

VILLAGE OF PALMYRA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Special Meeting

4/29/91

7:00 p.m.

Present: James G. Elliott, Mayor; Trustees Charles D. Gilmore, Daniel E. Wooden, Daniel S. Pope III & Thomas N. Lynch.

Purpose of Meeting:

Mayor Elliott stated that the Special Meeting was established on 4/15/91 during the postponed (from 4/1/91) "Annual Organizational Meeting" - and following the Village's 1991-92 Budget Hearing, also on 4/15/91, for 7:00 p.m., 4/29/91.

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Bike-A-Thon:

Mayor Elliott acknowledged receipt of a request from Mr. Richard Ross, 1991 Chairman of St. Jude's Bike-A-Thon, in which he requested permission of the Board to conduct the Annual Bike-A-Thon on Sat., 5/11/91 in areas of the Palmyra Cemetery as opposed to the high school due to the Cemetery's terrain which would be more of a challenge. Trustee-in-Charge, T. Lynch, did not foresee a problem except if a funeral in which case re-routing could occur. The Board discussed briefly, following which Trustee Gilmore moved permission; Trustee Lynch seconded. Voting "aye" were Trustees Gilmore, Lynch & Wooden & Mayor Elliott. Trustee Pope did not feel the Cemetery a place for such an activity, therefore, he abstained. Carried by majority.

1990-91 Village Budget:

Trustee/Budget Officer Pope explained that necessary to 'move' monies re current budget for which VB authorization needed - stated he will have determined by the next VB meeting amounts to transfer to reserve to reserve accounts, following which Mayor Elliott moved that the VB authorize Trustee Pope and Village Treas., D. Matteson, to make transfers which will be necessary to balance line items in the Village budget - Trustee Pope seconded. Voting was un-animously in favor/carried.

Amateur Radio

Field Days: Mayor Elliott acknowledged a request from Mr. Irv Walter of the Drumlin Amateur Radio Club, Inc. to use the northeast end of the Village Park to conduct their annual field days - the weekend of June 21, 22 & 23/91 (as in 1990). The Board discussed briefly; Trustee Pope moved request approval; Trustee Gilmore seconded. Voting was unanimously in favor/carried.

1991-92 Village Budget:

Trustee Pope, having completed work on the 1991-'92 Budget, distributed copies and pointed out changes in accordance with the Budget Hearing conducted on 4/15/91. He stated that changes shown in 'salary' areas do not represent increases in salaries, however increases in salaries from the current budget result of people actually hired during fiscal year...Hwy. Dept., P-T person in C&P...also re-allocations.. less money put into W&WW...he explained that no effect on fund balance...in most cases the budget proposed for 1991-92 lower than 1990-91, however, not in every case.

Trustee Pope said that Donegan Assoc. uses Lotus system - he completed budget work on Data Base. He reviewed with the VB - Total Government Support (down approx. \$20,000.); Public Safety, \$15,000.; General Appropriations, \$90,000., etc., all of which brings the previously proposed tax rate down from 8.8% to 5.97% assessed \$1,000. valuation. VB discussion, following which Trustee Pope moved adoption of the 1991-92 as presented; Mayor Elliott seconded.

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Mrs. P. Frontuto asked if any summer hiring and informed by Mr. Pope that the VOP would not be hiring and explained those hired, seasonal, P-T, etc. in Hwy. & C&P Depts. Increase in wage rates. Mr. Pope said that employee benefits "up" & Home & Community Services "up." Mr. Blake Duffy asked why charges for Cemetery up to \$3,000.; Mr. Pope said VOP anticipating additional revenue in Cemetery service charges. Making more, per Mayor - reflects income....more people being buried in Cemetery. It was stated that WC sales tax revenue down approx. \$15,000. (collections off) and Mayor promoted shopping in WC. Trustee Pope said that VOP still projecting \$5,000. in CHIPS money. Mr. Blake Duffy asked if all State Aid revenues "a guess" or something behind it? Mayor said in proposed budget no revenue sharing, however, communications went to legislators. Better for VOP to be conservative. Mr. Pope said his concern that the VOP cutting cash "carry-over" from year-to-year to "about a month's worth of bills"....using another \$89,000. in fund balance to keep tax rate down....could use up fund balance....and not have a tax increase...VOP would be borrowing money next year.

Mr. J. Vrubel asked if VOP/Town have dog warden and name and phone no. given - doing a good job...she has been busy, per Mayor. Mr. Vrubel asked could not the skating rink be turned over to Comm.Ctr. to use and maintain - informed by Trustee Lynch that due to weather, rink did not receive much use, therefore, small cost to maintain. Mr. B. Duffy asked about contingency fund ....special items, pg. 3...request year before of \$100,000. Trustee Pope said VOP can legally put into contingency acct. 10% of total appropriations other than debt service. Mr. Vrubel asked when VOP would "go to true assessment" and Mayor said his understanding that the next set of Town taxes would be at full value (they are reassessing); villages would follow by one (1) year. True value, asked Mr. Vrubel - Mayor said "yes, in theory." Mayor went on to explain - figure what values the average home has increased in market value...could build into assessments (Town didn't do - got far behind)...when they go higher, tax rate should drop...some would go up, some would go down depending upon how assessed. Mr. M. Janowski said only true value for one (1) year... he wanted to know 'what kind of shape Village would be in' if no State Aid...will Village 'withstand another hit'....Mayor said by next year Village will have learned how to live with situation...live within income and do so efficiently. Trustee Pope emphasized VOP saturated...no place to increase taxable base and Mr. Vrubel asked about buying property from Town and developing industrial park...he spoke of Macedon's plan....Palmyra headed to be a 'ghost town' - need 'a plan." Considered Stafford previously....can't force them, per Mayor...only leverage would be those who want water (good) and sewer... interest in Bear Hill waned....Mr. Lehman had a sale fall through so, then, did other two. Difficult to get land - annexation - into the VOP... Mr. Vrubel asked about expansion at Swiss Chalet/Salzburg. Trustee Wooden said Swiss Chalet had made a request for a change in zoning. Mr. Vrubel spoke of McDonald's in Macedon....due to Mobil Chemical, per Mayor. Mr. Vrubel said Newark growing also, Palmyra in middle...amoebas absorbing it, he said. Mayor said Town must become more active...Macedon has water in 90% of Town....sewer expanding....Palmyra has not been inclined to do.

Mr. W. Heckman asked capacity of VOP sewer and told it could be doubled - operates @ 50% of capacity, according to Mayor. Residential requires more services....commercial does not require addition on school....Mr. Vrubel asked what occurs if water line break (citing problem on Canaltown Days)....Mayor explained that VOP has existing tie-in with Macedon... VOP simply turns a valve - he also explained that Garlock opened a valve creating a suction - water went past treatment plant....weren't treating what we should have to get up into tank....air pockets in lines, etc. Mr. Vrubel asked about breaks in line between VOP/Canandaigua. Have two (2) days supply, per Mayor....people panic, he said. Trustee Wooden said VOP could use another storage tank on Prospect Hill (present one holds million gallons)...can't do maintenance inside old tank without spare tank. Mr. Heckman asked about more water districts and told of districts which exist now... Manchester, Mormon Hill, etc. Further discussion on water and Town's having hooked up to Monroe - wanted to diversify - more accesses to water....engineer discussed and Mrs. Frontuto, a former Trustee, spoke of disservice said engineer did to VOP.

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Mayor Elliott asked if any further questions or comments regarding the Village's 1991-92 Budget and when there were none, he polled the VB on their votes on said budget: Voting "aye" were Trustees Lynch, Gilmore, Pope & Wooden & Mayor Elliott/carried. Mayor Elliott declared the 1991-92 Village Budget adopted - said Budget attached hereto.

Dissolving Village:

Mr. Vrubel asked about the possibility of dissolving the Village into the Town - would rid duplication of many services, etc. Trustee Pope said that Town taxes would be higher and those present discussed some 'pro's and con's' of taking such a measure. Mrs. Frontuto expressed her appreciation for the work done on the budget thereby reducing potential tax increase. Mr. Vrubel asked if any manner by which Town would have to do more for residents. Informal discussion on ways and means re Town/Village working together toward goals for their citizens?????? Suggestion made by Mr. Duffy that Village/Town meet together on a regular basis...special ad hoc mtg. - common ground. VB generally agreed. Trustee Pope said that Villagers would pay considerable less taxes unless a 'special tax district' re street lighting, sidewalks, etc. Mayor felt Villagers wld. see a marked decrease in quality of services they rec'd. Discussion on street lighting. VB generally agreed periodic meetings with Town Bd. a good idea.

Trustee Wooden said discussion in past re combining Town/Village Hwy. Depts. Village buys salt from Town. Mr. Vrubel asked about outsiders buying bulk water - coin-operated. Mayor said big cost to get installed/take forever to pay for itself...did not feel it would be a profitable effort; 'dumping' station exists, he said.

Clean-up:

Mr. Duffy asked if Village would be having "clean-up" day(s) and informed by Mayor that no money exists - Town conducting 6/3-10/91 per reporter, M. Janowski, who attended Town Bd. mtg. prior Thurs., however, Village residents would be 'excluded' according to Town's resolution. Emphasis made that Villagers are 'Town taxpayers'. Trustee Lynch said that VOP did not contact Town specifying if VOP was or was not having clean-up. Trustee Pope VB unsure until 'now' (completion of budget). Trustee Wooden said it was

not an attempt for Town to carry entire burden. Recommendation that Villagers contact individual trash haulers (costs extra).

Burning:

Mr. Vrubel asked if burning in VOP allowable and told by Mayor "No". Village has its own law/State law says that permission from Fire Chief must be obtained. Mr. V. asked about burning in one's garage and told by Mayor, considered a 'contained' fire. Trustee Wooden said his feeling that it could be a 'nuisance' - mentioned that Health Officer might be contacted. Mr. V. asked about leaves...bagged or loose....Trustee Pope said that Hwy. Supt. prefers bags; Trustee Wooden said could be mde. more efficient if limit times of pick-ups...

Drainages:

Trustee Lynch said problem with drainage of property owned by Mr. R. Smith - between Gates & Wash. - catch basin @ edge of property (pipe that runs into storm sewer on street)...plugged...VOP went in from road with sewer cleaner - half-way through a blockage. Mr. Lynch said that when drier, VOP will attempt to complete cleaning out (come back other way). VB discussion on whose pipe - Mayor called Atty. Nesbitt - should be recorded easements - Atty. knows who owns mortgage, therefore, VOP to obtain copy and determine what's there. Trustee Pope felt VOP should not clean out if not VOP-owned....private property...unless an agreement exists, citing problem @ Carriage Stop Restaurant. Trustee Gilmore said he liked the idea and the attitude...agreed if VOP's...where does one stop??? Mr. Smith said Spencer Knapp put pipe in....VOP has cleaned before...Mr. Lynch said flowing into surrounding properties and VOP can fix it. Discussion discontinued until word from Vill. Atty.

Other drainage problem exists in front of Mr. Floyd Potter's property (Birdsall Pkwy.) & Mr. Tom Prittie's. 24" drainage pipe put in all around block by Mr. H. Griffith...he wanted to drain property to sell lots...VOP agreed to maintain pipe...VOP ran basin on Foster St. @ end of Birdsall into subject pipe....Mr. Lynch said he tended to believe that VOP agreed....then should not VOP maintain??? Mayor said he had occasion to be on premises and Mr. Prittie showed him drain tile which supposed to accept water as it runs across...Deagman's took grate off and filled with rocks and dirt....Mr. Lynch said that is section which would drain residents' backyards. Trustee Wooden drew diagram showing area, including Sunset Dr. and explained that residents would like VOP to attempt to flush it out. May be full of roots, per Mr. Lynch; VOP previously replaced pipe in front of Mr. Potter's house...VOP compounded problem said Trustee Wooden when completing Foster St....flows into his (Potter's) basement, per Trustee Lynch. VB discussion - determination that operation would not be a large VOP expense. Mr. Wooden said that VOP would have to hire firm with a "router." VB in agreement.

C&P Supt.'s

Accident:

Trustee Lynch said everyone aware of C&P Supt., Roger Weaver's automobile accident on 4/23/91 on his way to garage in Walworth re repair to VOP truck - and that he would be 'laid up' for some time. His cemetery expertise would be needed from time-to-time and recommended installation of a telephone in his room @ Strong Mem. for which charge is made of \$3.00 per day (VOP would pay only for calls relating to Village business). Discussion - Trustee Gilmore said he would agree if no detrimental effect on his recovery. Trustee Gilmore, then, so moved; Trustee Wooden

seconded. Voting "aye" were Trustees Gilmore, Wooden, Lynch & Pope. Mayor Elliott voted "nay" stating he felt it would place more stress on said Supt. Carried by majority.

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Official  
Newspaper:

Board designation of an official Village of Palmyra newspaper was tabled from 4/15/91 meeting; discussion held on same (letter requests having been received from The Courier-Journal (Palmyra) and The Times (Macedon) - and the Times' latest submission for four (4) months free publishing of legal notices. The Bd. acknowledged that the Times was "doing a good job" and appreciated their generosity, however, Courier a local newspaper; some discussion and Trustee Wooden pointed out that local newspaper a taxpayer.

Mayor Elliott then moved that the VOP retain the Courier-Journal as its official newspaper; Trustee Wooden seconded. Voting "aye" were Mayor Elliott & Trustees Wooden & Pope. Voting "nay" were Trustees Gilmore & Lynch. Carried by majority.

Exec.  
Sess.:

At 8:50 p.m. Trustee Pope moved Exec. Sess. for "personnel" matters with full complement of VB present; Trustee Lynch seconded. Voting was unanimously in favor. Carried.

Reconvene:

At 9:55 p.m. Mayor Elliott moved that the VB emerge from Exec. Sess.; Trustee Pope seconded. Trustee Gilmore having left, the remaining four (4) VB members voting unanimously in favor of reconvening/ carried.

Adjourn-  
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Immediately following reconvening Mayor Elliott moved mtg. adjournment; Trustee Pope seconded. Voting "aye" were Mayor Elliott & Trustees Pope, Wooden & Lynch. Carried.

Ethel B. Johnson, Clerk

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