

VILLAGE OF PALMYRA
4BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE 16, 2025 6:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Perry, Trustees Denniston, Leo, Luke, and Parkison
Absent: Attorney St. Martin,

OTHER ATTENDEES: Kammy Catchman, Ryan Darling, *Fire Department member*, Kyle DiNardo, *Chief of Police*, James Elliott, Georganne Graham, David Husk, Linda Valley, Tracy Vanderwall, Doug Wilcox, Caroline Grasso of *The Times of Wayne County*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kammy Catchman: Good evening. I'm asking the board to consider passing a resolution to have the New York State Department of Transportation provide a traffic safety study at the intersection of Canandaigua Street, Route 21, and Main Street. I had two parents that reached out to me after they were almost hit in the crosswalk after a primary school pick-up. They knew that I had some discussion with Kathy Hochul, and they said, or not Kathy Hochul, excuse me, Pam Helming, and they asked if I would reach out to her, which I did. And so she gave me just an e-mail just suggesting that I ask the board to consider just making a request that a study be done. And I noticed, too, that the intersection is very
I've gone down a few times around 4 o'clock, and it is busy. I can't even get over the amount of traffic. I witnessed a couple of cars going through the red lights. I saw people trying to cross and people turning in their lane when they were in the crosswalk. So it's been a dangerous intersection. I lived on Canandaigua Street for years. My mother advocated for having some studies done, and I don't know how far that got, but given some time, I think that the traffic has only increased, and so I'm just asking that of the board. I do have a copy of her, of Senator Helming's suggestions. She just said that she would really be happy to reach out and provide a letter of support and also try to expedite the process if you go forward with that proposal. So I appreciate the time. Thank you. I'm just going to give these to you. Thank you.

Mayor Perry asked Police Chief DiNardo for the information he had obtained regarding this topic.

Chief DiNardo said he had already reached out to Billy Butts and Andrew Quinn of DOT. We are in the queue of those requesting a traffic safety study. Once they reach us—sometime in a couple of months—they will generate the traffic study. No motion is necessary; it wouldn't make any difference. Anyone—police, citizens, or board members—can request a study to be done. He attached emails from people concerned about the crosswalk directly into the request to expedite the process. A letter of support from State Senator Helming would be helpful. It won't affect anything until they receive it, but her push might help speed things along. One resident requested illuminated crosswalks. However, he was told that it wouldn't be approved because the existing traffic light provides the highest level of traffic safety enforcement. The signal light overrides an illuminated crosswalk. He thought having both would be a good idea, but they said they won't do two at once. He asked if they'd consider the corner of Fayette and Main Street also for traffic safety improvements. He believes it's mainly a driver problem—people just don't care, and they are in a rush. He also requested possibly adding a no-turn-on-red sign, and they said they'll explore all options. He said we shouldn't expect a response for several months. In the meantime, he will keep deploying officers there. He has personally been out there almost daily for a few hours at a time. It's an ongoing issue, and the department will continue enforcing it. They have had 147 traffic stops in the past month.

Mayor Perry mentioned he spoke with Senator Helming today. The only time a resolution is needed is if a resident contacts her to confirm that the board supports their concerns. Other than that, no action from the board is required. He thanked Chief DiNardo for looking into this issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Trustee Luke seconded by Trustee Parkison to approve the minutes of May 19, 2025, as submitted. Vote, 3 ayes, 2 absentions Trustees Denniston and Leo. CARRIED. Motion was made by Trustee Luke seconded by Trustee Denniston to approve the minutes of May 29, 2025, as submitted. Vote, 3 ayes, 1 absention Trustee Parkison. CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT Motion was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Denniston, to approve 1A vouchers 26-0001 through 26-00046 for \$134,653.97. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. Some of these expenses will be reimbursed by CHIPS, and some of that is Gary's \$41,000 backhoe that we did budget for this year. Regarding the previous abstract on May 29th, the reason it was so large was we bought the water meters and the water endpoints that we had talked about previously.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

On 6/13, the Board was given: May Reserve and Capital Project Reports, Revenue and Expense report, and Bank account and CD balance report

GUEST DOUG WILCOX-COMMANDER FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION The American Legion is organizing a fundraiser on July 19th, featuring the band 47 South, which plays music from the 60s to 80s. A temporary liquor license and liability forms have been prepared, and notices will be sent to residents nearby to inform them of the event. The fundraiser will run from 2 PM to 6 PM, and parking will be arranged with the school district as well as consideration for nearby businesses. Food will be provided by the Legion, and coordination with local authorities has been initiated to ensure everything runs smoothly. The event flyer can be shared on community platforms.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Denniston- updated that the raw water projects have been completed at \$20,000 under the original quote. He wanted to recognize the coordination between the Highway Department and the WCWSA to accomplish this.

Trustee Leo- He went over the monthly Fire Department event report, which is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

This past Saturday, members were on hand at the Country Music Festival. The UTV has been prepared for summer weather along with preventive maintenance. He would like to remind everyone that the fire department is always looking for new members to help serve and protect.

Trustee Luke- Movie in the Park is Snow White on Friday around 8:30pm. Thursday she is meeting with Irene and Historic Palmyra regarding the 200th anniversary of the canal. They're thinking about showing a movie about the canal, having a guest speaker, having some kid games from that period and having some other activities along the canal. This will be at the end of August or early September. She will update when she has more information.

She was very impressed with Marty's handling of the WWTP at the last meeting and everything that he spoke about. To help with any confusion, she reiterated items from the previous meetings. Every quarter there will be a \$60 sewer maintenance charge from Wayne County Water and Sewer and paid directly to them. Four quarters x \$60 dollars per quarter equals \$240 annually. The residents are currently paying \$325 per year on their taxes for the WWTP. When you add \$240 and \$325 that is \$565 per year or the equivalent of \$47 per month. In total, the Village has collected ~~\$5.4 million~~ \$2.85 million paying roughly \$2.5 million to Wayne County Water and Sewer. A little over a million is going to get returned to the Village from WCWSA. Those funds are going to go right back into the WWTP savings account. She noted that on the back of the agenda is a diagram that shows how it all works. The Village charges the \$325, that gets paid to us, then gets deposited into the WWTP savings account. From there, we then pay the Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority for the treatment plant when they invoice us each September. The WWTP savings account that we set up is **strictly** for the WWTP. **It has nothing to do with anything else.**

The money that the Village is getting back from WCWSA is going to go **directly back** into the WWTP savings account. It's not going into our regular reserve savings account to pay for any kind of infrastructure repairs on Village sewer issues. She invited anyone who still has questions to reach out to her.

There are some updates posted on the treatment plant website. In June, the Western Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant is undergoing their final commissioning with initial wastewater flows being accepted from the village of Palmyra. In July, the existing Village of Palmyra treatment plant is going to be demolished. In August, the Macedon pump station flows will come online. In September, Walworth will come online, and September to December, all existing treatment plants will be decommissioned.

Trustee Parkison- There was four building permits issued; two COC issued. There's a ZBA meeting special permits with the condition of a privacy fence for screening and no use of Aqueduct Park driveway for trucking dumpsters in and out. This request was at 555 West Main Street to park the dumpsters behind the building and that's where the privacy fence will be. There were five violation letters sent out. That's been a huge issue for the overgrown lawns. Two violations have been corrected.

Mayor Perry- The Highway Department has been actively working on various maintenance tasks, including 60 tons of blacktop laid in the past two weeks, ongoing work on catch basins and storm drains, and the stoning and oiling of High Parkway and West Foster. There are five burials and eight poured foundations in the buildings and grounds area. The cemetery has been string-trimmed, and flowers are watered every two days. Additionally, Mayor Elliott presented the village with a vintage ticket from the opera house, likely dating back to the late 1920s or 1930.

MOTION TO ACCEPT OPERA TICKET DONATION TO THE VILLAGE

FROM FORMER MAYOR JIM ELLIOTT was made by Trustee Leo, Seconded by Trustee Luke. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief DiNardo: In May, the village received 546 service calls, with an additional 30 calls categorized as assists from outside the Village. There were 137 traffic stops, 195 property checks, and 214 other service calls. At Walmart's grand reopening, 21 car seat inspections were conducted, resulting in 19 seats needing replacement due to age or improper installation. The trailer used for inspections performed well, and future events for car seat inspections are planned. The Country Music Fest attracted 800 attendees, with efficient traffic management by the state police resulting in quick exit times. Training for a new records management system is ongoing to improve efficiency and consolidate services across the county. Additionally, there is a need to backfill one per diem police position due to recent staff losses, with a potential candidate already certified and requiring minimal training.

MOTION TO APPROVE HIRING OF ANTHONY CARUSO AS A PER DIEM POLICE OFFICER, pending his background completion, was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Denniston. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

MOTION TO APPROVE CHIEF DINARDO TO SUBMIT THE GOVERNOR TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION was made by Trustee Leo, seconded by Trustee Parkison. Vote, 4 ayes, CARRIED.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION for the American Legion's fundraiser on July 19th was made by Trustee Parkison, seconded by Trustee Denniston. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. The application included a certificate of insurance. Chief DiNardo will follow up with any logistics needed.

MOTION TO UPDATE TRUSTEE PARKISON'S RECORD OF ACTIVITY was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Parkison. Vote, 3 ayes, 1 abstention Trustee Parkison. CARRIED. Be it resolved that the Village of Palmyra establishes the following standard workday for these titles and will report the officials to New York State and local retirement based on the record of activities for Brian Parkinson, Trustee, 6 hours per day and 2.56 days per month.

MOTION TO ACCEPT RELIANT DONATION towards Movie in the Park of \$435 received on 6/6/25 was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Parkison. Vote, 4 ayes, CARRIED. Thank you to Reliant for sponsoring this event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT Motion was made by Trustee Luke and seconded by Trustee Denniston to adjourn at 6:37pm. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Next meeting will be July 7, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Village Hall.

June 16, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Wetherby
Clerk Treasurer

