

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

April 19, 1999                      6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Wilson, Trustees Gunkler, Celentano, Salomon and DeVogelaere and Parks & Cemetery Superintendent Roger Weaver

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:** The Board recognized 25 years of service to the Village by Superintendent of Parks & Cemetery Roger Weaver. Roger was congratulated for his dedication to the Village and presented with a plaque.

**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT:** Motion by Trustee Celentano to approve payment of voucher #969 of 3/31/99 for \$35.00, voucher #970 of 4/9/99 for \$108.30, voucher #971 of 4/16/99 for \$506.45 and Abstract #11 of 4/19/99 for vouchers #972-1062 for \$135,520.52 pending the appropriate signatures. Second by Trustee Gunkler. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Mayor Wilson requested that a moment of silence be observed for the passing of life-long resident and youth supporter Charles McLouth.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Motion by Trustee Gunkler to approve the minutes from March 15, March 24 and April 5, 1999. Second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

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

1. Mayor Wilson announced that the design from Canal Street is in the process of being finalized. LaBella will be contacting NYS Office of Parks and Recreation to get comments on street lighting and signage.
2. Census Bureau will be in the area conducting a door-to-door canvas between April 7<sup>th</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will carry identification.
3. Letter from Time-Warner reporting on progress of school upgrades.
4. Mayor Wilson reported that the special orchestra barge, *Point Counterpointe II* will be making a stop here June 20-22. Western Presbyterian Church pastor, Steve Howarth is spear-heading the effort to line up housing for the orchestra members. Mayor Wilson will be helping to approach area organizations for help with the funding.

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

Trustee Celentano reported that the highway department has been working on catch basin repairs and that brush pick up has started.

Trustee DeVogelaere called attention to the building fee schedule that was suggested by the Code Enforcement Officer, Bob Grier. Attorney Nesbitt advised Trustee DeVogelaere that this schedule can be adopted by Board resolution, no need for a local law. Motion by Trustee DeVogelaere to adopt the new building and fee schedule as recommended by the Code Enforcement Officer. Second by Trustee Gunkler. Vote:

Mayor Wilson	aye	Trustee DeVogelaere	aye
Trustee Gunkler	aye	Trustee Celentano	aye
Trustee Salomon	aye	5 ayes.	CARRIED.

Also, the contract to participate in the Wayne County Work program through Family Services has been approved by counsel. Motion by Trustee DeVogelaere to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract and request a laborer to help in the Parks and Cemetery Department. Second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Trustee Salomon - reported that there is a broken water pump that must be replaced at the Water treatment plant and as a result offered the following resolution:

## PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Palmyra, Wayne County, New York, adopted a resolution during a meeting on April 19, subject to Permissive Referendum as follows;

BE IT RESOLVED that a sum up to and not to exceed FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$5,700) shall be expended from the Capital Reserve Water System Improvements (HR3) for the purpose of purchasing a Worthington water pump for the Water treatment plant.

Following publication, the foregoing resolution shall be posted in six (6) conspicuous places and in accordance with Section 9-902 of Village law, shall take effect in thirty (30) days.

BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE BOARD  
Palmyra, New York  
Alicia M. Lynch, Village Clerk

Dated: April 19, 1999  
Completion: May 19, 1999

**TRANSFERS:** Trustee Salomon moved that on the advice of Roy McMaster, in order to amend the budget due to the February 15<sup>th</sup> and the above permissive referendum the following budget transfers be approved. Second by Trustee Gunkler.

\$4000 from Sewer Contingency G1990.4 to Sewer Treatment & Disposal G8130.430  
\$5700 from Water Contingency F1990.4 to Water Purification F8330.430.

Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Trustee Salomon reported on a study that has been completed by Sniedze Associates regarding the loss of potable water on Willow Avenue and Kent Street. The water line is so shallow on Willow, that it is necessary to let the water "run" in the winter to prevent freezing. The solution for Willow would involve replacing the small 1" water line with a 4 or 6" water line and a fire hydrant. The cost estimate for the Willow Avenue project is \$40,000.

A similar situation exists in the Kent Street area but is due to the poor condition of the insulation on the water line as it crosses the canal on Route 21. Trustee Salomon has some questions regarding the report; one being he was under the assumption that Sniedze's were going to design and/or recommend a "loop" solution similar to the Willow Avenue proposal, not just updating the insulation. The cost estimate is \$22,000 for the Kent Street project. He will report back to the Board as soon as he can get some of his questions answered.

Trustee Salomon also reported on the Sewer Treatment Plant Study done by Sniedze Associates as well. This reports outlines what needs to be done in order to accept sewer flows from the Town. It also addresses some long-term requirements. It will cost about \$300,000. Trustee Celentano suggested looking for some grant money for these sewer plant upgrades. Mayor Wilson noted that the Town Board has applied for a loan from the State which is going to take at least a year or two so the Village will have some time to make these decisions.

Trustee Salomon noted that we are receipt of a bill from the Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority for \$764.00. This is believed to be for the water main break that occurred during one of our storms. WCWSA was called in to fix the Clairmont break because our highway crews were tied up with another water main break on Hyde Parkway. He asked the clerk to verify the bill as there were no dates reported on it.

On another matter, Trustee Salomon reported on a situation that occurred last week with a new sewer service for David Corea, 525 East Main Street. ST Environmental told Mr. Corea to tie into the sewer line along Throop Street. When it came time for the Village to tie his new service into the Village line, it was discovered that the line on Throop Street has become unusable over the years. It is now pitched the wrong way. The good news is that no one else is tied into it. The bad news is that Mr.

Corea paid a contractor for a day's work that was unnecessary. He will probably be submitting a bill to the village for reimbursement. ST Environmental believes it may be about \$300.00.

The Garlock water contract for raw water has been verbally agreed to and will need to be drawn up by counsel. There has been no formal contract for the past year, they have been paying for the raw water via a purchase order. The new rate, \$.22/thousand gallons, will become effective with the next billing.

**Mayor Wilson** announced that ST Environmental will do the annual hydrant flushing on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. It is advised not to do any laundry at this time. The VFW will be dedicating the tank on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm among others Senator Nozzolio will be there. They are also holding a testimonial dinner in honor of District Commander Jack Haight and Wayne County Commander Richard Bump on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Worldwide Fiber, Inc. is proposing the construction of a Fiber Optic Transmission System along the Barge Canal, Old Erie Canal and adjacent roadway from Albany to Buffalo. This may offer a chance to share in the costs when the Village has the trail constructed. There will be a meeting at the Wayne County courthouse, April 22 at 1:30pm. Mayor Wilson asked the Clerk to see if Bruce Wideman could attend as the Village's representative.

The expenses for the blizzard of '99 are in at \$8200. FEMA usually reimburses about 75% of the costs. The Town has just received reimbursement from FEMA for the Labor Day wind storm so the Village should be receiving a check soon as well.

On May 8<sup>th</sup> there will be an Executive Board meeting for contract negotiations at 9:00 am at Village Hall.

Mayor Wilson feels that sidewalks should be added to Stafford Street from Clairmont to Foster and along Jackson Street from Aldrich to Hyde Parkway. The "bridge" at the end of Stafford looks like it could use some work too. The first step would be to engage the engineer for design and costs associated with these additions. As a result, Mayor Wilson offered that following resolution:

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BE IT RESOLVED that a sum up to and not to exceed FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000) shall be expended from the Capital Reserve Street, Pavement, Curb & Sidewalk Rehabilitation & Improvement (HR6) for the purpose of engineering and design of sidewalk and bridge improvements on sections of Stafford Street and West Jackson Street.

Following publication, the foregoing resolution shall be posted in six (6) conspicuous places and in accordance with Section 9-902 of Village law, shall take effect in thirty (30) days.

BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE BOARD  
Palmyra, New York  
Alicia M. Lynch, Village Clerk

Dated: April 19, 1999

Second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 5 ayes CARRIED.

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

**TRAIL CONTRACT:** Attorney Nesbitt has reviewed and approved the trail contract. Motion by Mayor Wilson to sign the contract with Trowbridge and Wolf for the Canal Trail design.

Second by Trustee Gunkler. Vote:

Mayor Wilson	aye	Trustee DeVogelaere	aye
Trustee Gunkler	aye	Trustee Celentano	aye
Trustee Salomon	aye	5 ayes.	CARRIED.

**TOWN/VILLAGE SEWER CONTRACT:** Attorney Nesbitt has also reviewed and approved the sewer contract. Motion by Mayor Wilson to sign and accept the sewer agreement with the Town of Palmyra.

Second by Trustee Celentano. Vote:

Mayor Wilson	aye	Trustee DeVogelaere	aye
Trustee Gunkler	aye	Trustee Celentano	aye
Trustee Salomon	aye	5 ayes.	CARRIED.

**CANAL STREET LOT:** At budget time, the Board discussed selling the vacant lot on Canal Street. This lot borders on the northside of the Village park. There has been some interest in the lot. Mayor Wilson asked the Clerk to check with counsel on the proper procedure for selling the lot and motioned to declare the lot surplus. Second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**MARINA PERMIT:** The Village is finally in receipt of a permit for the Marina project from the DEC. According to Stu Brown, the next steps are to send the DEC permit to the Army Corp of Engineers and the Canal Corporation. We will need approvals from both and a lease agreement with the Canal Corporation. Stu has been working on the contract for the \$50,000 grant with NYS Office of Parks & Recreation. He will also be contacting the Canal Corporation for an extension on the grant we received through them. The DEC also submitted a revised permit for the Upland Disposal Site regarding water levels and tree cutting. Mayor Wilson advised the Clerk to contact the wetlands committee chair, Michele Shanahan.

**ARC REQUEST:** ARC has requested to hang a banner advertising their walk-athon, the Laurel Run on May 15th. Motion by Mayor Wilson, second by Trustee Gunkler to permit ARC to hang their banner on the park fence as long as they remove it shortly after the event. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**AUSTIN REQUEST:** Mr. Steve Austin, new owner of the "Sherburne Ford" building would like the cast iron base plate from the unused washing station near the waste water treatment plant. This is basically a piece of junk scrap iron about 1' square. According to ST, this plate has not been used for as long as ST has operated the facilities and probably longer. Motion by Trustee Salomon, second by Trustee DeVogelaere to approve the request assuming the Village is able to remove it. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED. Mr. Austin is going to use it to re-install the "old air pump" in front of his building. He believes the plate may have originated at his building years ago.

**ALDRICH CHANGE BRIDGE:** The chair of the Change Bridge committee, Jay Harding reported the committee met last week to interview prospective engineers. The committee will make their recommendation at the next board meeting. Jay also recommended payment to Bill Chamberlain for \$2000 (orig. bill was \$3477.00). Mr. Chamberlain is responsible for documentation on the Bridge for the Library of Congress. The final payment of \$1000 will be made after submission of the final manuscript. Motion by Mayor Wilson, second by Trustee Gunkler to make the recommended installed payment to Mr. Chamberlain. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** There will be an executive session of the Board of Trustees on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> for discussions of contract negotiations and litigation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Resident Vicky Daly heard that outside vendors were being invited to participate in the SpringFest, ie. food vendors. It was vaguely understood that perhaps some service organizations would be asked to participate such as Lions Club for popcorn and Mercy Flight for a chicken barbeque.

Elaine Hartnagel recalled that the Board was going to be looking at the no-parking zones in the Village. She urged the Board to consider that Stafford Street be made no-parking on either side from the Community Center up to Foster. Mayor Wilson noted that Chief Dalton and Mr. Cook have worked extensively on this. It will take a new local law to make the changes and because DOT will be making further recommendations for the Route 31 reconstruction, Mayor Wilson thought it would be best to wait for these.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Trustee DeVogelaere, second by Trustee Gunkler at 8:45 pm. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch  
Village Clerk