

VILLAGE OF PALMYRA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
April 7, 2014 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Piccola, Trustees Husk, Luke, Nolan and Perry, and Attorney Williams.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Piccola called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION: Mayor Piccola recognized the recipients of the Girl Scout Bronze Award Recipients; Paige Batterby, Courtney Knapp, Macie Janto, Jessica Prindle, Zoe Bird, Cholena Lane of Troop 40094. This award is the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior can earn. The girls had to spend a minimum of 20 hours on a sustainable project which impacts their community for years to come. The girls asked local store managers for permission to set up donation boxes and then made posters for their displays. They then presented their donations to the Humane Society. Congratulations should also be extended to their leader, Elaine Hartnagel as well.

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APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT #11A: Motion was made by Trustee Nolan, second by Trustee Husk to approve payment of Abstract 11A, vouchers 804-857 for \$79,408.46. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Trustee Perry, second by Trustee Nolan to approve the minutes from March 5, 17, 24, and 31, 2014 as submitted. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- WC Sheriff's Office called specifically to say our Court Clerk's (Patricia Peterson) paperwork for warrants of conviction are always done perfectly
- NYS DEC inspection results of the Sewer Treatment Plant

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Husk reported that the tree stump grinding was completed in the village today.

Trustee Luke reported that she applied for and received a \$250 grant for the summer music series from Erie Canal Heritage Corridor. She will be meeting soon with Irene Unterborn to set up the schedule of events for the summer.

Reporting for the Fire Department, **Trustee Perry** moved to accept James Beato for membership into the Fire Department following completion of the appropriate training and/or a satisfactory physical examination. Second was made by Trustee Husk. Vote, 4 ayes, CARRIED.

Trustee Nolan reviewed the monthly operational report for the water and wastewater departments and shared a letter from NYS DOH complimenting the Village on its commitment to the use of fluoride.

Attorney Williams – no report.

Mayor Piccola met once again about the TAP grant. He briefly reviewed the report from Supt. Boesel by highlighting the following:

The first Monday in May will be the first round for brush pickup.

There were 101 trips for snow removal made this winter.

CHPS funding will increase by \$6258.00 this year.

The municipal auction is coming up May 10th.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION TO RESCIND BUDGET TRANSFER: Motion was made by Trustee Nolan second by Trustee Perry to rescind the budget transfer of Feb. 10 for \$1898.75

from A3120.4 to A3120.2 as this was accounted for during the budget workshops. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND COST OF TAP GRANT WRITER: Motion was made by Trustee Luke, second by Trustee Perry to increase the amount expended to Stuart Brown for writing the TAP grant to \$5500 instead of \$5000. . Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

RESIDENT REQUESTS: Motion was made by Trustee Perry, second by Trustee Husk to credit Jim Kirchhoff, Account 22132, \$267.00 (178 hcf) from his sewer bill due to a frozen heating pipe in the basement of his vacant rental property and to credit Mr. Pettengill, Account 12302 \$87.00 (41 hcf) from his sewer bill due to the undetected water leak in his vacant property on E. Foster St. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

PERSONNEL POLICY FOR NON UNION EMPLOYEES UPDATE/
CODE OF ETHICS UPDATE: Tabled; Board members will review and send their suggestions to the Clerk for inclusion into a new updated personnel policy.

POLICE CODE OF ETHICS: Motion was made by Trustee Nolan, second by Trustee Luke to adopt the following resolution:

The Village Board of Trustees (hereinafter “Village Board”) of the Village of Palmyra (hereinafter “Village”), duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village adopted its “ Law Enforcement Code of Ethics” (hereinafter “Code”) by a resolution on or about 1991; which has been amended from time to time and is currently in the process of being updated; and

WHEREAS, within the Code, there is no mandatory retirement age listed for Village Police Officers, however it has always been the policy, intent and practice of the Village to be in conformity with the New York State Retirement System; which has a mandatory Retirement Age for Police Officers of 70 years old; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees, after discussion, has determined that it is in the Village’s best interest to memorialize its long-standing policy, intent and practice within the four corners of a resolution and by amending its Standards; and

NOW, THEREFORE, this 7th day of April, 2014, **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Palmyra, as follows:

RESOLVED, in the Code, Section II, paragraph 2.3, the following shall be added at the end of the paragraph:

“There is a mandatory retirement age of 70 years old for all Village of Palmyra Police Officers. The Officer’s employment with the Village will terminate thirty days after the Police Officer’s 70th birthday.”

The remaining paragraphs shall remain unchanged.

RESOLVED, by the effective date of this resolution, any Village Police -Officers, whom have already reached the mandatory retirement age but whom have not yet retired, shall have thirty (30) days from the effective date of this resolution in which to apply for retirement with the New York State Retirement System and the Officer’s employment with the Village shall terminate thirty days after the effective date of this Resolution; and

RESOLVED, within five (5) regular business days, the Clerk/Treasurer shall provide a copy of this resolution to all Village Police officers; and as soon as practicable, the Clerk shall amend the Standards to include the language provided herein.

RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote:

Mayor Piccola	aye	Trustee Husk	aye
Trustee Nolan	aye	Trustee Luke	aye
Trustee Perry	aye		

5 ayes. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION REGARDING SGT. SHOWMAN: Motion was made by Trustee Nolan, second by Trustee Perry to accept the resignation of Sgt. Showman, effective April 26, with regrets. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by Trustee Nolan, second by Trustee Perry for union contractual negotiations and personnel regarding the filling of vacant positions at 7:33 p.m. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

PUBLIC SESSION: Motion by Trustee Perry, second by Trustee Nolan, to move back into public session with no action having taken place at 8:35 p.m. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

ACTION:

Motion was made by Trustee Nolan, second by Trustee Luke to increase Deputy Chief Smith sergeant's pay rate to that of sergeant as of April 27, 2014, when he will be taking over the duties of Sergeant. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Motion was made by Trustee Nolan, second by Trustee Husk to approve the Tentative Police Agreement, Local 859, Police Unit 9109-02 for June 1, 2014- May 31, 2018. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Motion was made by Trustee Husk, second by Trustee Luke to approve the Tentative Agreement, Local 859, DPW Unit 9109 for June 1, 2014- May 31, 2018. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Nolan, second by Trustee Perry to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch
Clerk Treasurer