

The following notes were taken by Village Clerk regarding Local Law #3, 1985, to abolish the Police Department of the Village of Palmyra, pursuant to Section 8-800 of the Village Law of the State of New York, for which "Legal Notice" was published in the Village's official newspaper, the Courier-Journal, on March 6, 1985, for hearing to be conducted at 7:00 p.m., March 20, 1985.

Court reporter, Mrs. Helena Saxman, of Williamson, New York, was engaged by Village Board to record hearing (verbatim); option of Village Board to request transcript.

Board members present: Mayor Warner H. Strong, Trustees John Vrubel, James Elliott; Richard Rolland and Village Atty., John B. Nesbitt, Esq. Representing the Village's financial consultants - Bernard Donegan Associates, Inc., of Victor, New York, were Messrs. Roy McMasters and Mark Wagner.

At the outset, the Board convened in the Trustees' Room of the Village Hall, 144 East Main Street; at 7:00 p.m. and upon a motion by Trustee Elliott, seconded by Trustee Rolland, the Board adjourned to the Palmyra Firehall to conduct the hearing. All voted "aye," carried.

The Mayor requested that citizens contain their questions/comments to three (3) minutes, after stating name and address; if more than one question, please go to front of room where a public address system had been set up. The Mayor went on to explain the financial problems exist in the Village of Palmyra - P.D. major expenditure/looking at all departments/areas which might be cut in 1985-86 budget. Mr. McMasters, by lantern slide presentation, showed charts/breakdown of projected expenditures along with "dollar-and-cent" amount supported solely by tax levy. Amt. to run Gen. Fund only - \$997,530 - if supported solely by Real Property Tax - cost would be \$23.70 per thousand. Breakdowns included: \$135,663. reg. by State; Insurance - \$44,500.; Contingency - \$60,000.; P.D. - \$222,308; Fire & Safety - \$43,269.; Transportation (Streets/sidewalks) - \$205,740. (State Aid available in transportation area); Cultural & recreation (Health, contributions to Library, youth) - \$78,000.; Home & Community Service (Planning/ZBA) - \$80,315.; Fringe benefits for all employees (retirement, medical, S.S.) - \$49,000.; Indebtedness - \$44,000.; Funds going into reserves for purchase of equipment - \$32,900.

Money comes from...Real Property Tax - \$559,768.; Sales & Util. tax - \$123,000.; Interest earnings that Village has invested - \$15,300.; Fire Prot. From Town - \$28,939.; Fines, etc. - \$14,000.; Cemetery Trust Fund - \$28,000.; Sexton Trust Fund - \$30,000.; State Aid - \$94,544.; CHIPS, etc. - \$24,730.; Fund Balance - \$79,249./ nothing next year, 1986-87; Salaries - P.D. - \$141,493.; Misc. Contractual expenses - \$23,000.; Employee benefits - \$42,146.; Insurance - \$6,500.; with alternative Pol. service - \$170,000.; savings of \$52,000. Mr. McMasters disc. various percentages in tax rate - as questions arose from citizens, among which were: John Clancy, 324 Hathaway Place; Louis DeGloma, 122 Hyde Parkway; "Shorty" Boisvert, WACK Radio; Mrs. Margaret DeNeef, 19 Aldrich Dr.; Fred Trowbridge, 402 Vienna St.; John Rigney, 245 Canandaigua St.; Jack Jones, Reporter/Roch. D&C: Chuck Lyons, Reporter C-J; Fred Goulden, 108 Stafford St.; Joe Suhr, 10 Aldrich Dr.; Chuck Denosky, 314 Clairmont Pk.; Cindy Surline, 313 Hathaway Place; Elaine Hartnagel, 445 Stafford St.; Jane Bender, 325 Hathaway Pl.; Esther Eggert, 310 Vienna St.; Ed Taychert, 415 Stafford St.; Jim Cook, 106 Hyde Parkway; Shirley Black, 141 W. Foster St.; Ginny Waite, 111 Throop St.; John Bruening, 215 Vienna St.; Pam Lawrence, 219 E. Jackson St.; Harold Morrell, 222 Fayette St.; Lois Lynch, 413 Fayette St.; Rosemary Camblin, 344 E. Foster St.; Gary Hack, 145 Cuyler St.; Irwin Porter, 119 Carroll St.; Millie Lynch, 214 Stafford St.; Dave Taylor, 228 W. Jackson St.; Janice Forman, 134 Fayette St.; Elwood Verbridge, 409 W. Jackson St.; Chuck Collie, 121 E. Charlotte Ave.

At 9:36 p.m., Trustee Rolland moved that the hearing be closed; Trustee Vrubel seconded. All voted "aye," carried. Mayor Strong called for a motion regarding the adoption of Local Law #3, 1985; Trustee Rolland motioned that the Village Board adopt Local Law #3, 1985, to abolish the Police Department of the Village of Palmyra, pursuant to Section 8-800 of the Village Law of the State of New York; he also included in his motion that the Village Board waive the requirements for a Permissive Referendum under Section 8-800, setting a date of April 16, 1985, as the date for the Permissive Referendum to be held. Trustee Elliott seconded. Short discussion followed; Roll Call Vote requested by Mayor - Trustee Elliott, "nay,"; Trustee Vrubel, "nay"; Trustee Rolland, "nay," and Mayor Strong voted "nay," following which he announced the unanimous rejection of Local Law #3, 1985, to abolish the Palmyra Police Department.

Meeting disbanded.

Ethel B. Johnson, Clerk

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