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VILLAGE OF PALMYRA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 3, 1995 - 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT

Present at the meeting were Mayor James Elliott, trustees Ann Guest, Daniel Wooden and Fred Celentano. Trustee Kathy Drews arrived at 8:45 p.m. along with Village attorney John Nesbitt.

Mayor Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

L.L. #1, 1995 - HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

Mayor Elliott read the legal notice for the public hearing on L.L. #1, 1995 and opened the floor to questions/comments from the public. Mayor Elliott gave a little background on the subject and that the law was considered close to 2 yrs. ago.

Mayor Elliott said this ordinance is the only way to protect and preserve historic buildings. If passed, we can then set up a commission and they will set up the rules. Mayor Elliott mentioned that this law is not being considered because of the proposed Grandin Bldg changes. He mentioned what a shame it was when the pillars were removed from the Palmyra Hotel.

Elaine Hartnagel (planning board) said the Commission would have "complete power" over everyone and buildings. She is very much opposed to this powerful commission.

John Hudak (planning board) spoke saying how our best asset for the future is to preserve the past. He stated if passed and the commission comes in gently and not hardhanded, it could work out. We would need cooperation.

Louise Larson agreed with J. Hudak. People should stop and think about what we've already lost. We want Palmyra to survive and its time to get commission in place.

J. Elliott said that right now, building plans are reviewed by the C.E.O. and if not in violation with local zoning or state code, it's O.K. The Commission would only be approving plans for the outside of the building.

Dan Gardner asked what the taxpayers would be getting back from this law. Would they get a tax credit or be matched with funds?

It was discussed that grant money is available to municipalities who have this law in place. The ordinance would be to protect properties. Historic Palmyra members confirmed that grant money is available for historic preservation.

Jud Roney asked if the board would postpone their decision until next month. He felt people needed time to review the proposed law. He said there are no districts listed. J. Elliott said the Commission would set up the districts.

Jud Roney stated that there are many existing variances on properties. He then listed Main St. properties that are modern or have no architectural significance what-so-ever. He mentioned the two awnings on E. Main St. businesses.

Ann Guest said that this law would only set up a Commission. The Commission would designate the historical areas with Village Board approval. An individual property owner has the right to decline being designated historical.

J. Elliott said the State said to stick with a generic law and have individual rules on separate from the law.

Bob Leopard said many municipalities are passing historic preservation laws. This law and Zoning are for our protection.

Comments were made in favor of the ordinance and also against. The only way this ordinance would work is if the property owners are willing to cooperate. Discussed the timespan it would take to go through the commission. Could there be an expedited process for simple things like painting?

J. Elliott said he would like to discuss a few things with the Village attorney and then vote on this law at next mtg. All board members (except A. Guest) agreed to postpone voting until the next village board mtg on 1/16.

The public hearing was closed at 9:00 p.m.

12/19/94 MINUTES

Ann Guest moved to approve the minutes of December 19, 1994. Fred Celentano seconded. All members voted "aye" - Carried.

ABSTRACT #15

J. Elliott moved to authorize the Village Treasurer to pay abstract #15 voucher nos. 824 - 867 for a total of \$28,252.46 and also the amount from Voucher No. 862 for the WCVOA dinner. Ann Guest seconded the motion. All members voted "aye" - CARRIED.

WCVOA DINNER MTG - SODUS

The next WCVOA dinner is in Sodus on January 18th. The deadline for reservations is next Tuesday.

MTG WITH W.C. PLANNING

J. Elliott stated there is a meeting scheduled for this Saturday, 1/7/95 at 11:00 a.m. in the Village Hall regarding the canal grant.

MTG WITH DOT

There will be a meeting Tuesday, 1/17/95 with the D.O.T. and Town board regarding the plans for Route 31 construction.

SENIOR CITIZEN TAX EXEMPTION - LOCAL LAW

J. Elliott moved that the Village Board set a public hearing for January 16, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. to rescind Local Law #3, 1993 for Senior Citizens' tax exemptions. A new state law states that the assessor enforces the spread for exemptions. The only way to comply is for us to rescind the local law or pass a new one. Will now be able to pass new exemptions by resolution. Ann Guest seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye" - CARRIED.

COURTROOM AND FIRE DEPT. CONTRACTS

Mayor Elliott said both contracts have been signed.

NEW PHONE SYSTEM

The Centrex phone system will be installed on Tues. 1/17/95. It will save the Village approx. \$3,000 per year.

DRAINAGE

Mayor Elliott said he had talked with the engineer and contractor and the last of the paperwork should be here tomorrow then "Notice to Proceed".

NEW PUMP - EAST WATER DISTRICT

Dan Wooden received estimate from MHPC for \$100,000 - \$200,000 for pump and housing alone.

CROSSWALKS

Trevor Elkins mentioned the crosswalks that were scrubbed out on Main St. because they didn't conform to the "Disabilities Act".

He said there is a crosswalk down by Towpath also. J. Elliott said he talked to DOT and they felt it desirable to omit the crosswalks as a safety feature.

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EXEC. SESSION

At 9:25 p.m. J. Elliott moved to exercise Executive Session with the Village Board, Atty and Scott Smith present. Ann Guest seconded. All members voted "aye". - Carried.

Ann Guest moved to go out of Exec. Sess at 9:35 p.m. Kathy Drews seconded. All members voted "aye" - Carried.

RESOLUTION - 217 E. MAIN ST. - BORING

J. Elliott moved to approve the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that permission for the borings requested by Foundation Design in the Village Right-of-way adjacent to 217 East Main Street be authorized subject to the Village of Palmyra being named as additional insured on the contractors insurance and the verbal approval of Charles Ackerman, Acting Code Enforcement Officer."

Seconded by Fred Celentano. All members voted "aye" - Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Ann Guest moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 p.m. Fred Celentano seconded. All members present voted "aye" - Carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry K. Elvin
Deputy Clerk

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