

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

October 16, 2000            6:30 p.m.

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Trustee Gunkler, second by Trustee Celentano to approve the minutes from October 2, 2000. Vote, 4 ayes, 1 abstain(Trustee DeVogelaere). CARRIED.

**UNPAID VILLAGE TAXES:** Motion was made by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Gunkler, to re-levy any unpaid Village Taxes as of October 31, 2000 to the Office of the County Treasurer. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT:** Trustee Celentano moved that Abstract #5 be approved for vouchers 314-386 (less voucher 319 \$4767.65) of October 16, 2000 for \$292,173.10. Second by Trustee Gunkler. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The following correspondence has been received and is on file at the Village Clerk's office:

1. Wayne County Council of Arts Auction October 29, Garlock House 12-4 pm.
2. Attorney approval for 241 East Main Street.
3. 1999-2000 Annual Village Financial Report.
4. For review - drawings of the trail from Trowbridge & Wolf.
5. NYS Local Gov't. Handbook - operations of NYS.
6. Wayne County Cable TV Council - meeting 11/3 at 3:00 pm.
7. Wayne County Public Health - unable to offer flu shots to Village for employees because of shortage.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Celentano** reported that leaf pick up will begin soon on an as needed basis. The highway department prefers that leaves be put in paper bags or left loose by the side of the road (not in the road). The last day for brush pickup will be October 18, 2000.

**Trustee Gunkler** reported that plans are proceeding for the Trick or Treat Event and the Holiday Open House. For the Fire Department, Trustee Gunkler moved that Joseph Lester be accepted as a member of the department pending the appropriate training and a satisfactory physical. Second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED. Warren Frederick has researched the purchase of an accessory for the Hurst (Jaws of Life) Tool called the T-30 Ram. This device would enable rescue workers to "inflate" a crushed car. By purchasing the demo device, it would possible to save over \$1500. The demo would have the same warranty. Trustee Gunkler recommended that the Village purchase this device and made the following resolution:

**PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Palmyra, Wayne County, New York, adopted a resolution during a meeting on October 16, subject to Permissive Referendum as follows;

BE IT RESOLVED that a sum up to and not to exceed TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$2620) shall be expended from the Capital Reserve Fire Equipment HR2 for the purchase of the T-30 Ram Hurst Accessory.

Following publication, the foregoing resolution shall be posted in six (6) conspicuous places and in accordance with Section 9-902 of Village law, shall take effect in thirty (30) days.

BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE BOARD  
Palmyra, New York  
Alicia M. Lynch, Village Clerk

Dated: October 16, 2000  
Completion: November 16, 2000

Second by Trustee DeVogelaere. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**Trustee Salomon** referenced the October 5<sup>th</sup> correspondence from LaBella Associates regarding the replacement of the water main from the intersection of Canal Street northward approximately 215 feet and further extension of the main northward approximately 440 to the existing main near the canal bridge. This will be required in order to abandon the existing water main which is interfering with the Marina project. The construction costs are estimated at \$6,000 and \$16,000 respectively. Engineering costs for the extension are estimated at \$6,600, for a total project cost of \$28,600. It is yet undetermined who will be used to restore the pavement in this area; there has been no agreement of terms with Villager for this extra work. LaBella recommends that to be on the safe side, the Village should set aside at least \$30,000. In order to cover these additional costs, Trustee Salomon offered the following resolution:

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BE IT RESOLVED that a sum up to and not to exceed THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000) shall be expended from the Capital Reserve Water HR3 for the construction and installation of a new water line from the corner of Canal Street running north for approximately 655 feet.

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Second by Trustee Gunkler. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Lastly, Trustee Salomon informed the Board that the new billing is in place for the Stafford Road sewer.

**Trustee DeVogelaere** reported that prices are in for two new doors for the pole barn and the cemetery office garage. The price for the pole barn door will be \$1500.00 and the garage door at the office will be \$550.00 for a total of \$2,050.00. Motion was made by Trustee DeVogelaere, second by Trustee Gunkler to cover these expenses out of the H51 account. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**Mayor Wilson** reported that the Village and Town were unsuccessful in their attempt to secure a grant to defray costs of the Village Hall study done by Bero Associates. The cost of the study was \$15,000 to be shared equally by the Town and Village. In order to cover the Village's share of this expense, Mayor Wilson made the following resolution:

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BE IT RESOLVED that a sum up to and not to exceed SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7500) shall be expended from the Capital Reserve Village Hall HR1 to pay for the Village Hall study done by Bero Associates.

Following publication, the foregoing resolution shall be posted in six (6) conspicuous places and in accordance with Section 9-902 of Village law, shall take effect in thirty (30) days.

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Second by Trustee Gunkler. Vote, 4 ayes. (Trustee Salomon was called out of the meeting for a phone call.)

The Board reviewed the application for payment number 4 for the Marina project for \$64,632.10. Motion was made by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Gunkler. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. (This was included in the abstract.)

Mayor Wilson reviewed a request for a change order from Empire State Mechanical for the following revisions to the Marina project:

Item 20. Sidewalk revision	Contractor to form sidewalk differently to prevent possible liability to public	Increase of \$2640
Item 21. Removal of watermain	Contractor to break, remove, and bury Existing watermain	Increase of \$3770
Item 22. Galvanized plates, & bolts	Contractor to have the plates, washers, & bolts galvanized before placement	Increase of 946.11
Item 23. Access Road	Village is not to furnish 400 tons of item 4 as originally proposed	Increase of \$2,000

Total \$9,356.11  
Motion by Trustee Gunkler, second by Trustee Celentano, to approve the change order for a total of \$9356.11. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FIRE HALL:** The Board reviewed the Short Environment Assessment Form as submitted by Bob Raemen from Sniedze Associates for the repair of the Fire Hall Roof. After a brief review, motion was made by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Gunkler, to authorize the Mayor to sign the EAF for the Fire Hall roof replacement. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**VAN PARYS:** Mayor Wilson reported that Van Parys has found a less expensive provider for NYS disability insurance coverage. Motion by Trustee Gunkler to instruct Van Parys to transfer our disability coverage to First Rehabilitation Insurance Company. Second by Trustee DeVogelaere. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**MRB - 241 EAST MAIN STREET:** Back in Septmber, MRB informed the Village that it would necessary to do asbestos sampling and testing at 241 East Main Street. Since then, MRB has contracted with Paradigm Environment Services for this service. The work to be undertaken includes site inspections, obtaining samples of items in the building for asbestos content, testing of the samples and report the findings. The work is to be completed at a cost of \$2,495.00. MRB would like a formal authorization initiate the work. Motion by Trustee DeVogelaere, second by Trustee Celentano to instruct Mayor Wilson to sign the work authorization and return it to MRB. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Trustee DeVogelaere asked how the Village will recoup these expenses. Mayor Wilson said the Village Treasurer is tracking all associated costs and they will be added to the tax bill. If the taxes remain unpaid by the property owner, after the required time period, any unpaid taxes will be paid to the Village from the County. For the time being, any expenditures will be paid out of fund balance.

**VILLAGE HALL:** Mayor Wilson called the Board's attention to the spread sheets regarding the proposal from the Williamson brothers for renovation of the old Star Market as a possible site for the joint Village/Town Office facility. The bottom line for renovation of this building would be \$900,000. He thanked Dave Williamson for all his time and effort in providing this proposal. Following his review of the proposal, Mayor Wilson recommended that the Village Hall remain at its present location. He feels the Board has put much effort into getting information to the residents of all the options. After reviewing the responses received as a result of the direct mailing, it appears to him that a high percentage of those responding fully understand the options and associated cost. Furthermore, the majority of those responding have made it clear they want the Village offices to remain at their current location for a variety of valid reasons and he feels this alone is adequate reason for the Board to go in this direction. If there is a silent majority that supported the move to the LDS Church location, they have been too silent for too long. Regarding the Williamson proposal, assuming that the town and village split the costs 50/50, the Town would need to spend \$450,000 towards half of the old Star market or \$500,000 to purchase all of the LDS Church. It is, of course, the Town Board's decision, but the Church is quite a bargain for \$50,000 more.

The Williamson proposal versus upgrading Village Hall at its present site would mean an increase of spending to Village tax payers of \$100,000. It has been the Mayor's thought that there may be significant savings if the two governments merged. In business, when you hear terms like partnering, merging, downsizing, cut-backs, they often refer to savings and in his experience, the major savings are derived from reduced labor costs. Labor savings is not, and never has been a part to the plan, the Board had never intended to eliminate any jobs. Without the labor savings, utilities would probably be the next biggest opportunity to save money. The Village currently spends about \$12,000 per year on gas and electric. If feels that the Village would be lucky to save 20% which would mean about 40 year period to get a return on the investment. Mayor Wilson feels enough energy has been spent studying the options and any further time, money or resources would net minimum benefit. He asked for any comments from the other Board members.

Trustee Celentano would like more time to look the Williamson proposal over. He also was not clear about what option the Mayor had in mind for the Village Hall. Mayor Wilson apologized and explained that he feels the Village should secure the building for the \$350,000 estimate. Trustee Celentano wanted a few more days to mull it over.

Trustee DeVogelaere said Village Hall should stay where it is period! He also feels the savings would be negligible. Trustee Gunkler agreed. Trustee Salomon commended Mayor Wilson for looking at into. The perception was always there that the Village had made the decision to move. He also feels that the general consensus is to keep it where it is.

**RECESS:** Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee DeVogelaere to recess at 7:20 pm for a short break. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Gunkler to enter into Executive session at 7:30 pm for a personnel issue. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

The Board entered into public session once again at 7:45 pm.

**MEO I:** Motion by Mayor Wilson, second by Trustee DeVogelaere to authorize Superintendent Cook to post the position of MEO I as a full-time seasonal position. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. by Trustee Celentano. Second was made by Trustee DeVogelaere. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch  
Village Clerk

