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VILLAGE OF PALMYRA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Mtg.

February 5, 1996

7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor James G. Elliott, Trustees Ann F. Guest, Frederick Celentano, and Kathleen C. Drews. Trustee Daniel E. Wooden was absent. Peggy Howard was in attendance as Attorney Nesbitt's representative.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Robert Gunkler, Citizen: R. Gunkler noted he lived at 220 W. Jackson St. and that he also owned 224 W. Jackson St. Four years ago the storm sewer backed up into his basement. F. Huff, ex-village employee, drew lines on the sidewalk indicating village property and lines put in on that property. In October of 1995 again the water backed up ruining a furnace. R. Gunkler got in touch with the original who stated that early in the '50s raw sewage backed up in the basement. Mr. Hannagan, Village employee, put in drains which now connect to the sewer. In January the water backed up again and the cost was \$740. Mr. Gunkler doesn't know whose responsibility it is to keep the drains clean but these lines should be cleaned out on a regular basis. After Mr. Gunkler's cellar is pumped out it takes 5-1/2 hrs. for the water to drain. Mayor Elliott told him that connections from the house to the curb box/street were the home owners responsibility. The Village allows people to connect drains to the storm sewer, stated Mayor Elliott, noting that the last time this happen water was almost flood stage. The highway dept. ran the cleaner through the line and all systems were clear. The incident in January occurred during a storm when the lines were full due to excessive water. Trustee Guest inquired about the VOP plan to redo Jackson St. and asked what the timetable was. Mayor said that Cuyler would be done this year due to the culvert problem and Jackson would be later.

Mayor Elliott asked Mr. Gunkler to submit a bill for the damages which he has incurred to be submitted to the VOP insurance company.

Mr. Gunkler noted that the last time the drains were cleaned out rocks and cans were found in the lines. There were also beer cups noted by Acting Highway Super. J. Kachel. Mayor Elliott noted it sounded like broken tiles.

MINUTES: Trustee Celentano made a motion to approve the minutes of January 15th and 18th, 1996, with a note to be placed on page 2, Student Engineer, stating that the hiring of a student engineer was left open. Seconded by Trustee Drews, vote, 4 ayes, **CARRIED.**

ARBITRATION MEETING: Mayor Elliott announced the special meeting on February 8th, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. for the Union negotiations.

ABSTRACT #17: Mayor Elliott moved to authorize the Treasurer to pay vouchers #839 and #900 through #971 including #952 totalling \$46,987.23, seconded by Trustee Guest, vote, 4 ayes, **CARRIED.**

VILLAGE LEAD AGENCY IN CANAL PROJECT: Mayor Elliott moved to have the Village of Palmyra be the lead agency in the upcoming canal project, seconded by Trustee Celentano, vote, 4 ayes, **CARRIED.**

PERMITS: Trustee Guest move to authorize Mayor Elliott to sign the necessary forms and authorizations for the Canal Marina project, seconded by Trustee Celentano, vote 4 ayes, **CARRIED.**

DEPT. OF HEALTH APPROVAL: Mayor Elliott reported that the Dept. of Health approved the work to be done on the booster pump for the Town water supply. The information is prepared and submitted to the newspaper for bids. Bid opening is Feb. 29th, 1996 at 10:00 a.m.

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SIDEWALKS: Snow removal on VOP sidewalks is difficult for seniors, elderly, and disabled reported Trustee Celentano who also questioned if the VOP Office could serve as a clearing house for those who have a problem shoveling and would like assistance and those school children who are looking for work to do for pay.

It was noted that the school has a program in force which announces needs for work to the children who can sign up if interested. It was asked if S. Buchiere could write an article for the Courier Journal regarding this shoveling concern. Checking with the school is the next step.

Using a tractor to plow the sidewalks was suggested specifically a bob cat which could be used as a tool for other things. Trustee Guest noted that this situation had come up when H. Kruger was on the VB. Nothing more had been done at that time.

Mayor Elliott noted that the VOP has shoveled and plowed some of the sidewalks when very bad storms have left much snow. Mayor Elliott also noted that the Highway Dept. would be doing the streets in lieu of sidewalks. Citizen D. Behlke made note that the children's safety was a priority and that a community cry would be heard should a child be injured because of walking in the streets. There are only about 3 main routes to school and possibly these routes could be kept clean.

Trustee Guest requested that Trustee Celentano get prices on bob cats.

The lack of sidewalks on Stafford St. near the comm. ctr. was brought up saying that the residents need to agree to have sidewalks in order for the VOP to put them in. Trustee Drews and E. Hartnagel questioned asking for permission there when other sidewalks appear to be put in because they are needed without permission. A determination of where the sidewalk will be put is necessary and easements need to be written up for the owners of that property.

STUDENT ENGINEER: Trustee Celentano reported that a student eng. program for inventoring the streets and conditions of the VOP streets would be very beneficial. Geneva and Fairport have done this successfully. Lyons and Newark have also done this and it is necessary for the appraisal of the infra structure. The results of this inventory will be on a computer program and a schedule can be made with continual updating of maintenance schedules.

Trustee Guest inquired about the hours of time the Trustee put in walking the streets and sidewalks to do such an inventory and make up a plan for repairs. Trustee Guest noted that the Trustees ability for determining the condition of the streets was questioned and she qualified by saying that she had lived here all of her life and has observed the wear and tear on the streets and sidewalks. Trustee Guest noted she walks a great deal and that visually has observed the streets on a continual basis.

Mayor Elliott and Trustee Guest noted that R. Weaver when acting Highway Super. had devised a five (5) year plan on sidewalks which he submitted with the budget. Trustee Celentano and Trustee Drews both noted that they had not seen such a plan. Mayor Elliott emphasized that a plan had been done by R. Weaver. Trustee Celentano explained that having a trained student do the work would be beneficial and that as long as part-time help is hired in the summer this could be counted as that. Mayor Elliott noted that he would be seeing other Mayors at the NYCOM mtg in February and Trustee Celentano said that waiting that long would push hiring a student eng. off another year. Trustee Celentano wanted to vote now and Trustee Guest noted that the deadline was Feb. 1, 1996 and today is the 5th of Feb. 1996. Trustee Guest noted that she would want Acting Super. Kachel to attend the training. Trustee Celentano noted that the VOP must hire the student for continual work. The cost would be \$80 to 160 more.

Mayor Elliott said that hiring the student eng. would eliminate one (1) part time person since we usually hire two (2) laborers for the summer. A difference of \$8 to \$10 for the student eng. and \$6 for the laborer. S. Vinci, citizen from Canandaigua St. commented that the VOP was nickel and diming and should get back on schedule. If the computer work is done on the streets which are inventoried, this may assist when a project arises for the street eliminating some of the eng. firms' work.

Trustee Celentano moved to check into and hire a student engineer to inventory the village streets, seconded by Trustee Guest, Mayor Elliott said that he would call and check on this, vote, 4 ayes, CARRIED.

TRUSTEE DREWS - NO REPORT:

TRUSTEE GUEST: Trustee Guest reported that the Planning Bd. would meet on Weds. to discuss the R. Yost ZBA hearing #255 Funeral Home at 123 W. Main St. and Mr. David Corea, ZBA hearing #254 Pole barn type bldg. for sales office of used cars on Throop St. and E. Main St. and the ZBA hearing date is Feb. 13, 1996.

RESIDENT MR. DONALD BEHLKE: Mr. Behlke referred to the article in the TIMES newspaper Jan. 23, 1996 concerning the drainage project in the back of Washington St. The article noted that a picture of standing water in the back of R. Smith's house on W. Jackson St. The article stated that the VOP had done a botch job on the drainage project and that the contractor and engineer did a poor job. Mr. Behlke wanted to state that the drainage has improved a great deal since this project has been completed. There was a small ice blockage on the grate and once it was opened the water flowed off the yard quickly. The job was well done according to Mr. Behlke and the job was done under harsh conditions considering that a delayed held up the project. The VOP could not get easements, and one in particular which held up the project. The article by Mr. Smith also stated that the soil put down was not top soil and that top soil was taken away. Mr. Behlke noted that the soil taken away was clay and that the top soil was brought in and dumped by the truck loads. The top soil is new and has not had time to settle stated Mr. Behlke. Mr. Behlke noted he had lived in his location on Washington St. for 25 years and this year the drainage has been much improved. Mr. Behlke thanked the VOP, the Engineer, and the contractor for a good job.

DAMAGE TO TRUCK LIGHTS DURING SNOW PLOWING: Mr. Terrance Mahoney reported that he had run into a snow bank left in the middle of the road near Birdsall and Canandaigua during a snow storm. He tried to avoid the snow but could not. One light was broken and he had to replace the pair. Mayor Elliott told him to submit his bill for the lights.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Elliott moved to go into Exec. Session at 8:52 p.m. seconded by Trustee Drews for matters of Union negotiation with the Village Attorney and VB, vote, 4 ayes, CARRIED. Motion out of exec. session by Trustee Ann Guest at 10:00 p.m. seconded by Trustee Drews, vote, 4 ayes, CARRIED.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Trustee Guest at 10:04 p.m. seconded by Trustee Drews, vote, 4 ayes, CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie J. Hays, Village Clerk