

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

April 2, 2001 6:30 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Mayor Wilson, Trustees Gunkler, and DeVogelaere, Salomon and Celentano, Treasurer Darlene Matteson, Roy McMaster, Fiscal Advisors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Gunkler to approve the minutes from March 12 and March 19, 2001 as submitted. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Trustee Gunkler reported that quotes packets have been sent out to six companies for a membrane roof for the Fire Hall. Clerk Lynch said another company will be picking the specs up on Tuesday as well. Code Enforcement Officer Grier has filed a letter with the Village stating that indeed the situation has become an emergency and there is no time to re-advertise for bids as the fire alarm system has been disconnected due to water infiltration.

Trustee Salomon reported that the 2000 Consumer Confidence Report for the Village Water system is ready for printing and distribution to the residents and users of the village water supply. Copies have already been sent to the Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority and the Town of Palmyra. The report will be sent out as an insert in the Timesaver as soon as possible.

Trustee DeVogelaere - no report.

Trustee Celentano - no report.

Mayor Wilson moved to authorize the Village Treasurer to transfer \$7,000 from G8130.431 ST-Capital purchases to G9901.9 Transfer to Other Funds for further transfer to H76 Sewer Capital Projects. Second was made by Trustee DeVogelaere. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

DELINQUENT WATER/SEWER BILLS: Trustee Celentano moved that all delinquent water and sewer rents plus accrued penalties as of April 30, 2001 be added to the 2001 Village Tax Roll. Second by Trustee Gunkler. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

BUILDING AND CODE OFFICES: The Code Enforcement Office has been vacated. Mayor Wilson would like to see the room divided in two once more to make more rooms available for meetings. Motion was made by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Gunkler to solicit 3 bids from local contractors to re-install the wall between the old Town/Village Court Clerk offices. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

WAIVER OF PAYMENT OF WATER BILL: The Board discussed a letter from Naser Emerllahu requesting waiver of payment for his final water bill at 115 Mill Street. Mr. Emerllahu believes he paid the bill in cash at Village Hall but can not find his receipt. All water/sewer customers are given a receipt when paying in cash at the Clerk's office. Motion by Mayor Wilson, second by Trustee Gunkler to deny Mr. Emerllahu's request unless he can provide that Village with a copy of his paid receipt. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

ST. ANNE'S SIGN REQUEST: St. Anne's Church have requested the placement of a directional sign at the corner of Church/Route 21 South/Main Street similar to the one the Village put up for the library at the Cuyler Street intersection. Trustee DeVogelaere recommended they submit a design proposal through the Planning Board. He also suggested that the Village attorney be asked if there is an issue regarding church and state. Motion by Mayor Wilson, second by Trustee Gunkler to support St. Anne's request pending attorney approval and processing the request through the Village Planning Board. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING: tabled.

BLUEBIRD HOUSES: The Board received a request from the leader of the Palmyra Rainbows 4-H club, Tim Kurek, for permission to allow placement of 12-15 bluebird houses in the cemetery. Tim has already received permission from Roger Weaver. At the end of the nesting season the 4-H club will clean out and repair the nest boxes for the next year's migration. Motion was made by Trustee Gunkler, second by Trustee DeVogelaere to approve the request from the Rainbows 4-H pending confirmation of Parks Superintendent approval. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

HISTORIC PALMYRA: The Board discussed correspondence from Historic Palmyra. Historic Palmyra is planning some major work at the Phelps Store Museum to the tune of \$188,000. They had submitted a budget request of \$20,000 to the Village and have asked Senator Nozzolio's office for approximately \$150,000. They have asked for the Village's support of this project. Motion by Mayor Wilson, second by Trustee Gunkler to support Historic Palmyra's efforts in obtaining funding and grants for the refurbishment of the Phelps Museum. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Motion by Trustee DeVogelaere, second by Mayor Wilson to recess for five minutes. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

BUDGET HEARING: Mayor Wilson called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked the Village Clerk to read the legal notice:

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
2001-2002

The Village of Palmyra will hold a public hearing (in conjunction with the regular board meeting) on Monday, April 2, 2001 at 6:30 pm. The hearing will be held in the Trustee's Room of the Village Hall, 144 East Main Street, Palmyra, Wayne County, New York.

The hearing is for the purpose of allowing the Village residents to provide the Board of Trustees written or oral comments or ask questions on the tentative 2001-2002 budgets of the Village funds.

Compensation proposed to be paid each member of the Village Trustees is \$4,400; and to the Mayor \$5,500. A copy of the "Tentative 2001-2002 Budget" will be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Village Clerk during normal office hours.

Darlene E. Matteson
Village Treasurer

Before Mayor Wilson introduced Roy McMaster of Fiscal Advisors to present the budget, he explained that this would be a transitional year as far as the budget goes. The Board worked on reducing borrowing and worked on providing more funds for maintenance. Mr. McMaster reviewed the general, water, sewer and trust funds as well as the debt service. Based on the figures in the proposed budget, this year tax levy will be \$825,063.00. The proposed tax rate for 2001-2001 is \$8.78 per thousand, a ten cent/thousand increase from last year. Mayor Wilson asked for questions or comments on the budget. Resident Kathleen Dudzinski asked a question relating to the reassessment of Towpath. Mr. McMaster explained that Towpath went to court to seek a reduction in their tax assessment which the judge awarded. Trustee Salomon asked Mr. McMaster to comment on the overall fiscal health of the Village. Mr. McMaster explained that the Village has quite a large debt service but has made significant improvements within the infrastructure. The Village may have to slow down somewhat on any more improvements in order to keep the tax rate stable. The water fund should be in decent shape as volumes and revenues should be increasing. The sewer fund is more vulnerable although it doesn't look that way this year due to the leftover and return of monies from the capital projects. Somewhere in the near future, the Board will probably have to take a look at an increase in the sewer rates. Mr. McMaster cleared up some confusion on permissive referendums and bonding for the public.

As there were no more questions from the public, motion by Mayor Wilson to close the public hearing and adopt the budget as presented. Second was made by Trustee Gunkler. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

As a result of having a budget in place the following motions were made:

EQUIPMENT: Motion by Mayor Wilson second by Trustee Celentano to authorize Bond counsel to issue a bond resolution for Board approval for \$110,000 for the purchase of a woods mower (5 year) Lift truck (10 years), Loader (5 year). Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Motion by Mayor Wilson second by Trustee Gunkler to declare the woods mower, lift truck and loader currently being used by the cemetery department as surplus and prepare the equipment for sale at the municipal auction. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Motion by Mayor Wilson second by Trustee Celentano to apply any revenue from the sale of the loader to be applied to the purchase of a new loader and any revenue from the other items to be place in the equipment capital reserve. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

HOWELL AND CUYLER STREET PROJECTS: Motion by Mayor Wilson second by Trustee Celentano to authorize Bond counsel to issue a bond resolution for Board approval for \$80,000 for the milling and resurfacing (10 years) of Howell and Cuyler Street. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

SOUTH PARKING LOT: Motion by Mayor Wilson second by Trustee Celentano to authorize Bond counsel to issue a bond resolution for Board approval for \$40,000 for the milling and resurfacing (10 years) of South Main Street parking lot. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

VILLAGE HALL: Motion by Mayor Wilson second by Trustee DeVogelaere to authorize Bond counsel to issue a bond resolution for Board approval for \$80,000 for the renovations and repairs (15 years) of Village Hall. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

As previously discussed during budget workshops, motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Gunkler to adopt the following resolutions:

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 April 2, 2001 subject to Permissive Referendum as follows;

BE IT RESOLVED that a sum up to and not to exceed SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRE DOLLARS (\$17,500) shall be expended from the Capital Reserve Water HR3 towards the purchase of computers and software for Village Hall.

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: April 2, 2001
Completion: May 3, 2001

Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

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BE IT RESOLVED that a sum up to and not to exceed TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) shall be expended from the Capital Reserve Village Hall HR1 towards renovations and repairs to Village Hall.

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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BE IT RESOLVED that a sum up to and not to exceed TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) shall be expended from the Capital Reserve Streets and Sidewalks HR6 towards the reconstruction of Clinton Street.

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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BE IT RESOLVED that a sum up to and not to exceed TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) shall be expended from the Capital Reserve Machinery and Equipment HR7 towards the purchase of the following equipment for the building and grounds maintenance department: Woods mower, lift truck as well as a loader for the Highway Department.

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Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS(cont.):

COMMUNITY CENTER CONTRACT: Motion by Mayor Wilson, second by Trustee Gunkler to approve the contract with the Community Center pending attorney approval. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. by Trustee Gunkler, second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch
Village Clerk