

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

August 4, 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 Piccola, Palmer, Salomon and Celentano, Attorney Williams. Guests: Bob Grier, and Richard Clayton.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Palmer, to approve the minutes from July 7, 2003 as submitted. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT:** Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Piccola to approve Abstract #2 of July 21 for vouchers #82-168 for \$186,043.80. Vote: 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:** Motion by Trustee Palmer, second by Trustee Piccola to approve vouchers #169-174 of August 4<sup>th</sup> for \$24,956.78. Vote: 4 ayes. CARRIED.

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

- ?? Free mulch – August 22 – 23 Corner Quaker/Maple Ave. 7am – 4pm
- ?? Aldrich Change Bridge meeting, Thursday, Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm
- ?? New curtains/drapes have been installed at the Park & Club Rms., Nutrition Site

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:** Trustee Salomon reported that STE is researching the purchase of a line finder. ST has recommended that the Village locate and mark out the water transmission from its source into the Village. There are areas no one knows where the line is located. The cost of purchasing a line feeder would run about \$5500, cost to rent would run about \$1000 per month.

**CARROLL STREET SEWER:** There are continuing problems with the sewer lines in this area as well as Gates and Washington Streets. Sniedze Associates has investigated the sewers with Nelson Cook and Brian Beida. ST is making arrangements to view the lines with the television camera to determine conditions and possible solutions. ST has also increased the frequency for the sewer flushing. There was some discussion about installing a check valve on the service line for the Porters. More will be known after the cameras have looked into the lines. Associated with that, Trustee Salomon reported that the emergency service is up and running with ST. Richard Clayton urged any Village resident to call the water and sewer plants if they see anything out of the ordinary with the water and sewer systems in the Village. On weekends, both plants have a message that gives out the 800 number, which is 800-257-1160.

**KING COURT APARTMENTS:** The Board discussed a request from Larry Warren, owner of King Court Apartments for reimbursement of damages due to a blocked sewer main along East Main Street. Motion was made by Trustee Salomon, second by Trustee Celentano to table further discussion until Attorney Williams reviews the “file” but in the mean time submit the paperwork to the Village insurance company. Vote, 4 ayes.

CARRIED

On behalf of the cemetery department, Trustee Palmer had asked VanParys for quotes for covering the Rodgers chapel. It would be about \$235 per year to insure it for a replacement cost of \$180,000 or \$393 per year to insure it for \$300,000. Due to the unique construction of the chapel and on recommendation from John VanParys, Trustee Palmer moved to insure the building for \$300,000. Second was made by Trustee Salomon. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**Trustee Celentano** reported that the highway crew is continuing with construction of the Canal trail. Superintendent Cook estimates they are 10% done. The highway will be repairing potholes soon on Stafford, West Foster and Hathaway. He is also looking for some money for some sidewalk repairs.

**Attorney Williams** will be reviewing what the Village Clerk hoped is the deed for the vacant lot on Throop Street in order to prepare for the sale of that lot.

**Mayor Daly** reviewed her written report. Nicoletta Construction should be back working on the abutments for the Aldrich Change Bridge by next week. The deadline for completion of that project is late September.

New sidewalks will be poured tomorrow in front of Village Hall. The top coat on the entire length of the street will be done by late August, the sidewalks be completed by Canaltown Days.

Mayor Daly would like the Village to join "The Main Street Program". She explained that membership in the program would provide a resource for revitalization of our commercial district. Through their consulting services, Main Street programs plan and implement projects, which, over time, create vibrant and healthy commercial districts. Yearly membership costs are \$195.00. Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Palmer to authorize the Mayor to enroll in a one year membership in The Main Street Program. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

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

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE/TAX INCENTIVES:** Code Enforcement Officer, Bob Grier provided the Board with his written proposal for a pilot tax abatement program. Properties along East Main Street from the four churches to the intersection at Canal and Park Drive, Canal, (east from Market), Market and Clinton Streets, commercial or residential, would qualify. The following restrictions were proposed:

1. Material only credit.
2. Only properties with code violations for exterior maintenance would be eligible.
3. A list of agencies that may offer aid would be made available to the property owner and the owner would need to show some attempt to contact them for assistance first.
4. The procedure would be triggered by the Code Enforcement Office through written contact with the property owner. The initial letter would notify the owner of possible violations, describe the process that would follow regarding the step by step procedure for violations, the end result for not compliance and possible ways to assist the owner of the property.
5. The application process would need to be simple.
6. All work would need to be completed and a C of C issued to apply for the tax credit. If the owner ignores the violation notice and is issued a court appearance notice they would no longer be eligible for the tax credit program.
7. Normal everyday maintenance would not qualify, such as lawn mowing, garbage removal, unlicensed car removal, etc.
8. The credit would be upto \$1000 dispersed at a rate of upto \$250 per year. There would be no limits on the number of times an owner could take advantage of the program upon completion of each tax credit cycle.

Village treasurer to pay any invoices for the Aldrich Change Bridge as they are submitted. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. Stuart Brown Associates recommended this action.

**PETER WILSON – MEMORIAL:** Clerk Lynch will be accepting donations in remembrance of former mayor, Pete Wilson. The money will be used for installation of a landscape grouping on the east side of the Marina in his name. Village arborist, Roger Weaver has designed it. The project will be dedicated some time next year.

**PARK & CLUB ROOMS:** Former village clerk EthelMae Johnson opens and locks the Park & Club rooms as needed 365 days a year. There needs to be a back-up person put in place for times when EthelMae is unable to do it. Trustee Salomon suggested that it could become the responsibility of the Police Department. Mayor Daly will discuss it with the Chief.

**BANNER POLE:** Department of Transportation requires the Board to maintain the new banner pole in front of Wooden’s Custom Services. The installation was paid for by the Canal Town Days Committee and will be donated to the Village. Trustee Celetano moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION FOR THE MAINTENACE OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL POLE AT ROUTE  
31 & MARKET STREET

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation proposes the construction, reconstruction or improvement of Route 31, State highway 8036, Palmyra Village: Main, Mill and Vienna Streets, located in the Village of Palmyra, Wayne County, under P.I.N. 4021.02, and

WHEREAS, the State will allow as part of the construction, reconstruction or improvement of the above mentioned project the construction of a traffic signal pole, by private entity and contractor, at the northeast corner of Market Street and Route 31 to be Used for hanging banners, meeting the requirements of the owner (Village of Palmyra)  
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Village of Palmyra approves of the construction of the traffic signal pole and that the Village of Palmyra will maintain or cause to be maintained the pole and its foundation performed as above stated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Village of Palmyra is hereby directed to transmit two (2) certified copies of the foregoing resolution to the New York State Department of Transportation.

STATE OF NEW YORK  
County of Wayne

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for the Village of Palmyra

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Date

Second was made by Trustee Piccola. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. Trustee Salomon suggested that the Board budget a little extra every year into the Capital Reserve Account HR9 for this maintenance.

**HOWELL STREET:** Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Palmer to declare no adverse or significant impact on the environment for the Howell Street improvement project. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**SIDEWALKS/SECTION 16-6:** The Board discussed changes to be made to Section

Enforcement Officer Mr. Grier's felt that it would make the law too hard to enforce, and the fact remains these roadworthy cars would still be a danger to children. The Board agreed and decided to leave the law unchanged.

**PUBLIC SESSION:** Waniece Porter asked for some clarification about the sewer situation on Carroll Street which Trustee Salomon explained.

**VETERANS' HOSPITAL:** Trustee Palmer moved that the Village Board write to our state representatives protesting the closing of the Veteran's Hospital in Canandaigua. Second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**RECESS:** There was a five minute recess at 7:45 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Piccola to go into executive session for discussion of a personnel and contractual matter. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Salomon, to re-enter public session with no action having taken place during executive session at 8:05 p.m. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Piccola. Vote, 4. ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch, Village Clerk  
Village Clerk