuous places and in accordance with Section 9-902 of Village law, shall take effect in thirty (30) days.

MOTION TO APPROVE Public Hearings regarding amendments to local laws for No Parking on Market Street, year-round and adding an amendment to the law on Fire Pits which will allow the Fire Department to take action if a fire pit is creating significant and bothersome smoke. Public hearings shall be conducted at 6pm on Monday January 26th, prior to our next board meeting. Motion made by Trustee Leo, seconded by Trustee Parkison. Votes, 4 ayes, CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

As there were no further regular items to be discussed, a motion was made by Trustee Leo, seconded by Trustee Denniston to go into Executive Session for discussion regarding personnel matters at 6:35pm with no vote after Executive Session. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Mayor Perry declared the return to public session at 6:43pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Trustee Parkison, seconded by Trustee Leo to adjourn at 6:43pm. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. Next meeting will be January 5, 2026, 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.

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