

**VILLAGE OF PALMYRA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING**

October 5, 1998 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Wilson, Trustees Gunkler, Celentano, Salomon and DeVogelaere.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES: Motion by Trustee DeVogelaere, second by Trustee Gunkler to approve the minutes from September 7, 1998 amending last paragraph as follows: *change Trustee Salomon to Trustee DeVogelaere*. Vote, 4 ayes, Trustee Salomon abstained. CARRIED, Motion by Trustee Gunkler, second by Trustee Celentano to approve the minutes from September 21, 1998. Vote, 4 ayes, Trustee DeVogelaere abstained. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence has been received and is on file at Village Hall:

1. Village of Palmyra annual report has been completed.
2. Monthly operations report from ST Environmental for August.

TRUSTEE REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Trustee Gunkler reported that the legal has been placed advertising for bids for the fire hall roof. Bid opening will be October 16, 1998 at Village Hall.

Trustee Celentano reminded all that there will be no overnight parking after November 1 until April 1. The highway department will be picking up leaves when residents start putting them out. Last day for heavy brush pick up will be October 23rd. Notices have been placed in the papers for both subjects.

Trustee Celentano relayed a message from Nelson Cook regarding any FEMA figures. Department heads need to turn in any damages; equipment costs and/or labor for costs incurred during the Labor Day storm. Trustee DeVogelaere said that Roger Weaver has been pulling his figures together.

With regards to the Jackson Street project, the crews should be putting down the binder on Thursday barring anymore complications.

RESOLUTION OF STANDARDIZATION: In the name of efficiency, Trustee Celentano moved to accept the following resolution:

Whereas, the Highway Department of the Village of Palmyra, Wayne County, New York, presently owns three Road Sanders all manufactured by the Smith Sander Manufacturing Company and has on hand a supply of spare parts therefore, and

Whereas, to purchase a different model or make Sander would be inefficient and uneconomical since alternate and additional supplies of spare parts would have to be purchased which would not be interchangeable with the ones already on hand, and

Whereas, for other reasons such as handling and operation of the equipment and attaching to Trucks in all the same manner it is determined by this Board desirable to purchase an additional Sander of the same make as the ones presently owned by the Highway Department,

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved, that for reasons of efficiency and economy and pursuant to the authority conferred by subdivision 5 of section 103 of the General Municipal Law, it is determined by this Board that there is a need for standardization in the purchase of Sanders for the Village Highway Department, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Superintendent of Highways be and hereby is authorized to contract for the purchase of a Smith Road Sander of the same model as the ones presently owned by the Village Highway Department with the lowest responsible quote as per the Village of Palmyra purchasing policy.

Second by Mayor Wilson. *Discussion:* Mayor Wilson reiterated that quotes would still be required. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Trustee DeVogelaere repeated that Roger Weaver is working on his report for FEMA and that the new leaf sucker is in.

Trustee Salomon reported that the facility operation report submitted by ST Environmental will be available to the public. ST Environmental continues to report to Trustee Salomon about illegal sump pump connections to the sanitary sewers. He feels it would be best to put something in the paper before the Code Enforcement Officer is brought into it. Many residents may not even know they are not connected improperly. He suggested that we put it in the paper as a public notice. Steve Stauffer will help write it. Among other issues, the Village should not be treating this water at the sewer plant. These recent situations have come to light because of the recent construction projects. Any resident unsure of their connection may call the sewer treatment plant for what to look for.

Mayor Wilson announced that a tentative date of November 19 has been set up for a public information meeting on the Aldrich Change Bridge. It will take place at the Fire Hall. We will advertise as soon as date is firm. If this meeting takes place it will replace the November 16th meeting. Vicky Daly said she would be out of town and wondered if we would be video taping it. Elaine Hartnagel offered to video the meeting if we supplied the tape.

Mayor Wilson also announced that regrettably Jace Hudak has resigned as Chair of the Economic Development Committee. Jace has been very active in the Village. He began service on the Planning Board in 1989 and served as Chair from 1995-1997. In 1995, he also chaired the Village Canal Development Committee and in 1997 agreed to chair the Economic Development Committee in 1997. Mayor Wilson offered his sincere thanks to Jace for his many years of dedication and service to the Village of Palmyra.

We have received a report from the Rochester Museum and Science Center. They were the organization hired to do the archeological dig for the Marina. Mayor Wilson read the last paragraph, which generally states that no evidence of any archeological significance was found. The report has been forwarded to NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation and should bring us one step closer to getting the required permits for the marina.

The Village has also received a letter from John Dergosits, NYS Canal Corporation about the abandoned Canal drainage improvements (behind Fischettes house). A design has been drawn to properly drain this area and the plan appears to have been approved. This project will be probably be done by the Highway department next spring.

In anticipation of the Canalway trail design, the Blazey family has donated a parcel of land behind their business on Canal Street to be made part of the trail. They have exchanged the property for services in kind which will entail beautifying the area between the trail and their building. Mayor Wilson thanked the Blazey family for their generosity.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

HISTORIC/COMMERCIAL DISTRICT: Mayor Wilson opened up the creating of a historic/commercial district for discussion. He feels the area should include anything in the triangle between the Presbyterian Church down to Canal Street, down Canal Street to the intersection of Park Drive, Canal and Main Street. By creating such a district, he feels that monies might become available through grants and loans for façade renovations. He thinks it would be a good time to rezone Main and Canal Street areas to R2 from R1 as suggested in the Master Plan. Trustee Celentano agreed it would be a good project to start and perhaps open it up for public involvement. Trustee Salomon questioned if everything in the proposed area would be required to follow suit. Mayor Wilson said his intent would be to create an area for tax incentives and low interest loans for capital improvements. He feels it would better define our “downtown” area. Trustee Salomon thought it would be up to the Planning Board to suggest how to go about any rezoning. Elaine Hartnagel mentioned that a Local Law was proposed once before. It was turned down mostly because there were too many restrictions and a committee would have been created to tell you what could and could not be done to your property. Mayor Wilson agreed that was not the way we should go this time.

EXTENSION FOR LATE PAYMENTS: Village Clerk Lynch was asked to explain the next item on the agenda. The Village currently assesses a late fee of 10% to all water/sewer bills after the 15th of the month in which they are due. Clerk Lynch feels this is time period should be extended to the 30th of the month. Most utilities and charge card

companies give you 30 days to pay without a late fee. Trustee Salomon asked if there might also be a more practical reason to extend it, ie would the office be less hectic for those two weeks? Clerk Lynch said that the office would probably remain just as hectic but at the end of those months instead of the middle. Trustee Salomon asked what it would do to our budget. The Village collects about \$10,000 per year in late fees. There is no way to tell what the effect would be, except many people always pay late and will probably continue to do so. A straw vote was in favor of the extension and Mayor Wilson asked Clerk Lynch to ask Atty. Nesbitt to draft the changes for the Local Law.

STREET SIGNS: The new street sign design from Steve Cleason APD Engineering is in. The original design had to be modified for fitting. Steve has been working with RBA, an aluminum sign builder in Rochester. The pricing should be in soon. Plans were to tie these new street signs with the Canal Street project.

CANANDAIGUA LAKE WATERSHED CONTRACT: A short discussion took place regarding the Watershed contract. The contract is up for renewal; cost to run this testing and sampling program is in the budget with ST Environmental. Motion was made by Mayor Wilson to sign the contract pending attorney approval, second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED. Trustee Salomon has a report done by SUNY Brockport and FLCC which gives the reasoning behind the sampling program if anyone is interested in reading it.

SURVEY/NYS CANAL DESIGNATION: Please get your responses in as soon as possible about your preference for the future management of the NYS Canal. Alternative 1 proposes that the waterway and adjacent lands be Congressionally designated as an affiliated area with a permanent relationship with the national park system. Alternative 2 proposes federal designation of the waterway and adjacent lands and a short-term relationship with the National Park Service. Alternative 3 calls for no federal recognition and the National Park Service would have no authority to provide technical assistance.

POLICE DEPT. COMPUTER UPGRADE: Police Clerk, Sue Clemons has an old 486 computer that has reached its maximum capacity. Sue does all the communications with the State and is probable headed for a major crash. Chief Dalton needs to transfer \$330.00 into his computer account in order to upgrade this equipment. Mayor Wilson moved to transfer \$330.00 from A3120.4 into A3120.446, second by Trustee Celentano. *Discussion:* The old 486 will be used by the patrolmen for reports. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

TAX RELEVY: Motion was made by Trustee Celentano to re-levy any unpaid Village taxes after October 31, 1998 to the Office of the County Treasurer, Wayne County. Second by Trustee Gunkler. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Elaine Hartnagel suggested that the Board send congratulations to Scott Parsons now that his appointment to Webster Chief of Police has been made official. Mayor Wilson agreed.

Motion by Trustee Celentano to enter into Executive Session for a personnel matter at 7:40 pm. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Celentano to re-enter public forum and to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Second by Mayor Wilson. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch
Village Clerk

