

VILLAGE OF PALMYRA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

8-3-92

7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor James G. Elliott, Trustees Thomas N. Lynch, Kathleen C. Drews, and C. D. Gilmore. Dept. heads Chief Dalton and P. Retan along with a number of residents were present.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Elliott at 7:05 p.m.

**CITIZEN E. HENRY:** Mr. Henry read the following statement which he than submitted to the VB as follows: We requested to be on the agenda tonight to discuss the water problems on Washington Street. This problem is two-fold, which refers to both the storm system and the sanitary sewer system.

First, let's discuss the storm system:

The manhole located on the west side of Washington Street, on the Ron Smith and Kirchoff property, is inadequate to handle the run-off. This resulted in a large lake flooding peoples' lots, lawns, gardens, and basements (one which had four feet of water). This can be verified by the Palmyra Fire Department which did a very good job.

During this flooding there was a whirlpool in back of Donald Behlke's barn. I know there is a drain-line there because the village dug it up about twenty years ago.

Now let's discuss the sanitary sewer system:

The sanitary sewer manhole is located on the Kirchoff property, with another on the Vandelinder property ont he East side of the street. When the lots were flooded, raw sewage was pouring out of these manholes. This showed up as a large brown spot on the run-off water. On the Vandelinder property toilet paper was floating around. When the water started to recede after several days, you could hardly stand the smell. We believe this is a health hazard. It is still so wet that I can hardly mow my lawn on the north side of the garden.

I called Mr. Kruger and Jim Elliott to come up and look the situation over. I thank them for meeting with me.

We believe there must be a broken tile in the storm line, for there is a three foot sink hole in the Kirchoff blacktop driveway. We would like to know what the village is going to do to correct these situations.

I have been told that the board had been discussing about hiring an engineering firm to look at the whole town's problem. We feel this would take three to five years. We would like the storm sewer problems corrected as soon as possible.

A petition with 45 names was submitted at this time. Mr. Ron Smith furnished the VB with a map of the area that he owns which showed the location of the drain. Mr. Smith suggested that a larger pipe is needed. Mayor Elliott noted that water should drain out of a 4" pipe within two days unless it was broken.

Mr. D. Behlke noted the danger of the sink hole in the Kirchoff driveway since the tenant is blind, and thinks this should be repaired immediately. Trustee Lynch requested that Phil Retan run the sreco through the tile and the VOP look at putting a new pipe in approx. 160'. Trustee Lynch doesn't think this will be too expensive. Mayor Elliott said that if the VOP crews do this work it can probably be afforded this year. First items to be addressed are the driveway at Kirchoff's, check for clogs, and get prices on putting in the new pipe emphasized Trustee Lynch, but noted that it may be a couple of days due to the paving of Main Street.

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Mr. B. Showman mentioned the Gates Street problem of water. Trustee Lynch said that the drain had been cleaned out and blockage was found and is now running ok. Mr. R. Smith mentioned that he had been told by another resident that the problem started when the sanitary sewers were put in and that the VOP dug through the tiles and never repaired them after the sewer was put in. Trustee Lynch told Mr. R. Smith that the VB would have information for the residents by the next VB meeting.

Mr. D. Vandelinder voiced his concern about the raw sewage which overflowed the storm drain. Trustee Lynch explained that the sewer plant was at capacity and the flooding caused the backup not the sewer system. It was also noted that the outlet pipe was too low and Canal too high so the storm drains could not drain. Trustee Lynch noted some plastic items that C. Timerson had checked into which would fit in the storm drains and lessen the problem of overflow.

**SPRING STREET PARKING:** Mr. Cattieu's letter was mentioned and Trustee Lynch stated that it voiced concern about the need for no parking on the south side of the street. Many of the residents noted that the street is narrow and their driveways are short offering very limited parking if company comes. The residents noted that the water plant was quite a distance away from the homes to park. A suggestion was made that a spot be widened near Fayette Street to allow some parking. However, there was a restriction of no parking within 15' from curve at street entrance. S. Smith stated he could not get the snow plow down the street and wanted to see no parking at all on this street. A suggestion from Chief Dalton is that no parking be allowed on the Spring Street from Nov. 1 through April 1 so there would be no problem with the snow plow. S. Smith and Trustee Gilmore stated their concern about emergency vehicle access when cars are parked on the street. Trustee Lynch stated that he would have the Fire Company check the street for emergency access again. Trustee Lynch also said that he would look at making some parking areas at the beginning of the street and no parking at the narrower portion near Smith's and Cattieu's. Trustee Gilmore noted that if people park on VOP property the VOP is not responsible for their vehicles.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Trustee Lynch to approve the minutes of 6-29-92 and 7-30-92 and to table the 7-20-92 minutes, seconded by Trustee Drews, vote, 4 ayes, **CARRIED.**

**OLD CREAMERY:** Testing was done and Mogavero will have the opportunity to clean up the site.

**ANNEXATION OF LEHMAN'S:** Mayor Elliott reported that Mr. Lehman will amend the petition for annexation and submit another petition and map.

Trustee Gilmore questioned the lack of attention to the annexation request of Rolfe Street. Mayor Elliott noted papers received from the residents of Rolfe Street and Bear Hill Drive and a response from the TOP concerning the requirements for a formal petition of annexation. The Mayor stated that there had been nothing else done by the residents.

**EMERGENCY DISASTER MEETING:** Mayor Elliott announced a mtg of the Wayne Cty Emerg. Management Office, Individual Assistance Workshop, Federal Emergency Management Agency which is for officials only as well as Police Chief and Fire Chief on August 27 at 8:45 a.m. for the day. Mayor Elliott noted that those interested should contact the VC and reservations will be made.

**POLICE DEPT.:** Mayor Elliott noted that he had shown the letter of resignation from Sgt. R. Hall to VOP Attorney J. Nesbitt who said that this letter was not legal and would need to be rewritten.

**MACEDON BOAT - MUTUAL AID:** VC reported that a problem had occurred on a mutual aid call to Macedon during the drowning at Swift's Landing. The Macedon boat had been used and a crack resulted. The VOP insurance company endorsement states only an auto is covered yet refers to Gen. Munic. Law Sec. 209-G. The VC is checking with NYCOM's John Galligan, and Attorney Nesbitt to determine if the endorsement is adequate or needs changing. It was also mentioned that the Pal. Fire Co. believes the Macedon Fire Co. has the responsibility of sending personnel capable of operating the equipment properly and that those in the boat did not. Macedon was requested to get an estimate on the boat repair.

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Mayor Elliott requested that all VB members read the report because a vote needs to be taken on acceptance of this report.

**WORK DAY, ED DUNDAS AND CAROL SALOMON:** Mayor Elliott moved to establish a standard work day of 6 hrs per day for E. Dundas, C.E.O. and C. Salomon, Village Justice, seconded by Trustee Gilmore, vote, 4 ayes, **CARRIED.**

**TRUSTEE LYNCH REPORTS; SPRING CREEK:** Trustee Lynch reported that the easements were awaiting a description from the engineer. Also the engineer is working on the specification so the VOP can go out for bid. Mayor Elliott noted that Atty. Nesbitt needs property descriptions from the engineer before he can do the easements.

**VILLAGE HALL ROOF:** Trustee Lynch noted the problems with water and roof leakage and said that Trustee Wooden suggested a metal roof next year. Trustee Lynch believes that a new roof will be needed this year. P. Retan noted that you can see the roof boards. Mayor Elliott asked if we would be wiser to do the front half now. Trustee Lynch will speak to Trustee Wooden.

**CEMETERY:** Trustee Lynch entertained some general conversation about the cemetery. Chief Dalton said that the Wayne Cty Sheriff's are investigating the theft of a number of cemetery urns which have been stolen in the area and transported out of state and country by unknown antique dealers.

**ELAINE HARTNAGEL:** Pictures were shown to the VB concerning flooding in the backyards on Stafford Street. Mrs. Hartnagel noted that the flooding was not a problem until Mr. Drews put in a swimming pool and cut the tiles leading to the creek which provided the drainage for the backyards. P. Retan noted that there is no catch basin and that there is one needed in this area. E. Hartnagel wants to know what can be done to rectify this problem. Mayor Elliott suggested that the home owners could put in tiles and the VOP could put in a catch basin which the homeowners could connect to. P. Retan said that a line is needed to run to Foster Street between the grey house and Drews.

Trustee Lynch will look at E. Hartnagel's problem and see what the possibilities are.

**TRUSTEE GILMORE REPORTS:** Sign for basketball team is just waiting for the Wyn. Cty. Highway Dept.

**TRUSTEE DREWS REPORTS:** Animal Control: Kim Diefendorf will work with Atty. Nesbitt on the new contract with the WCHS. Kim would also like some equipment including (3) cages of various sizes, rabies gloves, dog off, cat off, and ACO leads totalling approx. \$212.75. VB noted that Trustee Drews need only approve the purchases. The TOP will be paying for half of the rabies gloves and the TOP has already purchased business cards, warning tickets, and a rabies shot for Kim. The TOWN's contributions have totalled about \$200. Trustee Drews suggested that the TOP and VOP could work together on many of these related items.

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**HANDICAP RAMP:** Trustee Drews questioned how community service people are used and that the VOP may need to hire someone to complete the ramp instead of using Comm. Ser. personnel. A question also came up by Trustee Drews and Trustee Lynch about the ramp being to code. Trustee Lynch said that he had mentioned this to Trustee in Charge Wooden and he said that the ramp met code.

**WATER CONTRACT WITH HILL CUMORAH:** A motion was made by Trustee Gilmore to authorize Mayor Elliott to sign the current water contract with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, seconded by Trustee Drews, vote, 3 ayes, Trustee Lynch out of room at time of vote. **CARRIED.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Trustee Lynch made a motion to go into executive session at 9:07 for matters of personnel, seconded by Trustee Drews, vote, 4 ayes, **CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Trustee Gilmore to go out of executive session at 9:27 p.m., seconded by Trustee Drews, vote, 4 ayes, **CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Trustee Gilmore to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m., seconded by Trustee Drews, vote, 4 ayes, **CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie J. Hays, Village Clerk