

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

March 6, 2000                  6:30 p.m.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Prior to the regular meeting, the Village Board conducted an executive session for and with personnel.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Wilson at 6:40 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Tabled.

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

1. Notification from NYS Unified Court System of grant award in the amount \$3,325.00 which will be used to purchase a new recording system.
2. There will be a Budget Workshop meeting on Thursday, March 9 at 6:00 pm and Saturday, March 11 at 9:00 am.
3. Motion by Trustee Salomon, second by Trustee Celentano to cancel the budget workshop on March 16<sup>th</sup> and reschedule it for 3/20 with an executive session to take place before the regular meeting. Vote: 5 ayes.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS** **Trustee Salomon** quickly reviewed the memo of understanding that was signed between the Village, the Town and WCWSA in April of 1998. A meeting should be scheduled with Marty Aman, Supervisor Lyon and Village engineer, Bob Raeman to discuss costs and anticipated usage. The Village will be supplying water to the Town water tower soon.

**Trustee Celentano** reported that the culvert on Stafford Street near Foster has collapsed. Superintendent Cook has posted a weight limit for the street and barricades have been put up. The estimated costs to repair it is \$30,000 and Bob Raeman is in contact with DEC about the necessary permits.

**Trustee Gunkler-** no report.

**Trustee DeVogelaere** announced that are several openings on the Village Planning and Zoning Boards. He read a letter from resident Bill Unterborn regarding his interest in a position on the Planning Board. Bill has been a resident of the Village for the last 5 years. Bill and his wife Irene own and operate the Liberty House Bed and Breakfast. Motion by Trustee DeVogelaere, second by Trustee Celentano to name Bill Unterborn to the Planning Board. Vote: 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**Mayor Wilson** announced that the bid opening for the Marina project took place earlier today. The apparent low bidder is in at \$673,500 which is about \$175,000 over budget. All bids are being reviewed by APD Engineering.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

**PARK AND PARK & CLUB ROOM REQUESTS:** Former village resident, John Frontuto has asked permission to erect a tent in front of the gazebo for guest seating for his wedding. He was unsure what size tent he would use but it would only be up for the ceremony. It was felt that the Board would need more details about the tent before a decision could be made.

The Palmyra Masons have requested the use of the Park & Club Rooms for a reception, alcohol would be served. The Board denied the request stating that the Park & Club Room facility is not a banquet hall.

**WESTERN ERIE CANAL HERITAGE:** Mayor Wilson asked the Board if they had any suggestions for appointees to serve on the planning commission for the newly created Western Erie Canal Heritage initiative hosted by the Landmark Society of Western New York. There were no suggestions.

**PEDDLARS:** Chief Dalton addressed the Board regarding the peddlars. He reminded the Board that if we change the local law it should be done now before peddlars begin making plans for this summer. He recommended that the peddlars be prohibited from setting up on Main Street. Last year, the business owners had volunteered to help police the block but that didn't work out. Much of the time the sidewalk was virtually blocked and that block has basically become unsafe. The clerk suggested that the Board consider raising the price of the permit as well and will check with other Villages to see what they charge. One of the reasons for the increase is the increase in the cost of refuse pickup. Mayor Wilson suggested that Atty. Nesbitt be consulted, additionally the business owners should be notified and invited to comment before the public hearing.

**ELAINE HARTNAGEL:** Resident Elaine Hartnagel addressed the Board about what she felt was a discrepancy in her water/sewer bill. For the past four or five years, Elaine's bill has reflected 10 hundred cubic feet for water usage for the March quarter. This March quarter, the water usage registered 22 hundred cubic feet. ST Environmental has checked the meter and found nothing wrong with it. In fact, he read the meter again and found that they have used 4 hundred cubic feet since the last reading, multiplied out that would mean 12 hundred cubic feet for this quarter. Elaine feels her bill should be adjusted as she has never used that much water in a March quarter and has not done anything different. Trustee Salomon asked Elaine how the Village would know she had not been using more water without relying on the meter. It is the Village's only source to know how much water is being used. Anotherwords, anyone could come before the Village and say they had not used what the meter says they used. The Village has to rely on the mechanical means, ie. the meter, to calculate the billing. Both Trustee Celentano and Salomon suggested that she keep an eye on it, if another glitch appears the meter can be replaced and the bill adjusted at that time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Trustee Celentano to enter into executive session for discussion of personnel at 7:45 p.m. Second by Trustee Gunkler. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Gunkler to re-enter public forum and adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch  
Village Clerk