

Regular Board Meeting

Board of Trustees

7:00 P.M.

- Present:** Deputy Mayor Mary Lou Wilson, and Trustees David West, Lloyd A. Green, Fred Alderman, and Village Attorney, Laura Jane Poyzer.
- 2 Min. Silence:** Deputy Mayor Wilson opened the meeting with a moment of silence requesting the board to concentrate our thoughts on the hostages that are still being held in Iran.
- Vouchers:** Motion by Trustee Green, 2nd by Trustee Alderman and carried, the treasurer was directed to issue checks in the amount of \$16,780.44 for the vouchers as presented.
- Minutes:** Motion by Trustee West, 2nd by Trustee Alderman and carried, the minutes of the previous meeting, December 3, 1979, were accepted as drafted.
- Comm.Ctr. Officers:** Trustee West advised that the new officers of the Community Center Board will be as follows: President, Gary LaBerge; Vice-President, Roger McGee; Secretary, Lynda Nation; Treasurer, Nancy Storr. On motion by West, 2nd by Trustee Green and carried, the slate of officers for 1980 were accepted as recommended, for the Community Center.
- Comm.Ctr. Bldg.:** Trustee West advised that the original contract for the Community Center Building has been completed, which provided for the outside walls, sewer, water, and boiler. The next project, he continued, would be to accumulate funds so that the floor, walls, underground plumbing can be installed. He added that volunteers are needed. Anyone desiring to be of help should contact Gary LaBerge.
- Twn. Water Rt. #31:** Trustee Alderman advised that he had asked Harold Kruger, operator of the Water & Sewer Plants to confer with the Board. Mr. Kruger advised that with the master meter in on the new Rt. #31 Water Line Extension, it was noted that some 449,000 gallons were lost through the last leak. This will amount in dollars to about \$769.00. He commented that prior to the installation of the master meter, there were two other leaks that were not metered.
- Div. St. Twn. Meter:** H. Kruger further advised that the new Master Meter to be installed for the north district, will be placed at the northwest corner of Division Street and Quaker Road. He added that it will be necessary to obtain an easement of 40-50 ft. on property formerly owned by Webaco, now J&L Fuels. The attorney for the Town of Palmyra, Paul Rubery, is working on procuring the easement.
- Vil. Leak:** H. Kruger informed the board that a leak was discovered on the property of R. Wahl, Prospect Drive. He commented that Ray Smith has temporarily taken care of the leak, but in the spring steps should be taken to re-direct the main line in view of the fact that the transmission line, many years ago, was placed on this property to feed three houses.
- Water Tank:** Mr. Kruger commented that some thought should be given to the eventual construction of another million gallon storage tank. The existing tank needs to be drained and cleaned in the next few years. Mr. Kruger felt that extensive refurbishing of the present tank would be in order. For an estimated cost of \$3,000.00, it would be possible to install a better motorized system of electrodes. Later, then it would be possible to drain the tank for complete cleaning, it would be possible to remove the present electrodes that are placed in annually. He indicated that many rods have fallen to the bottom of the tank. These rods draw the current from those that are placed in each year, making the new rods inoperable for a full 12 month period.



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**C. Timerson  
Raise:**

Mr. Kruger advised that Carlton Timerson, Trainee in the Sewer and Water Plant, has now received his certificate of completion of satisfactory completing sewer school, and should receive an increase in wage. The following resolution was proposed by Trustee Green, 2nd by Trustee Alderman:

**WHEREAS**, Carlton Timerson, Trainee in the Water and Sewer Department, has completed satisfactorily schooling to qualify him as a Sewer Plant operator,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Carlton Timerson, shall receive an increase in rate in the amount of \$.25/Hr. beginning December 24, 1979.

Vote:

Unanimously approved.

Resolution adopted.

**Twn. Water  
Contract:**

Trustee Alderman advised that he has had several conversations with Nelson Cook, Town Councilman, relative to the new Water Contract as well as the wage that may be paid to Harold Kruger, who is appointed by the Town to supervise the installation of water lines in the Town of Palmyra. He commented, that in the past, this has been a nominal amount and time involved has not interfered with the time when Kruger has been working for the Village of Palmyra. However, more recently, with the installation of the new Rt. #31 water line, Kruger has had to devote more time to overseeing proper procedures, checking for water leaks, etc.

Trustee Alderman commented that when a new contract is negotiated, thought should be given to requesting a stipend that would cover the time and work involved by Kruger when he may be working on village time, but at the same time checking on some problem in the town water lines.

**Police  
Report:**

On motion by Trustee Green, 2nd by Trustee West, the Police Report for the month of November, 1979 was accepted. Highlights of the report indicated complaints numbering 117, assists to other departments, 17, along with 12 apprehended for criminal mischief, and 8 cited for petit larceny, with 4 motor vehicle arrests for speeding. Total fines and bail forfeitures amounted to \$905.00.

**Hydrant  
Div. St.:**

Deputy Mayor Wilson advised that recent request of Conifer Development to place a hydrant on Division Street just north of the entrance of the new senior citizen housing project, has prompted her to ask Fire Chief H. White to review the need for a hydrant in this spot, in view of the fact that there is a hydrant on Market Street and one on William Street, both of which are less than 500' each from the housing. In addition, the Barge Canal is less than 500' from the buildings.

**Police  
Resign:****Jas. Smith:**

Deputy Mayor Wilson advised that she had received the resignation from the Police Department of James Smith to be effective December 31, 1979, although he is no longer working inasmuch as he is using up his vacation time and sick time. Motion by Trustee Green, 2nd by Trustee West and carried, to accept the resignation of James Smith. Board indicated that this was rather short notice and would leave the Police Department rather short-handed.

**Replace.  
for J.  
Smith:**

Deputy Mayor Wilson advised that she would like to suggest that James Showman, who has been working on a part-time basis for the Police Department, be appointed to fill the vacancy of J. Smith.

Deputy Mayor Wilson added that the Police Commission feel that both Wilfred LaJoie and Scott Parsons would be good men to fill in for part-time work if they can be acquired for the department. On motion by Deputy Mayor Wilson, 2nd by Trustee Green and carried, James Showman was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Police Department with the resignation of J. Smith.

**J. Showman  
Appoint.:**



- J.Hickey  
Amer.  
Legion  
Letter:** Deputy Mayor Wilson read a letter she had received from the James Hickey American Legion Post relative to the request of the Board of Trustees to place the flags on Main Street in the business district until the hostages are freed in Iran. The letter suggested that perhaps it would be apropos if the Village Board would consider asking for a contribution from organizations for new flags inasmuch as they have been destroyed, or removed from the brackets in the past. Trustee Alderman asked that a request be made to various organizations for donations to replace the flags and poles.
- Steel  
Flag  
Pole:** Deputy Mayor Wilson commented that the flag on the Steel Flag Pole was badly torn and should be replaced. Clerk Otte interjected that Highway Foreman Raymond Smith had attempted to remove flag but shreds of the flag have become enmeshed in the nylon rope making it impossible to lower the flag. She commented that it may be that a rigging company will have to be contacted to remove the flag. Trustee Alderman recalled that a certain type of swivel had been installed which should allow for easy removal of the flag. He suggested that Ray Smith contact him to discuss the matter.
- Urb.Ren.  
Fds.:** Deputy Mayor Wilson informed the board that another letter has been sent to Paul Rubery, Esq., asking that he ascertain the funds that may be available as a balance from the Urban Renewal Project. It may be necessary to apply for these funds through a Community Development Project.
- Prop.  
Vil.  
Barn:** Village Attorney Poyzer advised that she will need a survey map to draft the proper easement between the property of Mrs. Ramsey and William Kaveny, which is pertinent to the placement of a storm sewer drain to be placed in this area to alleviate some of the spring thaws and other heavy rains. Attorney Poyzer added that this is one of the requests of the Town of Palmyra relative to the transfer of land to the Village for use of Highway Barns.
- Beauti-  
fication:** Attorney Poyzer advised that she had talked to Donegan Associates relative to the present Statutory Installment Bond, which has a span of 4 years to maturity (1983). Donegan Associates advised that the funds must be collected back in the same manner as it was drawn. The only recourse to change the mode of paying would be with special legislation. Attorney Poyzer added that Mr. Galloway, of Willkie Farr & Gallagher, New York Bond Attorneys have been requested to prepare the necessary legislation, which hopefully may be presented to the State Legislature after the first of the year.
- Open  
Container  
Trial:** Village Attorney Poyzer informed the board that Judge Abbott has not rendered a decision on the "Open Container" Trial, which, she, Village Attorney, represented the "People" as Prosecuting Attorney. She indicated that a decision is expected within the week.
- Yohonn  
d/b/a  
Pal.Inn:** Discussion by members of the board relative to the "5 Day Notice" served on Mr. Yohonn, relative to closing his place of business inasmuch as it is in an R-2 Zone which does not allow an open bar and restaurant. Village Attorney Poyzer informed the board that after the Zoning Board has sent the "Findings & Decision" to Mr. Yohonn, it would then be apropos to enforce the Five Day Notice. Matter was tabled until the next meeting.
- Plan  
Brd.  
Recomm.:** Daniel Pope, Chairman of the Planning Board spoke briefly to the Village Board advising that the Planning Board had met earlier this evening. He informed the board that in essence it was the recommendation of the Planning Board that the former Moose Club now the property of George Yohonn, d/b/a Palmyra Inn, should be re-zoned from R-2 to C-1. He commented that the Planning Board had discussed the matter at some length, with the prime objection being that Yohonn had an open bar in a R-2 Area, unacceptable to Zoning. The structure of the building, he added, was not conducive to any style of housing and the only possible use, might be a mortuary. Mr. Pope indicated that a formal letter will be sent to the Village Board with their recommendations.



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**State Audit:** Clerk Treasurer Otte advised that the New York State Department of Audit & Control has started an audit of the Village Finances as of today.

**Towpath Manor II:** Clerk Otte advised that information has been received that Towpath Manor II, the new complex on the north side of Canal Street has opened the first building which houses 16 apartments. She commented that when the sewer bills were being prepared, it was not known that the first building would be open by the middle of December.

**RESOL.:** The following resolution was proposed by Trustee Alderman, 2nd by Trustee Green:  
**WHEREAS**, Towpath Manor II, on the north side of Canal Street, across from Towpath Manor I, has opened one building for occupancy to house sixteen (16) tenants, and,  
**WHEREAS**, sewer bills have been levied as of December 1, 1979 throughout the Village, and,  
**WHEREAS**, in an effort to cooperate with the developers and owners of Towpath Manor II, it would be apropos to levy a sewer bill for the full three months,  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Sewer Cashier shall be informed to levy a sewer bill for sixteen (16) completed and rented apartments for the months of January and February, 1980, and beginning with the March 1980 sewer bill, these (16) apartments shall be billed on a quarterly basis, at a rate of \$21.00/unit, and,  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, on completion of the other sixteen units they shall be billed at the regular rate of \$21.00/unit, which will be a total of 32 units at a fee of \$672.00 per quarter.  
 Vote:

Unanimously approved.  
 Resolution adopted.

**Snow on Side-walk:** Clerk advised receiving complaints relative to the plowing of snow on William Street from the Potter Laundromat onto the sidewalk which becomes a barrier for persons attempting to walk on William Street south to Main Street.  
 Board asked clerk to write a letter to the property owner and the person leasing the building to request cooperation in placing snow elsewhere.

**Reduce Sewer:** Clerk advised a letter received from Mrs. Nora O'Brien requested that the sewer rate on the former property of her sister, Mrs. Barbara Bailey, deceased, be reduced to one unit inasmuch as they, the heirs, wished to remove the apartment from the rental market.

**RESOL.:** The following resolution was proposed by Trustee Green, 2nd by Trustee Alderman:  
**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Nora O'Brien, heir of property at 311 Fayette Street, has advised by letter that she would like to remove the one apartment occupied by her former sister, Mrs. Barbara Bailey, now deceased, from the rental market,  
**BE IT RESOLVED**, that beginning with the March, 1980 sewer bill on this property that one unit shall be removed until such time as it may be feasible to place the apartment on the rental market.  
 Vote:

Unanimously approved.  
 Resolution adopted.

**Flood Ins. Hrng.:** Clerk Otte advised that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has scheduled a Public Hearing in the Justice Room on Wednesday, January 9, 1980 at 7:30 P.M., in accordance with requirements prescribed by the State for the Flood Insurance program. A letter and information advised that the State would take care of the costs of publication of the legal notice.

**Items 3 & 4 Twn. Budget:** Letter received from the Village of Lyons, requested the Village of Palmyra to submit letters to Assemblyman Paul Kehoe and Senator Fred Warder requesting their support in introducing legislation which would relieve Village taxpayers from payment of Items #3 and #4 of the Town Highway Budget.



No  
Parking:

Clerk advised receiving calls relative to complaints of people parking in front of the outside postal drop boxes in front of the Post Office on the east side, of Cuyler Street, especially between the driveway of H. B. Nesbitt, 122 Cuyler Street and the common driveway of the Post Office and the American Legion, to the south.

Board commented that Village Ordinance relating to Parking does prohibit parking in front of the Mail Boxes in front of the Post Office.

Use of  
Anti-  
Rec.Fds:

The following resolution was proposed by Trustee West, 2nd by Trustee Alderman:

**WHEREAS**, Donegan Associates have pointed out that Anti-Recession Funds should be liquidated within the near future, and,

**WHEREAS**, such funds have been designated by the government to be used primarily for payroll purposes,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Treasurer shall be instructed to use the Anti-Recession Funds for the payroll period ending December 21, 1979, such funds to offset the payment of those patrolmen who are overseeing the work detail of those persons arraigned in front of Judge William Abbott, for restitution of acts of vandalism and other matters in lieu of being incarcerated or fined.

Vote:

Unanimously approved.

Resolution adopted.

Cancel  
Small  
Ckng  
Accts:

The following resolution was proposed by Trustee Alderman, 2nd by Trustee Green:

**WHEREAS**, the Cemetery Trust Fund Checking Account in the amount of \$2.77 and the P. T. Sexton Trust Fund Checking Account in the amount of \$37.37, have been inactive for a number of years, and, **WHEREAS**, it would be advantageous to transfer these funds to the Cemetery Trust Fund Savings and the P. T. Sexton Trust Fund Savings,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Treasurer, Theresa P. Otte, shall be instructed to draw checks in the proper amounts and transfer these funds to the respective Cemetery Trust Fund Savings and the P. T. Sexton Trust Fund Savings.

Vote:

Unanimously approved.

Resolution adopted.

Pay  
Period  
Revision:

Clerk Otte directed the Board to the letter received from Donegan Associates in which they suggest that for a more efficient method of allocating time, it would be their suggestion that an attempt be made to "back-up" the week ending day from Friday to Tuesday.

It was their feeling that this could be accomplished over a three (3) pay period time. At the present time, department heads turn in their pay time and books on Friday morning. This means that the office must work diligently during the day to figure the pay, typewrite the checks and balance out all funds. In essence, the pay time turned in has been projected through Friday "quitting time". In the event of a snowstorm, or any other emergency where a man is required to work overtime on Friday, he would not get paid until the next pay period. By backing up the last work day, this would allow for three days in which to prepare the checks, etc. so that workers could still be paid or receive their checks on Friday.

RESOL.:

The following resolution was proposed by Trustee Alderman, 2nd by Trustee West:

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the financial consultants, Bernard Donegan Associates, that the work week ending day be "backed up" to Tuesday night, in place of Friday night in order that the payroll office may have more time in which to prepare the payroll checks,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Payroll Department of the Clerk's Office shall be informed to implement the system as soon as it may be feasible for the department.

Vote:

Unanimously approved

Resolution adopted.



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Public  
Thanks  
to  
Village:

Clerk Treasurer, Theresa P. Otte, interjected that she would like to formally thank the Board of Trustees of the Village of Palmyra and all those who so graciously participated in honoring her on November 10, 1979 at the Palmyra Fire Hall for her service of 25 Years as an employee of the Village of Palmyra, as of November 1, 1979.

Treasurer Otte commented that without the cooperation and help of all Village Employees and especially without the assistance of Deputy Clerk Phyllis Dickinson and assistant Darlene Matteson, all of this would not have been possible.

Treasurer Otte remarked that the party in her honor will always be a treasured remembrance of the Village's thanks for service, that she enjoyed giving.



CONGRESSMAN PRESENTS FLAG — Rep. Frank Horton presents an American flag which has flown over the nation's capitol in Washington, D.C. to Palmyra village clerk Theresa Otte. The flag presentation at the Palmyra Fire Hall was part of a November ceremony which honored Mrs. Otte for 25 years of service to the Village of Palmyra.

Adjourn: Deputy Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 9:40 P.M.

Theresa P. Otte, Clerk Treasurer

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