

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

September 17, 2001          6:30 p.m.

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** A moment of silence was observed honoring the passing of former Village mayor, John S. Blazey and all the terrorist victims in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gunkler, Trustees DeVogelaere, Piccola, Salomon, and Celentano, Attorney Arthur Williams.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**DR. MALCOLM RIGGS:** Mayor Gunkler welcomed Dr. Riggs and introduced him to the Board. Dr. Riggs will be opening an office in the old Town Hall sometime in October. He has also agreed to fill the position of Public Health Officer following the vacancy in that position by Dr. Anil Patel. The Board thanked Dr. Riggs for attending the meeting so that the Board could meet him.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Trustee DeVogelaere, second by Trustee Celentano to approve the minutes from September 4, 2001.

**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT:** Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee DeVogelaere to approve payment of Abstract #4 , vouchers #228-289 for \$188,847.71 and voucher #138 for \$123,246.18 (Villager Construction). Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The following correspondence has been received and is on file at the office of the Village Clerk:

1. AFLAC will give a presentation to all interested Village employees at the next Board meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Village officials are invited to the Grand Opening for the Vienna Place Apartments on September 18<sup>th</sup>.
3. Thanks to Mr. Ron Oates who donated the flag flying on the Village Hall.
4. According to DOT, the Route 31/21 reconstruction will be let out to bid this December, construction to begin in the spring of 2002.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:** Trustee DeVogelaere - no report.

Trustee Celentano reported that the unwanted fill has been removed from the Marina. There is a pile of rubble left that the Highway Department will take care of.

Trustee Salomon reported the monthly operational reports for the Water and Wasterwater treatment plants are on file at Village Hall. Wastewater treatment plant repairs included the installation of new shoes and flight boards on the final clarifier and installation of a new stainless steel adjustment rod to the primary telescopic valve.

The NYS Department of Health completed an inspection last week. A written report will be forwarded to the Village Hall.

The water distribution line on Johnson Road near Armington Road experienced a break late in August that has been repaired. ST replaced 17 old water meters, performed 6 final water readings and 9 UFPO mark outs.

Mayor Gunkler moved to accept the membership of Jamie Bushart into the Fire Department pending the appropriate training and a satisfactory physical. Second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED. Mayor Gunkler acknowledged the tough decision made by the Canaltown Days Committee in proceeding with the observance of Canal Town Days. The show of patriotism was tremendous. Clerk Lynch reported that donations taken in by the Committee were matched by HSBC and the total donation exceeded \$12,000.00.

Attorney Williams -no report.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

**IRENE UNTERBORN/EDC:** EDC Chair, Irene Unterborn reported that \$226.13 in net proceeds and private donations were raised through the ornament sales over the weekend. The donation will be given the Red Cross Relief Fund and added to the CanalTown Days Committee donation.

Irene updated the Board on preparations for the Annual Halloween Celebration on October 27, featuring trick or treating from 4-6 pm, a "Fun House" designed by adult missionaries of LDS from 5-7 pm, and a bon-fire from 6-8 pm. Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Piccola to approve the Halloween Celebration as outlined with appropriate police/fire approvals and protection. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

There may be a possibility that repair of the old skating rink in the Village park could be donated. The Fire Department has agreed to filling it. Irene asked the Board for support of this project. Mayor Gunkler agreed to check with the Village insurance carrier and get back to her.

In conclusion, Irene reported that the Farmer's Market has been a large success.

**PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER:** Motion by Mayor Gunkler, second by Trustee Celentano to approve the appointment of Dr. Riggs as Public Health Officer. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:** Due to the addition of Chris Piccola to the Village Board, the following changes were made to the departmental assignments:

Trustee Piccola - EDC, Special events, celebrations and Youth & senior citizens  
Mayor Gunkler - Fire Department, until cast is removed from Trustee Piccola's

leg.

Trustees Celentano & Piccola - Marina

The directory of committee/departamental assignments will be posted in Village Hall including home phone numbers.

**HOMECOMING PARADE:** Motion by Mayor Gunkler, second by Trustee Celentano, to approve the request for the Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. from Pal-Mart to the High School pending approval by the Police Department. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**MARINA:** James C. Smith, Environmental Project Manager with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation inspected the pump out facility at the Marina on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The mechanical pump out devices, as well as the waste lift station were demonstrated to work properly at the time of the inspection.

Mayor Gunkler asked if anyone from the public had any concerns. Mark Palmer asked who would be responsible for fixing broken street lights. NYSEG repairs all street lights, the Village reports them.

Motion by Mayor Gunkler, second by Trustee Celentano to enter executive session for a litigation matter at 7:08 pm. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Mayor Gunkler, second by Trustee Celentano to re-enter public session at 7:15 pm with no action having been taken. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee DeVogelaere. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch  
Village Clerk

