

VILLAGE OF PALMYRA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING

February 1, 1999 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Wilson, Trustees Gunkler, Celentano, Salomon and DeVogelaere. There were about 30 people in attendance, including several Canal Street residents.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW #1, 1999: The Public Hearing was opened with reading of the legal by the Village Clerk as follows:

Village of Palmyra Notice of Public Hearing on
Proposed Local Law

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been introduced before the Village Board of the Village of Palmyra a proposed local law styled "Local Law No. 1 of 1999," which if adopted, would amend section 25-47 of the Palmyra Village Code, prescribing vehicle and traffic regulation, to restrict to west bound traffic only that portion of Canal Street between Park Drive and Division Street in the Village of Palmyra.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, pursuant to section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and section 1640 of the Vehicle and traffic Law of the State of New York, that the Village Board will convene a public hearing on first day of February, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. at the Palmyra Village Hall at 144 East Main Street, Palmyra, New York, for the purpose of hearing comments for or against the adoption of the proposed local law. Any person may appear in person or by representative. The local law may be examined at the Office of the Village Clerk during regular business hours.

Dated: January 18, 1999 By Order of the Village Board of the Village of Palmyra

Mayor Wilson indicated that the design phase is winding down for the Canal Street revitalization. LaBella has three designs that are being considered and one of them calls for making Canal a one-way street between Park Drive and Division. We would like to begin the construction this spring. If changes are to be made to the traffic flows now is the time to do it. The Canal Street committee unanimously voted to recommend the one way option. Mayor Wilson turned the meeting over to Mike Schaffron, PE with LaBella Associates. Mr. Schaffron briefly described each of the design concepts.

Option #1 has two-way traffic with recessed parking along one side; the opposite side would have a green strip. The roadway would be 22 feet wide, the parking lane would be 8 feet and the sidewalks down both sides would be 6 feet each. (There is only about 49 feet to work with and many of the properties sit directly on the public right of way).

Option #2 has two-way traffic and no parking. The roadway would be 22 feet, sidewalks would be 6 feet each along both sides of street, and 6 feet of green space along both sides.

Option #3 has one way traffic and parking along one side. The roadway would be 14 feet wide, 8 feet of parking lane, 6 feet of green space on each side and 5 feet of sidewalks on each side.

The meeting was opened up for public comment. John Sargent thought the one-way proposition would create a nightmare during CanalTown Days. More importantly, he believes it would become a safety issue for the neighborhood children. Everyday he sees cars going the wrong way (up Market Street) past his business.

Elaine Hartnagel feels it will make the Marina harder to promote with one-way traffic. She also feels it creates a hardship for the neighborhood businesses; Garlock and Blazey's.

Bob Doyle of 405 Canal Street has had to wait 45 minutes to get home from the grocery store during CanalTown Days as it is. He has no sympathy for anyone who has to find and use an alternate route.

Jim Blazey voiced several concerns and comments. He feels that the Village is trying to push out their three-generation family business. He also wondered what his delivery trucks are supposed to do.

Andy Asproulis, 319 Canal Street, thought the solution would be to build a utility road along the Towpath behind the houses on the north side. He suggested that any Garlock traffic be urged to use their back exit onto Route 21 North.

Nelson Cook told Joyce Dutton that the official truck route to and from Garlock is supposed to be Church St. to Quaker Road.

Chief Dalton also thinks that one-way traffic is not user friendly to business. He thinks that paving will go along way in improving the traffic flow. The recessed parking and information/pedestrian nodes will create a nightmare for snow removal. He believes that it will become somewhat of a safety problem; the police department just can't sit there all day to catch people going the wrong way.

Mr. Weaver, 423 Canal Street, said if two way traffic is maintained his front door will open onto the sidewalk.

Steve Buchiere recommended that if any changes are made, DOT be notified as soon as possible so a left hand turn lane can be added to the plans for Route 31/21 reconstruction in 2000.

Mayor Wilson thanked the public for their comments. All opinions will be taken under consideration before a decision is made. It was agreed that the Board will make their final decision at the February 15th meeting.

Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

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

1. Wayne County Industrial Development Agency - notification of public hearing to readopt the payment-in-lieu policy.
2. Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation - notification of \$1000 cash grant towards the purchase & planting of new trees.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Trustee Gunkler - no report.

Trustee Celentano reported back about the snow dumping. Due to DEC regulations, it is no longer permitted to dump snow into the canal unless it's an emergency.

Trustee DeVogelaere reported on the condition of the blue street banners, most of which are in pretty bad shape. It was the general census not to put the banners up again. Perhaps, the Economic Development Committee can come up with something.

Trustee Salomon - no report.

Mayor Wilson announced that on February 13th there will be an Executive Board meeting with department heads for discussion of the union contracts.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A moment of silence was observed in honor of the passing of life-long resident and Pal-Mac teacher, Anita Austin.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

COURT REPORT: Judge Rodman gave his yearly report to the Board. He is obligated under various statutes to report on all transactions of the Court on a yearly basis. As far as he can tell, this has not been done in several years. Terry's report showed all the different cases that have come before him (organized by statute) and totaled 1,899 cases for 1998. The spreadsheet handout showed the amount of fines sent to the State and the amount of cash returned to the village. When the check for last quarter came from the State Comptrollers, a red flag went up because it was not nearly what he had anticipated. That is when he found out about the law that puts a cap on the amount of fines that can be received by a Village. After a municipality reaches the maximum, the municipality only gets back the equivalent of \$5.00 per person residing in that municipality when the last census occurred (the last one being 1990) and the overages become the property of the state. One of the reasons the Village "maxed" out this year was due to the back log that was collected in the first quarter. He has a call in to NYCOM to see if he can get a list of the other municipalities that have had this happen, but he feels the only recourse will probably be to discuss it with our state representatives. The reasoning behind this law was to prohibit municipalities from setting up speed traps.

INTRODUCTION LOCAL LAW #2 & 3, 1999: As discussed in a meeting back in the fall, two new local laws were introduced that will extend the payment date on the

water/sewer bills to thirty days (versus 15 days). The Board agreed to hold the public hearing at the February 15th Village Board meeting.

COMMUNITY CENTER CONTRACT: After review of the contract between the Village & Town of Palmyra and the Palmyra Community Center, motion was made by Trustee Gunkler to authorize Mayor Wilson to sign the contract. Second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

FARMERS MARKET: Mayor Wilson had a meeting with a group of residents who would like to pursue having a Farmers Market on Saturday mornings in the downtown area. It would tentatively run from June through November and would only feature produce. Trustees Gunkler and DeVogelaere have agreed to co-chair this venture. Additionally, Mayor Wilson resolved that the following committee be named to look further into the creation of the Farmers Market: Chair Mary McMenamin, Debbie Ramage, Billie Betts, and Lorraine Morrisey. Second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

SERMAR MGMT CORP - SIDEWALK REQUEST: The Sermar Management Corporation has been moving through the Town Planning Board approval process for the proposed senior citizen apartment building on Vienna Street. One of the Town Planning Board requirements will be the construction of a sidewalk from the building westward on the south side of Vienna Street to the Village where the individuals could cross Vienna Street and walk on the Village sidewalk located on the north (just west of Mickey's Restaurant). It is proposed that about 50 feet of sidewalk be constructed in the Village right of way along Vienna. There is also a trench that will need to be filled and the installation of a culvert pipe. Sermar Management will complete the project at their expense and ask that the Village accept the dedication of the sidewalk for structural maintenance purposes. Sermar will also maintain the snow removal on this section. Mr. Sertl's request also included a site map. After a short discussion, motion was made by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Gunkler to approve Sermar's sidewalk request. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

CANANDAIGUA LAKE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROJECT: Kevin Olvany summarized the lake management plan and associated costs for the Board. Between 1995 and 1998 the Local Government Watershed Policy Committee (LGWPC) voted on over 100 remedial action recommendations. The LGWPC is made up of elected officials from each of the 12 watershed communities. The recommendations came from the *State of the Lake Report* which was prepared by a technical working group of the agency personnel. Ninety Four practices that reduce the amount of pollution entering the lake were adopted. These 94 endorsed recommendations along with the technical data in the *State of the Lake Report* will form the basis for the eventual Watershed Management Plan. This plan will provide a detailed description of the watershed and sources of pollution along with a cohesive and coordinated strategy in determining: who will fund and implement this plan, and how the individual actions will be prioritized.

This complex plan, involving a wide spectrum of practices will reduce the level of pollutants entering the lake. Issues addressed by the plan include farming, erosion, recreation, septic systems and toxic substances.

One of the most important aspects of the watershed plan is that no one municipality can undertake this plan alone due to costs. The combined watershed communities will have a greater influence and efficiency. Participation in the plan is voluntary for those municipalities that are purveyors. If any of them elect not to participate, costs to the participating towns and village will increase. So far all municipalities have responded favorably. Anticipated costs were derived using several factors: ie. gallons used, amount of shoreline, population density, and amount of tourism dollars generated.

At present, the Village pays \$7946.00 per year to the Watershed Commission for the program that tests septic systems only. It is based on our water usage. Then the Village pays another \$1500 a year to the Testing and Sampling program which shows the Commission where the hot spots are. If adopted, the \$1500 charge would increase to \$3,471.24 (based on the current pro-rating structure and participation of all municipalities). This would implement the plan and identify all 16 possible pollution sources that effect our water supply. Costs would decrease if the Watershed Commission

is able to get any grants which are available. Mr. Olvany urged the Village to send a representative to a workshop meeting on February 13th, 9:00 am. There will be a more in-depth study of the plan and rate structure. Mayor Wilson thanked Kevin for his presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident Vicky Daly invited all to an Open House at the Park & Club Rooms from 3-4 p.m., hosted by the Palmyra Democratic Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Trustee Gunkler, second by Trustee Celentano at 9:03 pm. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch
Village Clerk