

**VILLAGE OF PALMYRA**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
March 7, 2022      6:00 PM  
**BUDGET WORKSHOP and REGULAR MEETING**

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor Husk, Trustees Leo, Luke, Perry and Wartens. Attorney Williams arrived at 6:43

**BUDGET WORKSHOP:** Mayor Husk started the budget workshop at 6:00pm. Due to the current large increase in gas prices, it was decided to add to budget for *automobile gasoline* and *gas and electric* account lines.

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Caroline Grasso, Times of Wayne County; Michael Boesel, Highway Superintendent; Harold Brown, Members of the Fire Department and Fire Company: Harry Banker, Jeff Bulman, Bill Colburn, Jerry Cook, Andrew Curry, Wayne Eidman Jr. Doug Fogal, Warren Frederick, Mikel Hallings, Ronald Hickman, Josh Knorr, Zac Morehouse, David Oakley, Lori Reeves, Tom Rohr, Deb Rothfuss, Lucas Schulla, Greg Sturgill, Rich Sturgill; Mandy and Jason Hawkins (entered at approximately 6:50pm)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Husk called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Wartens to approve the minutes from February 28, 2022. Vote, 4 ayes, CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT:** Motion was made by Trustee Wartens, seconded by Trustee Leo to approve payment **10A** vouchers 22-00822 through 22-00853 for \$57,374.17. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED

**REGULAR MEETING**

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION**

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Leo-** No report

**Trustee Luke-** Water and Wastewater Operations report. Public Market discussion tabled until 3/21.

**Trustee Perry-** No report

**Trustee Wartens-** Fire Department truck inspection for February and March and call report for February will be on file in Clerk's office. February's iamresponding report was given to Trustee Perry. Chief Bulman had nothing to add at this time.

**Attorney Williams** – (6:43pm) Regarding 421 E Main Street, the defendant was served over 30 days ago and hasn't appeared, so he is now in default. A. Williams will complete paperwork for the court to get a court order to demolish the house. Once the house has been demolished, the Village will send the bill for demolishing the house to the owner. If he doesn't pay, it will be relieved to his taxes.

**Mayor Husk-** J. Donahue is getting quotes for replacing our current Cloud backup service. M. Boesel sent an email last week to the Trustees regarding a West Foster Street culvert (between Stafford and Hyde Pkwy) falling into the road. M. Boesel gave an update that it will be 3-4 weeks before we get the new culvert so metal plates currently covering the culvert will stay until it has been fixed. M. Boesel will coordinate with the school when the repair needs to be done as to reroute traffic.

Asked R. Wetherby to reach out to Christine Daly from Preservation Commission regarding GVRP grant.

USDA is asking permission to go on Village property to study the Cherry Fruit Fly. Motion for the Mayor to complete and send property access request made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Wartens. Vote, 4 ayes, CARRIED.

Wayne County Water and Sewer is having a public information meeting on March 15 at 6:30pm at the Fire Hall regarding Waste Water Treatment Plant

Police reports available to Board for month of February.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

**SURVEY FOR RAW WATER LINE:** M. Boesel's is requesting approval for a survey to be done for raw water line project. There are only two vendors who do this type of work. Kocher

submitted a quote and Greens declined to bid. Motion for M. Boesel to move forward and have Kocher begin work was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Perry. ARPA funds will be used to pay for this.

**CAMERA AND NETWORK PROJECT:** Approval to advertise for sealed bidding for camera and network project due to Village Hall by 11:00am on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Warters.

**MOTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING** for the 2022-2023 Village of Palmyra budget on Monday, April 4 at 6:30pm. Motion was made by Trustee Warters, seconded by Trustee Luke. Votes, 4 ayes. CARRIED. A legal notice will appear with this information in the March 28th *Times of Wayne County* as well our Facebook page and [www.palmyravillageny.org](http://www.palmyravillageny.org)

**GARY ROSE RETIREMENT** from his position of Animal Control Officer as of April 27. Motion to accept retirement made by Mayor Husk, seconded by Trustee Perry. Votes, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTIONS** Tom Rohr from the Fire Department asked the Board to set a date to vote on the elections held at the Fire Department last week. Mayor Husk reminded them the Board usually acts on these elections on the first meeting of April. The current Chiefs and line officers carry over until the Board approves those elected. T. Rohr asked A. Williams to send him information on the legalities of the carryover and approval process.

**CEMETERY CONCERNS, ETC.** Mandy and Scott Hawkins asked why some of the cemetery roads aren't being plowed as it makes part of cemetery inaccessible. Mayor Husk informed them that three years ago the Village Board decided to stop plowing the side roads as the roads are deteriorating. M. Hawkins asked if the roads could be fixed and about the Village finances to pay for this. We told her our next budget workshop is March 21 if she wants to attend. When the decision was made three years ago, we contacted the area cemeteries and only Newark is open during the winter. Mayor Husk asked if an acceptable compromise would be if we snow blow a four foot section to walk after there is snow fall. Anyone can park at the red barn and walk to the graves at the back of the cemetery. Cemetery staff will snow blow the four corners and safe routes to school first. Mayor and Deputy Mayor will go to cemetery this week to draw up a path to take and then meet with the Hawkins to see if that will work. The Hawkins also brought up the current state of the site of the old hot dog stand. Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) has previously reached out to owner to tell them to take care of it. Trustee Perry will have CEO call owner tomorrow to tell him either he puts up orange fencing to keep it safe or we will.

Mayor Husk invited the Hawkins to make an appointment (even on a weekend) so he can go line by line with them on the budget. Mayor Husk used the example of how much it takes to accomplish projects around the village of the raw water line. To replace just the sections from the corner of Johnson Street to the Water Plant on Spring Street it will cost over \$300,000. The Village is using a combination of ARPA funds and funds from the Village water reserve to pay for it. The Village accepted these funds, even though a few other municipalities didn't, to ensure these important projects get done.

**HAROLD BROWN** During the conversation with the Hawkins, former employee Harold Brown brought up some concerns he had regarding cemetery equipment. Since he wasn't on the agenda, the Mayor asked if H. Brown could schedule a meeting to discuss his concerns.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Next meeting will be March 21 at 6:00pm at Village Hall. Motion was made by Trustee Luke and seconded by Trustee Warters to adjourn at 7:24 pm. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Wetherby  
Clerk Treasurer