

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

December 6, 1999                  6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Wilson, Trustees Gunkler, DeVogelaere, and Salomon, John Lynch and Connie Margiotta with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, several employees.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

**BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD:** Mayor Wilson introduced John Lynch and Connie Margiotta with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. John provided the Board and employees with handouts which included a benefit overview and pricing for 2000. John gave a brief history of Blue Cross/Blue Shield. He explained that rates are established by looking at the experience of claims of all the participants within the Blue community. Every client pays the same premium for the same benefits. BCBSRA is at risk for the plan's financial performance.

In a self funded environment, the client is fully at risk for all administration and claims. The client is free to design the benefit package but must also comply with Federal mandates. The self-funded group may purchase specific stop loss coverage to limit some of the risk.

There are several issues to consider if the Village is considering "leaving" the community, such as benefits, finances, employee relations and administrative responsibilities. Additionally, if the Village ever wanted to return to the community, acceptance back in is not guaranteed. The Village must prove that its claims experience is better than that of the community.

Mr. Lynch said insurance increases are more than the Consumer Price Index, pointing to the rising costs of drugs as one of the primary reasons. Also, more expensive procedures have become more commonplace, ie. MRI and CAT scans are used more where in the past, X-rays were ordered.

Several employees expressed their views regarding who the Village should and should not enroll with. Mayor Wilson reiterated his concern about the rising costs of healthcare. Mr. Lynch suggested looking at several other benefit packages available through Blue Cross/Blue Shield which may help to reduce costs. Pricing for these other plans was included in the handouts. Connie offered to come back to answer any questions that arise.

Mayor Wilson thanked John and Connie for their time and called for a recess at 7:45 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:55 p.m.

**BONFIRE REQUEST:** The Village Board discussed a request from the Membership Development Committee of Western Presbyterian for a bonfire. They would like to have a small bonfire in their side yard in the ox-roast pit during a Christmas caroling party on December 19. It will be extinguished by 7:00 p.m. and the police and fire departments were contacted for approval. Written approval from Palmyra Fire Dept. has been received and is on file. Mayor Wilson said the Chief Dalton is on board as well. Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Gunkler to approve the request. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

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

1. Wayne County Youth Bureau - Village will receive \$1289 in State Aid towards supporting programs at the Community Center.
2. Don't forget the Village-wide Open House Holiday Festivities - downtown Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. WACK will be broadcasting from Wooden's Upholstery and Santa will be at Gawel's Studio.
3. Notification from NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation- no adverse effects for proposed dredge site on Walton land.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:** Motion by **Trustee Gunkler** to accept Corey Mahoney as a member of the Palmyra Fire Department pending the appropriate training and satisfactory physical. Second by Trustee DeVogelaere. Vote, 5.0. CARRIED.

**Trustee DeVogelaere** reported we have the required number of bids in for repairs to the Park & Club Rooms. Motion by Mayor Wilson, second by Trustee DeVogelaere to accept the lowest bidders and proceed with the work. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**Trustee Celentano** reported that the Village is saving money on highway salt as there's been no snow. He had nothing else new to report.

**Trustee Salomon** reported that the Town of Palmyra's new water tank that the Village will be supplying water to is about one month from completion. The Village needs to expand the capabilities of the Eastside Booster Station. The Siewert Equipment Company has submitted their quote which is in at \$8,552.00. They were the company that equipped the original booster station. It will take approximately one week to complete the work. The following resolution was made by Trustee Salomon:

### 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 December 6, subject to Permissive Referendum as follows;

BE IT RESOLVED that a sum up to and not to exceed NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$9,000) shall be expended from the Capital Reserve Water System Improvements HR3 for the purpose of upgrading and expanding the capabilities of the EastSide Booster Station

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: December 6, 1999

Completion: January 7, 2000

Second made by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Zebra Mussel Control Project - The Village is in receipt of a report from Buffalo Industrial Diving on the status of the equipment installed by them to control the Zebra mussels. It is working and doing a good job.

Curran Road - The Village raw water line on Curran Road has been broken for several days. It leaks more in the evening when usage within the Village has dropped. It is his recommendation not to repair the line as the Village will be discontinuing use of that line in 2 to 3 weeks.

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

**RECONSTRUCTION RT. 31/21:** The Village Board reviewed the last set of cost estimates for the reconstruction of Rt. 31/21. The cost to the Village for replacement of the water and sewer mains is in at about \$262,000 (down from original estimate of \$637,000). The Board discussed upgrading the sewer lines to 12" and instructed Clerk Lynch to contact DOT to relay that request. The Board had requested that DOT replace the water main between Holmes/Mill to Market street at the state's expense. These figures were not included and no mention of it made. Clerk Lynch to inquire about that also.

**CANANDAIDUA LAKE WATERSHED MGMT. PLAN:** Trustee Salomon reported that the watershed management plan will be adopted officially by the participating communities soon. He feels the Village should adopt it, Kevin Olvaney has done a good job explaining the importance of the plan. Mayor Wilson added that if the Village has a watershed management plan in place it increases our grant ranking. Mayor Wilson proposed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Canandaigua Lake Watershed encompasses 174 square miles within two primary counties (Ontario and Yates) and twelve municipalities (Towns of Gorham, Canandaigua, Hopewell, Middlesex, South Bristol, Italy, Naples, Potter, and Bristol, Villages of Rushville and Naples and the City of Canandaigua, with another two municipalities outside of the watershed purveying water from the Lake (Villages of Newark and Palmyra - Wayne County), and

WHEREAS, the Goal of the Canandaigua Lake Inter-municipal Watershed Management Plan is to protect the lifeblood of this region - Canandaigua Lake and its surrounding watershed by maintaining and enhancing the high water quality of this watershed, and

WHEREAS, implementation of the various actions within the Plan and undertaking the listed Capital Improvement Projects will provide for the long-term protection of the Watershed, and

WHEREAS, successful implementation of the Plan will require the leadership, coordination, and commitment of the fourteen municipalities through the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council and Watershed Manager, and

WHEREAS, all decision making authority municipal fund expenditures for Plan implementation will reside with the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council, and

WHEREAS, we, the Village of Palmyra will send our Chief Elected Official or alternate to act as our designated representative on the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council, and

WHEREAS, the City of Canandaigua was lead agency for the coordinated SEQR review and made a negative declaration after filling out the Full Environment Assessment Form, and

WHEREAS, we, the Village of Palmyra will pay our pro-rated share based on the funding formula on page 37 of the Watershed Management Plan to the Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the Village of Palmyra adopt the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Management Plan this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1999.

I, Alicia M. Lynch, Clerk of the Village of Palmyra, New York, do hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 1999 and is on file and of record, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

Second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

On another matter for the Parks and Cemetery Department, **Trustee DeVogelaere** 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 December 6, subject to Permissive Referendum as follows;

BE IT RESOLVED that a sum up to and not to exceed FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500) shall be expended from the Capital Reserve Machinery & Equipment HR7 for the purpose of replacing the transmission in the 1994 Cemetery Department pick-up truck.

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.

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Second by Mayor Wilson. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Mayor Wilson reported on some plans being developed by the EDC. The committee would like to "sponsor" a designated driver program for New Year's Eve. The committee and Mayor Wilson would like to see that the volunteer drivers are reimbursed for their mileage. The Board felt the program would be a good idea. Motion by Mayor Wilson to reimburse the drivers at \$.29 per mile and approve the program contingent upon attorney and insurance agent approval. Second by Trustee Gunkler. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**MARINA:** Mayor Wilson announced that the Village is in receipt of the validated work permit from the Army Corp. of Engineers for the Marina.

**TRAILWAY PROJECT:** Wolfe & Trowbridge has submitted cost estimates and the map for the trail. The map will be on file at Village Hall and needs to be reviewed by the Board. As it stands right now, it is way over budget.

**CANAL STREET:** Attorney Nesbitt is in the process of getting the needed easements for the Canal Street project.

**JOINT MUNICIPAL FACILITY:** Town Supervisor Lyon has corresponded with Mayor Wilson. The Town is under some pressure to make their offices handicapped accessible. He would like to see the Village join with the Town to create a committee comprised of members from the Town and Village Planning Boards, Historic Palmyra and several merchants to do a feasibility study for a joint facility. They have come up with eleven candidates and three advisors. Mayor Wilson has not contacted any of these people yet and therefore, can not release those names. He asked if this concept is agreeable to the Board. The Board concurred.

**PARKING PROBLEM:** Trustee Salomon relayed a concern from a citizen for public safety because of the parking allowed on the west end of East Jackson Street near the intersection of Jackson and Canandaigua. It is the only corner where parking is allowed. He feels that until we can address the entire Village's parking issue by updating the local law, the Board should issue a temporary no parking zone there. Mayor Wilson agreed and said the board could declare it no parking if it is a matter of public safety. Motion by Mayor Wilson to instruct Highway Superintendent Cook to erect the no-parking sign on the south side of 202 Canandaigua Street until such time the new local law has been passed. Second by Trustee Salomon. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Mayor Wilson to close the public session at 8:55 p.m. and enter into executive session for discussion of contracts, legal issues and employee relations. Second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to re-enter public session and adjourn at 9:15 p.m. by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Gunkler. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch  
Village Clerk