

**VILLAGE OF PALMYRA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING**

January 3, 2000 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Wilson, Trustees DeVogelaere, Trustee Salomon and Roy McMaster. Absent: Trustee Celentano, Trustee Gunkler.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

SEWER PLANT UPGRADE: Mayor Wilson extended a Happy New Year to all in attendance and explained we would be following a different order than what was shown on the agenda. He explained that Roy McMaster was here to advise the Board members on the different options available for financing the upgrade to the sewer plant. Mr. McMaster distributed the spreadsheets to the Board, extras went to the public. The estimated project cost will be \$1.2 million. According to Local Finance Law, projects such as this may be financed over a 40 year time frame. This is not something he would recommend, at the 25 year mark, the interest rate grows enough as to make it counter-productive.

His recommendation would be to use \$400,000 out of the Capital Reserve Sewer Fund, then bond the remaining \$769,000. Using a 6.8% interest rate (realistically the Village should be able to get a much better rate) the total annual debt service would approximately \$80,000 which would decrease to approximately \$70,000 per year at the 10 year mark and about \$60,000 per year at the 15 year mark. Right now the Village puts \$70,000 a year into the Capital Reserve Sewer Fund. Mr. McMaster recommended that the Village should use this \$70,000 to reduce the annual debt service of the bond. The remaining funds could be raised by increasing the sewer usage rate or the minimum amount. Mayor Wilson said the Board would rather use the fund balance to offset the cost instead of raising any rates. Mr. McMaster was unaware that one of the reasons for the sewer plant upgrade, is the fact that in the future there will be an increase in users (from the new sewer project on Division Street). It would be helpful to get him some rates and estimates of the increased flows - it should make a difference with the numbers.

If a bond resolution were passed at the next Board meeting, it will take about two months before the funds would be available. Prior to the bond resolution, the village must also do a SEQR form and hopefully from that file a Negative Declaration. The bond resolution is subject to permissive referendum which takes 30 days. After that a Notice of Estoppel is published which has a 20 day waiting period.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Trustee DeVogelaere, second by Trustee Salomon to approve the minutes from December 20, 1999. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS: The following correspondence has been received and is on file at Village Hall:

1. **Budget Transfers:** Mayor Wilson noted that all department heads are receiving budget updates on a regular basis now. As a result of these, Chief Bruening requested that the following transfers be made:
\$1500 from A3410.423 Auto Gasoline to A3410.4 Misc. Contractural
\$2000 from A3410.427 EquipRepair/Mainten. To A3410.2 Equip/Cap. Outlay
Mayor Wilson moved to approve the budget transfers as requested by the Chief. Second was made by Trustee Salomon. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.
2. Notification from Time/Warner re. Franchise renewal and invitation for public comment.
3. Copy of the 1998 Federal Budget.
4. Mayor Wilson announced that Village Hall will be closed on January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Day. The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 18th.
5. Follow up letter from NYS Comptroller. On a related matter, Mayor Wilson recommended that the Village seek bids on having an independent audit done. He had hopes that he would be able to work it in but it looks like that's

not going to happen. It was suggested that we should ask Roy McMaster to give us a quote.

6. LaBella Associates have sent copies of all their correspondence with NYSOPRHP. It looks like NYSOPRHP has conditionally approved the Canal Street project.
7. Site plan for the Aldrich Change Bridge in it's final resting place - Aqueduct Park.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee DeVogelaere reported that work is proceeding at the Park & Club Rooms. Tucker Drywall should start soon. There will be some additional costs for the lights. It was felt it was prudent to use the covered lights versus the open ones.

Trustee Salomon reported that the new water transmission line will be put into service tomorrow, January 4 - a voluntary order for water conservation has been published in the D & C. It will take about 12 hours to tie it in. During this time, the Village will be supplied by the water tower. The Village has received an approval of completed works from NYS DOH for the Willow Street water main replacement as well as an approval of plans for the water supply lines for the Canal Street project.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

RECONSTRUCTION RT. 31/21: The Board discussed correspondence from Wes Alden, project design engineer for the Rt. 31/21 project. As a result of discussions with Mr. Williamson, the State is proposing to stop the on-street parking along Route 31 at Park Street, not Throop Street as originally proposed. It will mean the loss of six parking spaces. The Board agreed that no one parked there anyway. Motion by Mayor Wilson, second by Trustee Salomon to approve of this recommendation as submitted by the State and to notify Mr. Alden. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

The Village has also received correspondence from Mr. Robert Wrona, Assistant Right of Way Agent. It looks like the State will need to obtain a permanent easement from the Village for a piece of property on East Main Street due to the Rt. 31/21 reconstruction project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Mayor Wilson to close the public session at 7:35 p.m. and enter into executive session for discussion of a personnel matter. Second by Trustee DeVogelaere. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to re-enter public session and adjourn at 8:50 p.m. by Trustee Salomon, second by Trustee DeVogelaere. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch
Village Clerk