

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

August 3, 1998                  6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Wilson, Trustees Gunkler, Salomon, Celentano and DeVogelaere.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION:** Mayor Wilson introduced Ken Miller for presentation of a Certificate of Achievement for becoming an Eagle Scout. Mayor Wilson congratulated him and thanked him for the pride his brings to his family as well as to the community.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Trustee Gunkler, second by Trustee Celentano to approve the minutes from July 20, 1998. Vote, 4 ayes, Trustee DeVogelaere abstained. 4.1 CARRIED.

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

1. The upcoming work schedule proposed for Jackson Street is available for public review.
2. Invitation to attend the opening ceremonies of the Wayne County Fair August 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.
3. Announcement: The next board meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> will be at the Fire Hall for public discussion of the wetland design.
4. Announcement: The web site is up and running, still needs some work.
5. The new fire truck has been delivered and the men are receiving training.
6. August 10-14, Mayor Wilson will be out of town, Deputy Mayor Celentano will fill in when needed.

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

Trustee **Celentano** reported that Jackson Street reconstruction is a little behind schedule with an anticipated finish date of the end of September. They will not be working in front of the fairgrounds next week during the fair. The letters regarding parking at the Fairgrounds during the construction have all been delivered.

Trustee **Salomon** has asked Steve Stauffer to meet with Bill Gannon of the School District to set up a procedure for the next time that the school's pool needs draining in order to avoid anymore sewer back up problems. ST Environmental has been maintaining the sewer along Birdsall on a continuous basis. ST reports that Salzburg Village has been having trouble with their pump station. Perhaps after it is in operation again, the Fire Dept. would consider flushing the hydrants out on top of the hill to give it a test run. Trustee Salomon has met more of the management from ST.

Trustee **DeVogelaere** brought up for discussion a recent voucher for a cemetery plot buy back. Currently, when the Village buys back a lot in the cemetery, the full purchase price is refunded (lot cost plus perpetual care). After discussing with Roger, they both agreed that the perpetual care portion of the purchase price should NOT be fully refunded.

Roger recommended reducing the perpetual care portion by 10% per year. After a 10 year time span from original purchase date, there would be no refund due from perpetual care.

**CEMETERY PLOT BUY BACKS:** Motion by Trustee DeVogelaere to reduce the perpetual care portion of any cemetery "buy-back" by 10% per year as outlined above. Second by Trustee Salomon. Vote:

Mayor Wilson	aye	Trustee DeVogelaere	aye
Trustee Gunkler	aye	Trustee Celentano	aye
Trustee Salomon	aye		

5 ayes. CARRIED.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

**OUT OF DISTRICT SEWER REQUEST:** Town resident, Barb Downey of West Foster Street, has requested to tie into the Village sewers. She is actually just over the Village line and at the present has a septic tank. Trustee Salomon will call Steve Stauffer and have him check it out to see if there are any potential problems such as the need for a pump.

**CANAL STREET PROPOSALS:** The interviews for the Canal Street design proposals has been tentatively re-scheduled for August 20 at 6:30 pm hopefully giving enough time for a decision by the first week in September.

**EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY:** Mayor Wilson shared an article from D & C regarding the State Comptroller's findings regarding some picnics paid for by the Village of Lyons. Trustee Salomon felt that what they did and what we do are totally different, ie. we have a special line item in the budget for Employee Appreciation. It's not like we're trying to hide anything from the public. The public already knows because it's a part of the budget. Resident Vicki Daly commented that when she was on the school board, any type of gift was not an allowable expenditure. Topic was tabled until counsel could respond.

**TRAIL RECOMMENDATION:** Seven proposals from architectural design teams were submitted in response to Wayne County's RFQ for design services for the Erie Canal Trail. After consideration of the proposals, the review Committee invited four firms to present their credentials and approach to the project at a personal interview on July 30, 1998. Members of the Review Committee in attendance were Bruce Wideman, Palmyra, Dom Bartucca, Arcadia, Sharon Lilla, Dir. Wayne Co. Planning Office, Jim Columbe, Wayne Co. Planning, and Stu Brown, Grants Administrator. The teams interviewed were Fisher Associates, Erdman Anthony/Cavendish Partnership, Trowbridge&Wolf/Clark Patterson Associates, and Environmental Design & Research. All four firms were well qualified and submitted high-quality proposals. After careful consideration, the committee recommended Trowbridge & Wolf to be retained to complete the design of the proposed trail improvements in Wayne County.

This team was selected for its experience in trail design, its interest in and awareness of the history of the Canal and the Canal's future potential as an economic development engine in Wayne County. The Committee was also impressed with the team's grasp of the challenges including budget considerations and unique design elements, as well as an ability to coordinate with other projects in the Villages of Palmyra and Newark. As an added benefit, the cost proposal Wolf presented was the lowest of the four interviewed.

In light of the report from the Review Committee, a motion was made by Mayor Wilson, second by Trustee Salomon to accept the recommendation of the Committee and enter into a contract with Trowbridge & Wolf/Clark Patterson to design the proposed trail improvements in the Village of Palmyra, pending attorney approval and agreement of satisfactory terms. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Bruce Wideman reported that the volunteer work done by the 30 workers from the cast of the Morman project was excellent. They were able to clear the path from Division ST. down to Main (behind GG's Diner). Bruce will be writing them a thank you.

**EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION** (cont.) Attorney Nesbitt reported back with legal opinion regarding expenditures for dinners, picnics or similar outings for employees. Overall, villages may not provide dinners, picnics or the like unless it is a term or condition of employment pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement. Consequently, Mayor Wilson moved to transfer the \$1000 from A1988.4 Employee Appreciation into Contingency. Second by Trustee Celentano. Vote:

Mayor Wilson	aye	Trustee DeVogelaere	aye
Trustee Gunkler	aye	Trustee Celentano	aye
Trustee Salomon	aye		

5 ayes. CARRIED.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Trustee Salomon, second by Mayor Wilson to move into executive session to discuss a contractual matter at 7:22 pm. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**PUBLIC SESSION:** Motion to move back into public session at 7:45 by Mayor Wilson, second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee DeVogelaere at 7:46 pm. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch  
Village Clerk