

VILLAGE OF PALMYRA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6-29-92

7:00 pm

PRESENT: Mayor James G. Elliott, Trustees Thomas N. Lynch and Kathleen C. Drews. Department heads Phil Retan and Chief Dalton. Citizens requesting time on agenda Harold "Bud" Baker, Harry White, and Joe Bettinger. Trustee Wooden arrived at 8:16 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mayor Elliott declared a moment of silence for Mr. William "Bill" Boys, long time resident, businessman, and fireman in the Village of Palmyra. It was also noted Bill organized the Village cancer drives and will be missed.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mayor Elliott to table the minutes of Board meetings 6-15, 6-17, and 6-18-92 until the next Board meeting but making these minutes available to the public, seconded by Trustee Lynch, vote, 3 ayes, **CARRIED.**

DRAINAGE: Mayor Elliott reported that J.C. Smith, Wayne Cty Eng., was planning to visit Mr. S. Venturino who appears to be dragging his feet on signing the easement. A couple of Mr. Venturino's neighbors stated that when they see Mr. Venturino's signature on an easement they will consider signing as well.

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION: A petition for annexation reads as follows:

PETITION
TO
ANNEX ADJOINING TERRITORY

TO: VILLAGE BOARD, VILLAGE OF PALMYRA
TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF PALMYRA

The petition of the owners of certain real property located in the Village of Palmyra, County of Wayne, respectfully show:

1. That this is a petition for the annexation of a .0794 area parcel of land in the Village of Palmyra, being parts of tax account number 32111-00-319302, adjoining said Village, more particularly described in Exhibit A, which is annexed hereto made part hereof by reference, and as further depicted on the map attached hereto Exhibit B and made a part hereof by reference.

2. That there are no inhabitants of the land herein proposed for annexation.

3. This petition is signed by the owners of 100 percent of the assessed valuation of the real property in such territory assessed upon the last preceding assessment roll of the Town of Palmyra.

WHEREFORE, petitioners ask that favorable action be taken pursuant to Article 17 of the General Municipal Law and pray that said territory, as described in Exhibit A and as depicted on Exhibit B, be annexed to said Village of Palmyra. Dated June 24, 1992. Signed by: Herbert Lehman and Lester Lehman

Mayor Elliott noted that a joint Public Hearing needs to be held with the Town of Palmyra and he instructed the Village Clerk to set up such a hearing and arrange a meeting.

NOTICE OF CLAIM: Mayor Elliott stated that a Notice of Claim had been served on the Village of Palmyra by Daniel Drews.

SCHOOL FOR COURT CLERK: A motion was made by Mayor Elliott that newly appointed Judge, Carol Salomon, attend the mandated schooling for five days and Village Court Clerk, Linda Ingram, be allowed to attend the Clerks portion for two (2) days July 27 and July 28. Cost would be room, food, and mileage only. Motion seconded by Trustee Lynch, vote, 3 ayes, **CARRIED.**

ABSTRACT #3: A motion was made by Mayor Elliott to authorize the Village Treasurer to pay all invoices on which appear the initials of at least three VB members, invoice NOS. vouchers #71 - #112 totally \$64,148.78, seconded by Trustee Drews, vote, 3 ayes, **CARRIED.**

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Mayor Elliott reported that: The Adult Entertainment law had been filed with the N.Y.S DEPT. OF STATE and is official.

SARA GRANT: Notification came from the Commissioner of Education offering a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant in the amount of \$6,956 to the Village. A grant acceptance form must be signed by Mayor Elliott and returned by July 10, 1992, after which the first payment of 50% of the award will be sent. Mayor Elliott noted that this grant is for inventory records and that a person will need to be hired to work on this.

JOINT VOP, TOP, AND PM SCH. MTG.: A joint meeting was held on June 23 with the VOP, Town, and School. Mayor Elliott and Trustee Drews represented the VOP. Topics discussed were such things as having only one polling location to save moving costs and wear and tear on the voting machines. Mayor Elliott volunteered the Village Clerk, Bonnie Hays, to represent the VOP on the committee to determine the feasibility of consolidating voting places. Joint fueling was discussed with a tank location being at the Town barns. Trustee Lynch and Super. of Highway, Phil Retan, agreed to participate on this committee and were appointed to represent the VOP. Andy Baran and Nelson Cook will represent the TOP and Bill Gannon will represent the School. Snow plowing the VOP will assist the School where possible. Waterline at the School football field was discussed and the Mayor suggested the possibility of using the VOP equipment to assist with this project. Mayor Elliott noted that these plans will save money to the taxpayer by working together and may eliminate some of the hired contractors by using the resources that the taxpayers are paying for already in one area or another. Paper goods purchased by the school in truck load quantities could possibly save the VOP money if purchasing jointly. The school will contact the Village office when next purchase is being made.

Trustee Drews and Mayor Elliott noted the positive response from all involved in the meeting and the ideas discussed about the things that we can all do for one another.

POLICE OFFICER: Mayor Elliott reported that Sgt. R. Hall would be resigning from the Pal. PD no date given at this time. However, Sgt. Hall had accepted a position with another PD and the VB needs to look at this. Chief Dalton noted that during the time prior to Sgt. Hall leaving, having another officer on would allow for training. Mayor Elliott asked Trustee Drews if she would feel confident in making a decision on C. Cummings. Trustee Drews asked Chief Dalton if he had spoken to C. Cummings, the Chief responded yes and he would recommend him for the position. Trustee Lynch noted that C. Cummings wants to work for the VOP. Chief Dalton noted that Cummings already has schooling which would save the VOP money.

Mayor Elliott moved that the VOP extend an offer of employment to Craig Cummings for a full-time officer of VOP and Cummings would start effective with his availability after giving notice to his current employer and meet Civil Service requirements, seconded by Trustee Lynch, vote, 3 ayes, CARRIED.

Chief Dalton requested that the VB set something up now to deal with the problem of Sgt. Hall's resignation which may be effective in September. There will not be a Sgt.'s position since no one in the PD has the time in or experience. Trustee Drews responded by saying that the VB needed a special meeting to talk about the PD shortage with all VB members present. Mr. Baker noted that he had been to the previous meetings and that without all present he felt that it was a waste of time. Chief Dalton and the members of the Board present noted that they felt the meetings were more one on one and discussion was more open.

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Trustee Lynch asked to let Sgt. Hall know that the VOP and VB appreciated the fine work he had done and his expertise while employed with the VOP PD and that being born and brought up in this area was an asset to the VOP.

Chief Dalton mentioned that maybe the VOP could locate a transfer for the PD and save the VOP money for school and training.

NYCOM: Trustee Lynch moved that Phil Retan, Superintendent of Highway be allowed to attend the Highway Conference in September, seconded by Mayor Elliott, vote, 3 ayes, **CARRIED.**

CEMETERY: Mrs. M. DeNeef asked Trustee Lynch if he had found the alledged missing stones in the Cemetery. Trustee Lynch noted that R. Weaver, Super. of Cemetery and Parks, was not able to locate them. Trustee Lynch noted that R. Weaver had found the spot for the Herman baby but there did not appear to be a place for a stone. Mrs. DeNeef noted that one urn had reappeared.

G. KACHEL: Trustee Lynch publicly thanked G. Kachel of the Highway Dept. for repairing the cannon wheel in the park on his own time. Trustee Lynch noted that this saved the VOP many dollars and a quote had been received of between \$2,000-\$3,000 and G. Kachel did at no charge. A letter had been sent to G. Kachel by Mayor Elliott thanking him officially.

JOE BETTINGER: Mr. Bettinger asked the VB if there had been any report from Attorney Nesbitt on the letter from C.E.O. J. Roney on the Pal-Mart situation. Mayor Elliott told Mr. Bettinger that he had not heard anything from Attorney Nesbitt, however, Mayor Elliott noted that he had re-read the file but had no answer at this time.

TRUSTEE DREWS REPORTS: Wayne County Humane Society Contract was discussed with K. Diefendorf, Animal Control Officer, who wants to have a contract with Lollipop also as well as making sure with WCHS that only dogs that K. Diefendorf brings down will be charged to the VOP. The contract with WCHS needs some changes before signing and Atty. Nesbitt is working on them. An important point noted was that Lollipop does not charge the VOP back for animals but WCHS does.

A motion was made by Trustee Drews to allow K. Diefendorf take a 1 day seminar "How to Deal with Difficult People", at \$69 on August 7th in Rochester, seconded by Trustee Lynch, vote, 3 ayes, **CARRIED.**

K. Diefendorf would like to purchase a have-a-heart trap to trap squirrels and small animals. Trustee Drews will have K. D. get prices on various traps. Warning tickets for animal control were also discussed. It was noted that the Town of Pal. may be purchasing them and possibly we could get our name on them.

SURPLUS: Mayor Elliott moved to declare the tool box from the old water plant truck surplus and to accept a bid of \$25 from K. Leeuwen for the tool box, seconded by Trustee Drews, vote, 3 ayes, **CARRIED.**

POLICE COVERAGE AT CANALTOWN DAYS AND PARADES: Trustee Lynch stated that there was a very good possibility that no State Police or Sheriff assistance would be available at these upcoming events. Mayor Elliott noted that Chief Dalton would be having a meeting with the State Police concerning the upcoming events. Mr. Harry White, Director of the Wyn. Cty Fair Assoc., noted that there may not be coverage from the State and Sheriff at the Fair.

P. Retan, Super. of Highways, noted that possibly some of the highway crew could assist in blocking traffic. Chief Dalton said the liability was too great, that the highway crew would not meet the N.Y.S. certification necessary to work with traffic and that paving roads was a different situation. Trustee Lynch asked Chief Dalton to inform him and Jerry Kelly of Canaltown

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Days Comm. of the result of the meeting with the State Police about coverage at the special events.

ONE LANE ON MAIN STREET: Chief Dalton reported that the County will be paving Main Street (Rt. 31) from the four corners to the Firehall and one lane at a time would be closed. This would call for a Canaltown Days type detour said the Chief, and that he was meeting with the N.Y.S. DOT and Sgt. Pettine of the State Police in Newark.

FAIR PARADE FOR 4-H AND VETERANS: Harold Baker requested permission to hold a parade from the Elementary School up Jackson to the Fair Grounds on Saturday, August 15th, at 11:00 a.m. Chief Dalton suggested the long parade route using Route 31 (Main Street). Route will be determined later.

Mayor Elliott moved to approve the Wyn. Cty Fair Assoc. having a parade on August 15, Saturday, 11:00 a.m. for Veterans and Youth and work out the route with the Chief, seconded by Trustee Lynch, vote, 3 ayes, **CARRIED.**

PARKING ON JACKSON STREET: H. Baker asked if both sides of Jackson Street could be open to parking during Monday of Fair week do to the congestion because of the car race. Chief Dalton noted that if that were to be allowed it would have to be from noon to midnight and could cause some confusion. Chief also noted that Jackson is one of the widest streets and that as long as the FD can get through he has no problem. No more was discussed on this.

CITIZEN HARRY WHITE: Mr. White introduced himself as a resident of Palmyra living on Birdsall Parkway, a taxpayer of the Village for the past 40 years, ex VOP Police Officer for 6 yrs, active VOP Fireman for 35 yrs., Fire Chief, Fire Commissioner, and 20 years as Town Justice. Mr. White noted his experience with VBs in the past while serving as Fire Comm. he has had wonderful cooperation. The VB has always been very very fair with the Fire Dept. and the Fire Company has done a fantastic job with regards to saving lives and creating protection, and has nothing bad to say about his past experiences with the VB. However, Mr. White noted that he has recently been reading comments in the newspaper have him very concerned. Mr. White named the departments and said that the VB hired what we feel are competent people to run these depts. and assigned them to head up that dept. Mr. White stated that it appears that recently certain VB members are not considering the recommendations being offered or the work done by the dept. heads. Mr. White noted that he is PD prone and that he has been on both sides and rates highly the protection that the VOP PD gives us needs but for a community of this size the VOP warrants a full time PD a dept. that offers 24 hr. service. This is one of his main concerns that the VB is not taking action on our PD request to put a 5th man on so that PD can offer round the clock coverage. "Correct me if I'm wrong but it's my understanding that it's not going to cost the VOP anymore money because the money is in the budget for that particular purpose." He stated that he would like to see the VB take immediate action on this and noted that decision was made tonight and would hope that the VB be prepared now that the VB has some time to prepare for vacancy.

As far as the Water Dept. is concerned, Mr. White believes H. Kruger is competent and has served in the Water Dept. long enough that his recommendations should be taken seriously. Mr. White has spoken to H. Kruger and others concerning the new tank H. Kruger has recommended and Mr. White feels that the VB again was elected to represent the people and put the dept. heads in charge of the depts. The Village board must feel that these dept. heads are competent or the VB would not have put them in that position. Is the VB listening to the Dept. Heads and considering their recommendations etc. Mr. White again noted that he is very concerned when he hears of the hassle that is going on between the VB and believes that the VB needs to put the politics to one

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side and forget whether you're Democrat, Republican, or Conservative or what you are. You are here to represent the people and have a job to do to serve the people to your best ability to get some of these things done. Mr. White continued by expressing that there is more controversy and more discussion in the Village today about things that are going on in this community than I have heard in the last 40 years. Mrs. M. DeNeef notes that she agrees with Mr. White very much.

Trustee Lynch mentioned, on the water tank that the Wayne Cty. Water Authority may want to put up and pay for the tank for the VOP on the other side of the canal, namely Walton's Hill. Nothing is definite. Mr. White stated that the tank has been recommended approx. 7-10 yrs. and that he feels that has set dormant for too long. Mr. White again referred to the PD's need for an additional officer which has been in the works for 6-8 months. P. Retan stated that the benefit of that tank on the other side of the canal would be for the Towns of Macedon and Palmyra basically and not the Village. Trustee Lynch noted that he didn't know if that was the case. Trustee Lynch stated that he feels that the VOP needs another tank but that in his time on the VB this is the first study Trustee Lynch has seen on this tank. All agreed that something has to be done soon. Mr. Baker noted that tank could cost between \$400 and \$600,000 and Mayor Elliott noted that there is 2 million in the reserve. Mayor Elliott noted the procedures necessary prior to purchasing a tank. At this point Trustee Wooden arrived at 8:16 p.m. Trustee Wooden discussed the good possibility of having someone else purchase the tank, and noted that it should be looked into so the VOP would not have to pay out unnecessarily. Trustee Wooden did not know a location for the tank when asked if it would be on Prospect Hill. Trustee Wooden noted that H. Kruger had been advised to send out a number of letters to prospective engineers for this project. Many citizens present were concerned about the delay in purchasing the tank and voiced that opinion. Another citizen concern was who would control the tank and useage etc., and feel that if the tank is on Prospect Hill the VOP would have more control. Trustee Wooden said that the VB may determine it does not want assistance with the new tank.

Prior to closing, Trustee Drews stated the importance of workshop meetings and that a plan was needed for the PD vacancy coming up. Chief Dalton noted that he felt that the workshops were easier to discuss at and looks forward to. Trustee Lynch was in agreement with Trustee Drews and feels the workshop type meetings are very productive.

DRAINAGE AND OTHER PROBLEMS, AND WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY TO REPAIR:

Trustee Lynch noted that the VB needs to discuss the drainage and other problems which are not the responsibility of the VOP to repair and how to approach the problem and residents and what the VOP should do. Mrs. DeNeef stated that she does not want to pay for others repairs.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. seconded by Trustee Drews, vote, 4 ayes, CARRIED.

Next regular meeting will be held July 20, 1992.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie J. Hays, Village Clerk

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