

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

January 20, 2003 6:30 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Daly, Trustees Salomon, Piccola, Palmer and Celentano, Attorney Arthur Williams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Palmer to approve the minutes from January 3, 2003 as submitted. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT: Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Palmer to approve payment of the Abstract #8, vouchers 557-645 for \$198,883.98. Vote 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Palmer to approve payment of voucher #556 for \$17.00. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

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

1. NYCOM – application for Local Gov't. Achievement Award
2. US Environment Protection Agency – Canandaigua Lake Watershed award
3. WCIDA – Empire Zone information meeting
4. Commendation to Highway department from local resident

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Trustee Piccola – no report.

Trustee Palmer – no report.

Trustee Celentano – no report.

Trustee Salomon discussed the change order requests for the Sewer Treatment plant upgrade. The project originally was designed to include sludge handling facilities which required a 600 amp service and emergency generator. The scope of work was changed by deleting the sludge handling facilities. The project was then bid requiring a 400 amp service and emergency generator. Upgrading back upto a 600 amp service will eliminate the replacement of the 400 amp service in the future when the sludge handling facilities

Richard Clayton reported on the work that is progressing on the water treatment plant upgrade. The filters have been sewn and will be glued tomorrow. For the replacement of next filter, we will not need to purchase any stainless steel rings or spacers.

Attorney Williams has yet to hear from Universal Bonding. The mechanics liens that were placed on the Marina have probably expired by now or perhaps Universal Bonding has paid the contractors off but Attorney Williams would like that confirmed in writing.

Mayor Daly reviewed her written report. The Tourism Committee met Jan. 15th. The group has been functioning as a clearinghouse and networking opportunity for the merchants and business people. Ideas generated may be acted upon directly by the Tourism Committee or funneled to other appropriate agencies or committees. Next meeting is February 12, 2003.

At the organizational January 13th meeting of the Economic Task Force, the committee discussed approaches for marketing the village and how the committee could work collaboratively with other groups. Next meeting is January 28, 2003.

The public hearing for the Small Cities Grant application was attended by approximately 40 people. The program was explained and questions answered. The second required public hearing will be held in March 17, 2003 before the regular board meeting.

Mayor Daly attended the DARE graduation on January 15th. Thanks go to Sgt. Jim Showman for another successful session with the students.

The last WCVOA meeting was January 15. Barb Harper was the speaker; she explained the Empire Zone, its intent, guidelines and requirements. Next dinner meeting will be March 19th in Sodus. Sharon Lilla, Wayne County Planning, will be the speaker.

There has been a change of managers at the Nutrition Site. Ethel Mae Johnson is filling in until a replacement for Ms. LaFave can be found.

There will be a reception for Congressman James Walsh, our new representative on Monday, February 3, 2003, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. His office phone number is 597-6138.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

IMPACT THEATER: The Village has received a request from Frank Irace of Impact Theater. They are asking for space and/or a subsidy for a permanent location. Attorney Williams reinforced Mayor Daly's claim that the Village can not legally provide any

frame therefore motion by Trustee Celetano, second by Trustee Piccola to reappoint William Abbott as Acting Village Justice. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

WORKSHOP/EMPIRE ZONE: Mayor Daly introduced Barb Harper from Wayne County Industrial Development Agency. Mrs. Harper introduced Lydia Birr, the newly hired county coordinator for the Empire Zone program.

The Empire Zone Program has been designed to stimulate economic activity in specially designated areas of the State by rewarding job creation and capital investment with State tax incentives. The Program has been in existence since the 1980's but was greatly enhanced in May of 2000 by the addition of three new benefits commonly referred to as the Qualified Empire Zone Enterprise (QEZE). The QEZE benefits can effectively eliminate a business's real property taxes, NY income/franchise taxes and State sales taxes for up to a 10 year period. Details explaining these tax benefits were outlined on the handouts provided by Mrs. Harper. There are 320 acres remainomg to be designated around the County. The program is scheduled to conclude at the end of July 2004.

Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Palmer to enter executive session for contractual and personnel matters. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Board discussed salaries for the next budget year for the non-union employees. These numbers will be submitted to Roy McMaster, Fiscal Advisors for inclusion into the upcoming budget.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Piccola. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch
Village Clerk