

VILLAGE OF PALMYRA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 20, 2023 6:30 PM
REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Husk, Trustees Leo, Luke, Perry, Wartars. Attorney St. Martin was absent.

OTHER ATTENDEES: Michael Boesel, *Highway Superintendent*; Caroline Grasso, *The Times of Wayne County*; Georgeanna Graham, Donna McPike, Linda Valley, Jeff Vanderwedge

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Husk called the regular meeting to order at 6:28 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Luke to approve the minutes from March 6, 2023. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT: Motion was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Luke to approve payment of **Abstract 10B**, vouchers **23-00709** through **23-00744**, in the amount of **\$ 54,810.32**. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

Answers to Georgeanna Graham's questions at the March 6th meeting were sent via email on March 8th. Notice of the Public Hearing on April 3rd was published in the Wayne County Times on March 18th and will also be in the March 25th issue.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Leo-No report

Trustee Luke- Brian Bieda from the Water and Sewer Department submitted a letter asking for approval to purchase a \$3,100 water leak detection device. This is so he doesn't have to keep borrowing one as it's not always available. Using the borrowed device, he has already found several leaks around the Village. The department has funds in in the budget to pay for this item.

Trustee Perry- No report

Trustee Wartars-Excused

Attorney St. Martin-Excused

Mayor Husk- On March 24th, he and M. Boesel are attending the Lock 30 tour as they showcase their winter maintenance work and behind the scenes infrastructure. As part of the Aqueduct Advisory Committee, Mayor Husk is attending a meeting on March 30th at the Macedon Town Hall. The committee meeting is led by NYS Power Authority and Canal Corporation. The Palmyra Fire Company Pancake Breakfast with the Easter bunny is being held March 26th from 8:00am-12:00pm. The American Legion is having a steak dinner on April 1st from 5:00-6:00pm.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT- Chief DiNardo introduced the intern from FLCC who has been shadowing the Police Department. Costs and insurance are through FLCC

The Department handled **474** calls of service in February:

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| 178 Property Checks | 99 Traffic Stops | 23 Vehicle/Traffic Complaints | 15 Domestic Incidents |
| 45 Tickets Issued | 7 Adult arrests | 5 Mental Health Incidents | |

There are several cases pending warrants as well as several juvenile arrests from over twenty juvenile complaints. Parents have been made aware that they can be charged and complaints have gone down.

Sex offense registry management: 10 are currently registered in the Village

The policy update going well. He is applying or waiting to hear back regarding a few grant applications.

Police Department Facebook page will soon be live for publishing call statistics, public service announcements, warrants and information related to cases.

The other intern, who is currently through Wayne Technical Center, would like to continue working through the Steady Grant Funds. He is meeting with a representative from Steady Grant. Steady Grant is a program that pays everything towards individuals to work in their area of interest.

Patricia Burditt was officially appointed by the Town of Palmyra as a Town Constable to work when Court is being held.

Through a grant, they purchased a Drug Take Back secured box to be located in the lobby of the Village Hall.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

GEORGEANNA GRAHAM QUESTIONS regarding whose salaries are paid out of the water and sewer budget. If the Caprice had been sold and if so what the Chief was driving. If a new vehicle has been purchased for the Chief. Who paid and what kind of liability there was when Chief DiNardo worked with an officer from Interlaken here in November 2022.

LEAH BAMBERGER SEWER CREDIT REQUEST has requested a sewer credit for boiler leak and refill of \$40.50 at 114 Fayette St. as the water did not enter the sewer system. Motion for this credit was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Leo. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

JEFF VANDERWEDGE: interjected into the meeting to ask the Board if he watered his lawn if he could get sewer credit for it. Mayor Husk said he would get back to him.*

ABS CONTRACT Wayne County Real Property (WCRP) is no longer formatting or printing the property tax bills. WCRP have partnered with ABS for these services. Motion for the Village Clerk-Treasurer to sign contract with ABS for digitally formatting the Village property taxes was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Luke. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION: As there were no further regular items to be discussed, a motion was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Perry to go into executive session with Chief DiNardo for discussion of personnel employment at 6:55 pm. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED

Mayor Husk declared the return to public session at 7:10pm. Some attendees from the meeting reentered at that time.

POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING: Motion to move Richard Schoeberlein and Scott Peters to the title of Investigator instead of Officer and hire Robert Lewis as a part time per diem officer was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Leo. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED The change for R. Schoeberlein and S. Peters is a title change only. Everything else, including pay, remains the same.

ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting will be April 3, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Village Hall. Motion was made by Trustee Luke and seconded by Trustee Perry to adjourn at 7:16pm. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Wetherby
Clerk Treasurer

*Below is copy of letter sent to J. Vanderwege



March 23, 2023

Mr. Jeffrey Vanderwege
401 West Main Street
Palmyra, NY 14522

Re: Credits to sewer charges when water does not enter the sewer system

Dear Mr. Vanderwege:

This letter is to answer your question/statement at the Palmyra Village Board meeting on March 20th, 2023, regarding sewer credits for watering yards.

Watering your yard is considered property maintenance that a resident wishes to perform. The water used for that purpose would not constitute a credit.

If a repair or emergency water problem occurs and is detected, the Water Department, with its' technology, can determine how much water went into the sewer system. They wouldn't be charged for the usage of what did not go into the sewer system.

The Village Board has maintained a practice of granting sewer credits due to accidental or unintentional use of water, i.e., broken pipes.

Just so you are Each quarter, included on your bill, you receive 1 to 500 cubic feet of water before charges are calculated (100 cubic feet of water equals 748 gallons of water, or up to 3760 gallons per quarter).

Best Regards,

Mayor David Husk