

Regular Meeting

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4/15/85

BOARD APPROVAL 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Warner H. Strong; Trustees R. Rolland, J. Elliott & J. Vrubel.

Moment of Silence: Mayor Strong called for a moment of silence prior to conducting the Budget Hearing.

Budget Hearing: At 7:09 p.m., Mayor Strong called the meeting to order and req. that the Clk. read the "Legal Notice" advertising the Budget Hearing for the Village of Palmyra, 1985-86, for 7:00 p.m., 4/15/85. Mayor Strong reviewed - tax levy, ~~\$506,184.~~; tax base ~~\$42,090,240.~~; last yr.'s tax rate - ~~\$10.99~~/this yr.'s ^{proposed} ~~\$12.03~~; Gen. Fnd. approp., ~~\$951,946.~~; Fed. Rev. Shrng. ~~\$12,03~~; ~~\$28,010.~~; Water Fnd. - ~~203,169.~~; Swr. Fnd., ~~\$263,984.~~; Sp. Assess. - ~~\$8,680.~~ - Total of all fnds. - ~~\$1,455,789.~~ The Mayor pointed out that Fed. Rev. Shrng. will not be available and asked for questions frm. citizens. Discussion on going over budget line items - Mrs. L. Lynch said that people work/can't come in when office open to inspect budget. Several citizens appeared to be 'disgruntled' because copies were not available; Village Law section quoted Mrs. Lynch asked if Village in 'dire straights' because of past money problems/other Bds. had not used funds properly? The Mayor said that a "Fund Balance" is non-existent and when asked why he said that expenditures of Vill. Hall renovation & Vienna St. Reconstruction Proj. were cause. Mr. J. Rigney asked the Mayor if he had prepared a "budget statement/budget message."

Former Mayor M.L. Wilson asked to speak about allegations appearing in newspaper re financial plight of the Village/said she took exception. She spoke of yrs. on Vill. B./bringing Donegan Assoc. in to assist with Vill. finances; she felt then a valuable resource - didn't feel they would let this happen to Vill. While a member of Vill. Bd., she said that taxes were not raised in six yrs./lowered twice; good investments made during that time - CD's - 16%/set money aside for future - fire equip./water fnd. Did not need money - Cty. Bd. of Supervisors raised assessments; unemployment was on the rise; sales tax quadrupled. St. Aid per capita; set up reserve acct \$20,000. remaining when she went out of office/not a lot but more than when she went in office. She spoke of 100 units of sr. cit. housing which did not cost Vill.; Firehse. cost Vill. \$13,000.; \$65,000. - UR seed money - went to Community Ctr. - as did Fed. Rev. Shrng. - gym was combined efforts of everyone; Vill. did assist with \$40,000. to complete bldg. The former Mayor spoke of rehab. program downtown, i.e. sidewalks, parking, trees, etc. in which merchants shared cost. She spoke of costs of Vill. Hall renov. & Vienna St. - cost to hav jobs done right; low bid for Vienna St. - \$403,000./bonding - she summed up by saying that she was proud of 'that' administration/inherited problems, too/rolled up sleeves and did something about it. She said during her adminis., never had third police car.

Mr. J. Rigney asked about \$20,000., justifying 13% increase; Trustee Rolland felt would close out at 13% - Pol. Chf.'s recommendation to have 24-hr. police coverage - 5 F-T/2 P-T; Village seemed to want 24-hr. coverage - cut in P.D. will save lot of money; decrease in sales tax last year; decrease in

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investments; last couple of years haven't been the best. Mrs. E. Hartnagel asked about 'free' copies of budget. Atty. J. Nesbitt said that she had borrowed his copy last year; Mr. J. Rigney, speaking to Mayor, said that he was 'empowered to provide copies' if he so desired.

Pg. 6 - Gen. Fnd. Tax Rate Analysis was referred to by Mr. J. Rigney - 'Gen. Govern. Support' or 'Transportation' - what is 'transportation? Pg. 11 and middle of Pg. 12 in Budget Bk. - street maintenance, snow removal, st. lighting, sidewalks, off-st. pkg. - amt. of \$59,280. - covers equip. & cap. outlay - Mr. Rigney wanted explanation. It was explained that some of these monies tied in by Donegan to cover Vienna St. Proj. - \$60,000. adjustment if one takes out Vienna St. Mr. Rigney asked did not bonding cover Vienna St. and was told by Mr. Rolland that already purchased/cannot chng. debt limit. \$285,000. for bonding - out of Gen. Fnd. - cost over-run. Mr. Rigney asked there is a package put together to show what Vienna St. did cost taxpayers? The Mayor said that it is being worked upon at this time; problem with engineer/challenging dollar amt. - may have legal hassle. Contractor pd. off, accord. to Mayor. Treas. will put pkg. together. Mr. Rigney asked where reflected in budget to pay off Vienna St./Pg. 8 Gen. Exp.; chng. \$34-35,000.; Chngs. '84-85 estimates \$132,000., reason being for the jump, Vill. Hall renov./Vienna St.

Mr. Rigney asked about Pg. 6 - Cultural & Recreation; Res. for fire equip; Cap. Res. for sts. - "Interfund Transfers" - and was told collected frm. taxes for streets/reg. operating budge for streets/day-to-day operation. Mr. Rigney asked about contingency; Mr. Rolland said that \$4,000. going to HR6 - Cap. Res. for St. Rehab. & Rpr - \$135,300. in that Cap. Res. Fnd. for streets. Re Cap. Res. for Fire Equip. and additional money for new truck, the Mayor said bal. exists of \$78,540.; \$5,911. int. earn. & \$18,939. Fire Cont. Mr. Rigney asked what Bd.'s plans for streets; inf. that Foster/Stafford Sts. need repair. Mr. Rigney inquired further about Cap. Res. for Fire Equip.; inf. that money frm. Town Cont. put in reserve for equip. at end of yr., then transferred. Mr. Rigney said fire equip. fairly new; inf. by Trustee Elliott that ~~it~~ is projected new truck needed in 1990. Short disc. about placing Town money in operating budget. Mayor made ref. to Pg. 55 in Budget Bk. "Equip. List. and Replace. Plann. Guide." Mrs. Lynch, ref. to Bdg. Wkshop., asked about cutting F.D. \$10,000. The Mayor said cut from \$28,939. to \$18,939. Mr. Rigney ref. to Pg. 11/Gen.Fnd. - F.D. \$2414. and was told that amt. pd. to mechanic; only changed Cap. Res. Fnd. Mr. Rigney wanted to know where the \$10,000. went and was told in the Gen.Fnd/ covers all depts. Mr. Rolland pointed out that Vill. "didn't take"/"just never went there." Re Sewer Bond, Treas. said until 1990.

Mrs. M. DeNeef wanted to know what Police Dept. would cost and was told by the Mayor "less than \$200,000./\$190,000." Disc. on no. of policemen and salaries; Mrs. Lynch reiterated One Chf./One Dpty.Chf./two Patrolmen - hearing abolishing Pol. force on which Bd. voted; Bd. abolishing budget for them/is that not the same thing? Mayor said that Bd. would not be

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filling S. Rockefeller's position; rec'd resignation ^{*}frm. Kevin Schneider; Mrs. Lynch asked about Pol. Clk.'s position - will she be inf. - told by Mayor that she would be after budget adoption. Mrs. E. Hartnagel, re P.D. Budget, questioned figures - contained more benefits than wages - Mrs. M. DeNeef interjected that Vill. still doesn't have Highway Foreman; always have had one. Mr. R. Bender posed questions re portions of budgets which he did not understand/didn't follow; Bd. attempted to explain that in some areas, heretofore, proper codes were not always being charged for wk. being done; Bd. attempting to do this in new budget. Explanation re street lighting - \$5,000. increase projected for st. lighting - \$48,000. up to \$53,800. Inc. in ins. - Mr. Rigney wanted to know where same was reflected/inf. by Treas., Pg. 10 "unallocated ins."

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Mr. Rolland spoke of amt. expended in "parks"; pulling personnel bk. from Highway early/elaborated on no. of personnel and areas for which they are respons. - Village Park, Towpath, Vienna St. Pk., Canal St., Shore Prop., misc. islands around Village; landscaping around Vill. Hall & Park Dr. Pk./Market St. Mr. Bender asked Bd. if they had projected wrong/where taken frm. before; proper code placement was reiterated; Mr. Rolland spoke of over-expenditures in all depts. & getting contingency in line. Mr. Rigney asked about Gen. Fnd. appropriation variance from yr.-to-yr./Pg. 12, total category 5410/1, 2, 3 & 4 has inc. 20%, why? Told strt. lighting, incr., misc. & contractual - "catch-all", according to Mr. Rolland - specifically labor or equipment-- \$6367. - labor; sidewalks, covers curb replacement, cement, tool wood forms, asphalt - all materials required to do the job. - .4 category. Mrs. Hartnagel, referring to Pg. 52, asked about budgeting for four policemen/budget does not show it. Bd. reviewed budget; agreed Donegan Assoc. had to have dropped one Patrolman. Disc. on taking out of "contingency". Referring to Pg. 26, Mr. Rigney asked about "contingency" acct. F1990./water fnd. jumps from \$8888. to \$26,763. Treas. said that one would keep 10% of budget; disc. on cost for new water tower - \$800,000 Bd. again explained re placing expenses where they belong. Re Pg. 27, Bd. said they were not proposing to transfer any money to Cap. Res. Water Fnd. Donegan's had felt increase in rates would cover; Bd. disc. on reducing contingency to cover the mis calculation in P.D. Mrs. Lynch asked if Clk. gets \$13,700. gross salary with apt. Short disc. Mr. Rigney asked about Pks. & Recreat. - \$100. for planning. /N.Y. State Planning Fed. Amt. of \$2500. disc. re not replacing Trustee; further discussion on dumpster - Mr. Rigney questioned amt. of \$4,000. Mr. Rigney questioned amt. budgeted for trees; disc. on ice skating rinks/liner in Cemet. Pk. ruined. Mr. Rigney indicated that he approv. of things for youth in budget, asking about big jump in "library"/what is meaning of "other than Village"; the Mayor spoke of expansion proposed for Library. Mr. Rigney asked about Pg. 13 - Hist. Soc.; Towpath; disc. on "giving" to Cty. old Erie Canal bed going up to Pk. Disc. on "Celebrations" - "Revitalization"/cost of Christmas Pty./Flags/Christmas Lts. Jnt. Youth Prog./J. Campbell's salary - Mrs. Lynch stated that CC Bd. places his salary/employee of the Vill. on Contract to CC

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- Budget Hearing Cont'd: Further budget disc. included appropriations, Gen. Fnd, estim. revenues/non-property tax items; utilities/franchise fees / reduc. of sidewalks replaced; Fire Cont. with Town of Palmyra (\$26,000. to \$28,000.); Youth rec. proj. in amt. of \$15,000. -portion that Vill. gets back frm. Tn.; interest and earnings disc. - plans to rent out Mayor's Office/Courtroom reflect. in this budget - Mayor inf. citizens that it is not; fines & forfeitures questioned - Judicial process accord. to Mayor - down - more law abiding society; interfund transfers quest./ value of P&C Apt. - Mr. Rigney spoke of luxury apts. advertised in area; Mayor said lower salary pd. to individual occupying apt./other more senior employees chose not to live there/always occupied by Vill. employee. Mrs. Lynch said used for Comm. Ctr. at one time; W&WW Supt. is always on call - his hous. allow. \$40.00 p.wk. - \$25.00 for P&C. Quest. asked if taxes pd. Mayor said benefit to Vill. to have someone occupy apt./cuts dn. on vandalism - Bd. decision last yr. for Clk./mid-70's Bd. decision to have Vill. occupy.
- State Aid quest. - two payments lft. this yr. accord. to Mayor re Rev. Shar. Investing quest./Mayor said that Donegan Assoc. wks. with Vill. Treas/quest. re local bnks. /Treas. said Vill. wks. with five banks in area. Bd. to take \$19,677. out of contingency re Patrolman/P.D. Budget.
- Hearing Closed: At 9:10 p.m. Trustee Elliott moved that public hearing re Vill. Budget for 1985-86 be closed; Trustee Vrubel seconded. All voted "aye," carried.
- Trusteeship: Re former Trustee S. Hays' position, Mayor Strong stated his request for Vill. Bd. support his appt. of Mr. Jack G. Churchill, 259 Vienna St., to complete Mr. Hays' unexpired term (1986). Mr. Rigney asked Mr. Churchill's political affiliation; inf. that he was a "Republican" by Mayor; Mr. Rigney said that it was a democratically-elected position. Minutes
- 3/20/85 Minutes: Trustee Rolland noted correction to 3/20/85 Bd. Mtg./of public hearing re Loc. Law #3, 1985, indicating that the Mayor called for a ten minute adjourn. prior to 9:36 p.m. hearing closing (Pg. 2, 2nd paragraph). Clk. so noted correction. Mr. Rigney asked about complete transcription of said hearing - why was it taken; Mayor spoke of cost; Mr. Rigney said he would like transcript for study allegations re prev. Bd./filed "Freedom of Inf." req./should be under official Minutes; Mayor said transcript would not be called for; Mr. Rigney said Bd. would see him in Ct./will take matter to Ct. Mrs. Saxman's \$54.50 chq. - cost without transcript, disc. Re 3/20/85, Trustee Rolland motioned that Minutes be accepted with corrections; Trustee Elliott seconded. All voted "aye," carried.
- 3/4/85 Minutes: Trustee Rolland suggesting tabling 3/4/85 Bd. Mtg. Minutes for further review.
- 4/1/85 Minutes: Trustee Rolland moved that Bd. accept 4/1/85 - Annual Organizational Mtg. Minutes - Trustee Vrubel seconded. All voted "aye," carried.
- 4/3/85: Budget Wk.Session Minutes - tabled until nxt. mtg.

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- Budget Adoption: Trustee Elliott read resolution, attached hereto, moving Vill. Bd. adoption of Village Budget for 1985-86; Trustee Rolland seconded. All voted "aye," carried.
- Committ. Rpts.: Trustee Elliott, re ZBA Hrngs., said that ADP, W. Main St. approved; re recommended change in Zng. areas & request frm. Mr. J. Provoost of Newark in hands of Planning Bd. Atty.
- Trustee Elliott: Nesbitt interjected that Messrs. R. Stanton & H. Contant want to be pt. of re-zoning. ZBA Hrng. re multiple dwellings on W. Foster St. postponed until 5/14/85. Question on ownership of prop.
- Bd. disc. on public hearings re "Noise Control"/"Peddlers' Permits"; Trustee Elliott motioned tabling until nxt. mtg. (5/6/85); Trustee Rolland seconded. All "ayes," carried.
- Library: Palmyra King's Daughters' breaking grnd. on their expansion on 4/16/85.
- W&WW: Accord. to Mr. Elliott, break in raw water line in Tn. of Manch.; Highway/W&WW repaired 4/15/85.
- Trustee Vrubel: Accord. to rpt. rec'd frm. Mr. Fisher, six complaints rec'd; complaints of dogs barking - not of dogs running.
- Trustee Rolland: Hiring JPTA - Jobsite - workers still under review. Re "May Cleanup", Mr. Rolland moved that Bd. set 5/11/85 through 5/27/85 - dumpster co. to be designated - this would include three weekends/two wks./would include Sats./Suns. - 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Trustee Vrubel seconded. All voted "aye," carried.
- Mr. Rolland reiterated re Jobsite wkrs. - Act. Highway Supt./C&P Supt. - to rec. Mr. Rolland stated that quote rec'd frm. Wright Disposal Co. re weekly pickup when Tn. Dump closed.
- W&S Arrears: "Legal Notice" read re adding delinquent W&S bills to taxes; Trustee Elliott so moved; Trustee Rolland seconded. All voted "aye," carried.
- F.D.: Bd. voted, upon a motion by Trustee Rolland, seconded by Trustee Elliott, to rescind prior motion re "Mini-Pumper" and re-bid; All voted "aye," carried. Mayor explained that engine manufacturer for Gen. Motors no longer makes product as prev. advertised. Bid opening 7:30 p.m., 5/6/85.
- P.D. Resign.: Mayor said that P.D. Patrolman Kevin Schneider had tendered his resignation, effective 5/15/85; brings P.D. fee. to four. Trustee Elliott moved acceptance of said resign.; Trustee Vrubel seconded. All voted "aye," carried. Letter to Mr. Schneider. Mayor Strong said he was working with Chf. to appropriately mark all patrol cars/3rd car to be placed in auction on 5/18/85 in conj. wth. Town.
- Fairgrnds: Mayor to meet with Fairgrounds' Atty., D. Fox. Dumpsters movin horse manure; if cleaned up would recommend functions.
- Vouchers: Trustee Rolland moved that Mayor be authorized to sign Abstract #21 in amt. of \$26,609.82 - vouchers to be pd. on which appear initials of at least three Trustees. Trustee Vrubel seconded; all voted "aye," carried.
- Elec. Inspec.: Election Inspectors' terms for 4/1/85 to 3/31/86 - Mrs. D. Mansk Mrs. N. O'Brien, Mrs. Karen DeMistry & Mrs. Jane Bender - motioned by Trustee Elliott; seconded by Trustee Rolland. All "ayes," carried.
- Veterans: The Mayor said that Bd. should send letters to Assemblyman Talomie to support legislation re income tax credit re veterans' exemptions.
- Insur.: Short disc. on ins./Mayor review. with present carrier. Re NYSARHO membership for \$275. p.yr./Bd. agreed not to join.
- Adjourn.: At 9:55 p.m., Trustee Rolland moved adjourn., there being no further business to come before the Bd.; Mayor Strong seconded. All "ayes," carried.

Trustee J E moved adoption of the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Palmyra has prepared a budget for all funds, including General, Water, Sewer, (Federal Revenue Sharing) and Debt Service, and

^a WHEREAS, /public hearing has been held relative to the proposed expenditures and anticipated incomes, and

WHEREAS, the 1985-86 Budget was adopted at a Village Board Meeting on April 15, 1985, in which it was resolved that the Tax Rate for the ensuing fiscal year of June 1, 1985, to May 31, 1986, shall be \$12.03 per thousand of Assessed Valuation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the prerogative of the Board of Trustees to set salaries of appointed persons, which salaries shall be set forth as follows: according to the schedule of

Budgeted 1985-86 Salaries

Highway Supt. (open)	_____	or	_____ %
Water & Wastewater Supt., Harold Kruger	_____	or	_____ %
Cemetery Foreman, Roger Weaver	_____	or	_____ %
Village Clerk, Ethel B. Johnson	_____	or	_____ %
Village Treas., Phyllis Dickinson	_____	or	_____ %
Deputy Clerk, Darlene Matteson	_____	or	_____ %

Trustee R. R. seconded adoption of the foregoing resolution.

Roll Call Vote - _____ Mayor
 _____ Trustee Vrabel
 _____ Trustee Rolland
 _____ Trustee Elliott

Resolution unanimously adopted; Carried by majority

cc: Rolland
Johnson

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Roll

Trustee Rolland seconded adoption of the foregoing resolution.

Roll Call Vote -

<u>aye</u>	Mayor
<u>aye</u>	Trustee Vrabel
<u>aye</u>	Trustee Rolland
<u>aye</u>	Trustee Elliott

Resolution unanimously adopted; Carried by majority