

VILLAGE OF PALMYRA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular meeting October 6, 1997 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Wilson, Trustees, Salomon, Celentano, and Gunkler. Attorney Nesbitt arrived at 8:30 pm. Trustee Guest absent due to illness.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ABSTRACT #7: Motion by Trustee Celentano to approve Abstract #7 for vouchers #306 & 333-490 (less voucher 352) for a total of \$247,093.50 pending the appropriate signatures on all. Second by Trustee Gunkler. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER: Motion to approve the minutes from September 2nd and 30th, 1997 made by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Gunkler. Vote, 4 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 2nd annual Employee Appreciation Day will be October 24th, 12 noon at the Palmyra Community Center.
2. Time Warner letter outlining upgrading of system which will mean brief interruptions to service. Residents will be reminded by a door to door campaign.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Trustee Gunkler reported the Planning and Zoning Boards are aware that they will have their work cut out for them in light of the recommendations as part of the Master Plan. The Fire Department will be re-bidding the Rescue Truck and these specifications have been rewritten. The "junk cars" accumulating at the Fire House are being saved for a multi-car accident drill scheduled for October 12, 1997.

BONDING: Motion by Trustee Gunkler to proceed with a bond up to and not to exceed \$25,000 for the Fire Department; \$10,000 for an addition to the Fire Hall to be used for storage and \$15,000 for the purchase of a new Hurst tool. Second by Mayor Wilson. Vote 4 ayes. CARRIED.

(There will be three more large expenditures in the near future; a new rubber roof for the Fire Hall, \$180,000 for an emergency vehicle and \$500,000 for a new combination two in one Fire Truck.) Trustee Salomon asked that these new bond items be added to the spread sheet with the other bond items and reviewed it at the next board meeting.

Trustee Salomon - Trustee Salomon reported that ST Environmental crews are in their fall schedule for sewer flushing. However, this unit needs a new alternator.

There are 25 riser caps in place to complete that project. During the last water meter reading cycle, approximately 25 water meters were found to need replacing due mostly to old age.

The security system upgrade should be completely installed within two weeks. He is looking at some quotes to repair the fence at the Sewer Plant.

Bob Raeman and Global Painting inspected the water tower recently. Paint integrity looks good, however, there has been some vandalism; graffiti and chipping from rocks. Global is going to make sure ST gets some paint so they can do the touch up.

Trustee Salomon will talk to Nelson Cook to schedule some work needed with highway equipment.

Trustee Celentano - reported that Walker and East Charlotte should be completed by the end of this week. The last scheduled brush pick up will be October 16th. Then leaf pick up should begin. Chips money has been received - \$24,254.00.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Stu Brown addressed the Board about the Canal Initiative in order to clear up any misconceptions. All proposed activities that funding was requested for were approved for Palmyra with the exception of the Phelps Museum. This was denied as HUD felt it

would not warrant the addition of any jobs. From the Wayne County application, 8 out of 11 municipalities will receive funding. Palmyra was allowed to apply for up to \$900,000 in grant monies and 1.3 million in grant assistance. The rule of thumb for total monies allotted was determined by a formula which related to 1 job created for every \$33,000 awarded. Palmyra received \$765,800 in grant monies and another \$621,482 in loan assistance. The five approved activities are the Aldrich Change Bridge, the Trail linkages, Canal Street Revitalization, the Marina improvements and the creation of a Business Loan Pool. Stu went on to explain the spreadsheet that he provided copies of. The 108 Grant program is money awarded the municipality as a grant but it is money HUD borrows and then makes the principal and interest payments on. This amount is included in the total dollars given but it isn't money the municipality actually sees. The purpose of the Canal Corridor Initiative is to help revitalize the canal communities, attract businesses and to create jobs.

The Section 108 Loan program is money available to borrow from HUD at 3% for up to 20 years. The Business Loan Pool is \$500,000 available to the Village to re-loan. The first step is to set down operating guidelines for borrowing and submit for approval to HUD. Each loan is awarded on an individual basis. Once the guidelines are established, the Village may be allowed to loan that money at 4 -4.5% interest.

Administering the program may be done through the County. This would relieve the Village of any fiscal responsibility. Stu's advice to new businesses considering an application would be to start firming up any plans.

This Thursday the contracts will be handed out in Syracuse. The County will be on hand and Stu recommended that someone from the Village also be present. The \$765,000 will be available as an established line of credit - should take about 10 days after the contracts are signed. The Mayor thanked Stu for taking the time to explain the process.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Jace Hudak gave the Board an update on the movements and activities of the EDC. Jace reviewed the mission statement of the EDC.

"The Economic Development Committee is an action oriented task force committed to building a more vibrant and viable business and cultural center for Palmyra that will improve the economic status of the community, preserve the historical integrity of Palmyra, enhance the future of our community for us and our children.

Economic Development Community strives to develop Palmyra as a magnet for profitable commerce through developing mutually beneficial opportunities between merchants, business owners, landlords, consumers, community organizations and local government agencies while maximizing public consensus and support. "

They are working on include the development of a web site, looking into tax incentives, exploring other grant availability, and looking into styles for lighting and such for the Canal Street revitalization. The committee feels the addition of a business resource center is needed in the future. Dan Wooden volunteered to head sub-committee on soliciting new businesses, ie.: restaurant for Garlock House.

EDC will be meeting on a regular monthly basis - second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at Village Hall.

TRISHA LYNN: Trisha gave an update on the Canal Trail. On September 15, she applied with AmeriCorp for a grant in the way of volunteer help. They have teams of 8 volunteers that do this type of "trail clearing" work. Bruce Wideman is happy to be involved again and will be over seeing work done on the trail.

She is presently working on getting another quote for the Web site. It looks like it will be able to be done for less than \$1000.00.

Louise Larrison suggested that the Board consider keeping the "Christmas lights" up and on all year round. Mayor Wilson suggested that we ask Roger to look into costs for doing so.

ROY MCMASTER: Roy McMaster reviewed his recommendations for the changes to the Sewer Ordinance so that accounts will pay sewer charges based on the previous quarter water usage and not for the prior year's average quarterly consumption. Mr.

Nesbitt suggested separating the rate structure from the code so that every time it needs to be amended it won't change the "code". Atty. Nesbitt agreed to write up the changes using the Local Law format. Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Gunkler to hold a public hearing prior to the next scheduled Board meeting, October 20, 1997 to hear public comments relating to changes to the new Sewer law amendments. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

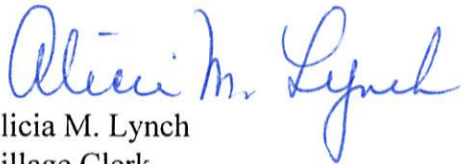
Motion to break for five minutes at 8:55 pm after which the Board will enter executive session to discuss contractual matters by Mayor Wilson, second by Trustee Gunkler. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Executive Session: Motion to adjourn executive session at 9:30 by Mayor Wilson, second by Trustee Gunkler. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

BUDGET: Due time constraints and being unable to take the proper computer training, it will be necessary to hire BPD, Roy McMaster to do the budget again next year. Motion to do so by Mayor Wilson, second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 9:35 pm by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Gunkler. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Alicia M. Lynch
Village Clerk