

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

October 1, 2001            6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gunkler called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Piccola to approve the minutes from September 17, 2001 as submitted. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:** Motion by Mayor Gunkler, second by Trustee Celentano to approve the payment of vouchers #290-295, dated October 1, 2001 for \$15,951.21. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**TRANSFER:** Motion by Mayor Gunkler, second by Trustee Celentano, to transfer \$7,000.00 from General Fund Contingency (A1990.4) to Capital Project Fund (A9950.0) for future transfer to H37 Capital Project Fire Hall to pay the final invoice from Scopee's Roofing for the Fire Hall Roof. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**AFLAC:** Mayor Gunkler welcomed Collin Vega from AFLAC for a presentation. AFLAC supplemental insurance has been offered in New York State for the last two years. Products are proactive and offer benefits for wellness-screening tests. Rates are guaranteed for life. A minimum of three employees are needed in order for the Village to be able to offer the products. There are five different products offered. There are no deductibles or co-pays. The personal accident expense plan pays if you are injured, hospitalized or in the event of death, due to an accident. Accident benefits include payment for emergency room treatment, follow up care, hospitalization, AD&D, intensive care, physical therapy, prosthesis and appliances, blood and plasma benefits, ambulance & transportation benefits, and family lodging benefits. The voluntary indemnity plan helps to cover additional expenses if you or a family member are hospitalized such as missed work, childcare, mortgage or rent payments etc. The cancer protector plan is available to those who carry major medical and have been cancer free for a minimum of five years. This pro-active program pays \$75.00 per calendar year for each covered person on the policy, just for having a wellness exam. Non-medical and out-of-pocket expenses, loss of earnings, co-pays, deductibles and experimental treatments are among the costs that the policy helps pay for one undergoing cancer treatment. The personal short-term disability plan offers income protection and one would be covered at home, work or play 24 hours a day. The newest plan is for dental benefits which Mr. Vega did not have any details on as yet. Mayor Gunkler thanked Mr. Vega for meeting with the Board and moved to endorse the plan and offer it to employees if there is sufficient interest. Second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Gunkler announced that apparently the pamphlet provided with each American flag on flag etiquette is open to several interpretations especially the rules that relate to flying the flag at half-mast. He suggested that the Board ask Trustee DeVogelaere to look into it further and to make some suggestions regarding guidelines at a future meeting.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:** Trustee Celentano reported that the broken hydrant on Foster Street has been repaired. The Highway Department continues with brush pickup .

The road work has begun on Cuyler and Division Streets. Highway Superintendent Cook would like to put some crusher run into the parking lot at the Marina. He estimates that it will cost about \$600.00. Motion by Trustee Celentano,

second by Trustee Piccola to approve the improvements to the Marina parking lot pending available funding. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Trustee Piccola reported to the Board about the Marina. Trustees Celentano and Piccola met last Saturday to put together some suggestions. Several signs will be needed. They suggest that welcome signs be installed at the ramp entrance and at the end of the sidewalk (next to the Canal) which will list the following restrictions: no motorized vehicles, bikes, skateboards, swimming and skating. They also suggest that possibly three signs be placed at the Route 21 Bridge, Aqueduct boat launch and the Palmyra lock which will indicate how far it is to the marina and list the services that can be found there. John Zmarthie, of the Canal Corporation, told Trustee Piccola to submit sketches of the proposed signage and locations and his office will issue a permit.

Several signs indicating the depth of the water are needed along the docking area. Highway Superintendent Cook suggested ordering the signs from the County Highway Department. They have several sizes available.

Another area of concern is the access road. They suggest installing a locked gate across it and a sign warning that no authorized vehicles be allowed past that point.

Currently there is a Palmyra Marina sign located at the bottom of the ramp by the electric pole. They feel a business directory should be added here, including businesses, restaurants, stores and possibly a map.

There was a discussion about hours that the Marina should be open. Attorney Williams thought that the locks close at dusk. There may be no reason to initiate any hours if this is so. It would probably be a good idea to have some sort of limit on the number of nights you can stay, Fairport has a three-night maximum. Chief Dalton discussed problems related to **not** having a closing time for the Marina. Attorney Williams suggested closing the park from dusk to dawn excluding any boaters and guests.

Trustees Celentano and Piccola will submit a concrete proposal at the next Board meeting including sign designs and colors.

Trustee Salomon reported that there has been some correspondence from the Department of Health regarding security measures as they relate to the water and wastewater treatment plants. ST Environmental and Trustee Salomon have been reviewing these recommendations.

It appears that the Route 31/21 construction project will be let out for bid this winter. The Board had agreed to replace portions of the water and sewer lines when this project was taking place - no sense opening the road up again sometime in the near future. The state is paying approximately \$827,000 towards replacement of other sections of the water and sewer lines. The Village's share for the water and sewer improvements that we are responsible for is due now. Trustee Salomon asked the Board if the Village still wants to move ahead with the upgrades. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the estimates that will be expended from the water and sewer capital reserves but it was agreed that the Village should move ahead as previously agreed. Trustee Salomon will talk with Wes Alden, Senior Project Engineer with NYS DOT, once again to verify the correct amounts and report back.

Mayor Gunkler - no report.

Attorney Williams asked the Board's permission for not attending the next Board meeting. Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Piccola to give Attorney Williams the day off. Vote 4 ayes. CARRIED.

### **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

**NOISE ORDINANCE:** At Chief Dalton's urging, Attorney Williams sent the Board, copies of a noise ordinance that is being used in other villages. He took a look at what the Village currently has in place and decided it would just be "cleaner" to re-write the whole thing. There are two ways to write noise ordinances. You can limit noise by way of decibel readings but you have to go out and buy a very expensive decibel reader. The second best way to limit noise is through a local law similar to the one he provided copies of. It addresses the problem of the loud bass reverberation that can be heard coming from car radios.

Trustee Salomon asked if the Village had a problem. Chief Dalton said the biggest problem is from car radios. The proposed law prohibits the noise coming from car radios and the like if the noise is plainly audible 50 or more feet from the vehicle.

However, the new proposed law does not cover commercial establishments, for example, refuse collectors and construction companies. Attorney Williams said he would amend the law to include these and get it back to the Board for review at the next Board meeting. After the Board reviews the amendments, a public hearing can be scheduled.

**SKATEBOARDS:** Although not an agenda item, the Board discussed an example of a skateboard ordinance that Attorney Williams had provided. It was the general consensus that something should be done and it would be a good idea to cover roller blades and scooters as well. Attorney Williams will update with the Board's suggestions and prepare it for Board review.

Motion by Mayor Gunkler, second by Trustee Celentano to enter executive session for discussion of proposed litigation. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Piccola to re-enter public session at 8:08 p.m. with no action having been taken. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 8: 09 p.m. by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Piccola. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch  
Village Clerk