

VILLAGE OF PALMYRA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING

3-16-92

6:00 p.m.

PRESENT; Mayor James G. Elliott, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Daniel S. Pope, III, Trustees C.D. Gilmore, Daniel E. Wooden, Thomas N. Lynch, and Department heads Harold Kruger, Chief David M. Dalton, and Phil Retan.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. with a moment of silence for Mr. James Snyder, President of the Historic Palmyra, Jeff Adriaansen step son of Village employee, Forrest Huff, and Walt Wilcox, Mrs. C. D. Gilmore's Grandfather.

MINUTES OF 3-3-92: Mayor Elliott moved to approve the minutes of 3-3-92 as corrected: Corrections are: Page 1, Citizen Elaine Hartnagel, paragraph 1, change economical development to economic development. Trustee Wooden Reports, PENDING CONTRACTS, change Trustee Wooden noted that Attny. Nesbitt has the pending water contracts to Trustee Wooden will be giving the pending contracts to Attny. Nesbitt. Motion seconded by Dpty. Mayor Pope, vote, 5 ayes, CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER & WASTEWATER DEPT., HAROLD KRUGER

REPORTS: Harold noted that No. 1 pump broke and was not repairable 2-29-92. Local people were being used to remove and replace with the newly purchased pump which took approximately three (3) days. The old pump weighed over 2 ton. Harold has contacted companies that may use the same Model 84 pumps and motors but no one wants. Harold suggests that we get the items into the upcoming auction on May 16, 1992.

On March 23, 1992, Harold, NYSEG, Paul Harrison, H. M. Cross representative will assist in working on the rebates from the new pump motors. It was \$100 per horse power but is now, per Paul Harrison, that we would be getting rebate on both 50 horse power motors which is about \$165 per horse power. The pumps are 95% efficient and in 1 year will be paying for the installation of the valves and pumps and motors with the energy savings alone. Next week Water Plant pump No. 2 will get removed and the new pump and motor will be installed. Cannot use the No. 2 pump, are running on the one (1) new pump now. The vibration from old pump is so bad did cause some outside damage and want to put the installation on the emergency section of 103.4 General Municipal Code Emergency Enactment.

Trustee Wooden asked if H. Kruger had gotten any estimates on costs for installations. H. Kruger noted that the pump and motor weighed 4,600 lbs and Mike Porretta removed the old pump and install the new pump and align it for \$563. There was no price on the motor hook up yet and no estimates were gotten. Harold Kruger noted that he thought the price would be the same for the second pump. Harold noted that the Service Engineer of H.M. Cross was available for the two (2) days of free service and would come back and check out the working installation.

Trustee Wooden noted that he felt a price should be received on the second installation. H. Kruger said that he guessed the price would be between \$500 and \$600 from F. Rush around the same as Mike Porretta's bill \$1,000 at the maximum.

H. Kruger also made note that he would hope that the Board would use the Department Heads wherever possible and not engineers. Use the personnel that are already being paid and not outsiders. Would be about 1/8th of the cost than hiring outsiders.

HEPATITIS B SHOTS; Mayor Elliott reported on the law that went into effect 3-6-92, new employee within 10 days of hire needs to have the shots, already hired employees have until 7-6-92 to receive the shots. Those who are effected are any first responders such as ambulance and police and those fire personnel

who give medical treatment. Ron Hickman, Fire Chief, noted that there were at least 20 members of the FD ambulance and that the M-9 squad (Jaws of life operators). Mayor Elliott asked Fire Chief Hickman to submit a list of names of those on the PFD applicable. Mayor Elliott noted that even though volunteer, those members of the PFD Ambulance and PFD are considered employees of the Village because they are on the Village compensation and the VB votes on the applications of membership.

SURPLUS ITEMS: Bids were opened Friday, March 13, 1992. A motion was made by Mayor Elliott to except the high bidders were as follows: Oak arm chair, \$100 and oak table \$103 Sandra Debottis; (3) T-back oak chairs, \$30, Patricia Schmitt; Gone with the wind lamp, \$150, Carol Sherman; (2) Victorian side chairs, Phyllis Dickinson, \$95; motion seconded by Depty Mayor Pope, vote, 5 ayes, **CARRIED.**

TELEPHONE SYSTEM: The representative from the Telephone Company called today and told Mayor Elliott that the PSC had to change the tariff, becoming effective April 2, 1992, and that Palmyra would be able to get a rollover line for the PD instead of a mileage line to Lyons. Mayor Elliott will get the costs together for the VB.

CROP WALK: A letter asking permission was received from Donald L. Warters, Route Committee, for the Palmyra-Macedon-Farmington Clergy Association presenting the Crop Walk for the Hungry, on May 3, 1992, Sunday. The route walked would be from the Village Park next to the Presby. Church to Quaker Rd, via the Maple Ave. bridge, then west on Quaker and Rt. 31 to Macedon. Returning from Macedon walking East on Creek Road and Route 31 into the Village, completing the walk in the Village Park. In the Village they would walk on the sidewalks and cross Route 31 and 21 at the light. Mayor Elliott moved to accept this proposal and allow the walk to take place, seconded by Trustee Wooden, vote, 5 ayes, **CARRIED.**

PROPERTY APPRAISAL: Mr. Wills from ERA was notified that he had received the job of appraising the strip of VOP property behind the Mogavero property and would have the information to Mayor Elliott by April 1, 1992.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS: Mayor Elliott moved that any present board member and new board members as well as the Village Attorney and members of the Central Office be authroized to attend the meeting March 25, 1992. Motion was seconded by Depty Mayor Pope, vote, 5 ayes, **CARRIED.**

CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER: A letter was received from Dee Skelton, C.P.C. Director concerning "STEPS FOR LIFE", Walk-a-thon on June 6, 1992. The walk would go from one end of the Village to the other end of the Village. Motion was made by Depty Mayor Pope to allow this walk seconded by Trustee Gilmore, vote, 5 ayes, **CARRIED.**

POLICE OFFICER REPLACEMENT: Chief David Dalton requested the need for a police officer to fill the vacancy in his department. He gave his original reasons. Chief Dalton reported that without Jim Hall the VOP was losing. The Chief noted a fire on Main Street, guns stolen in Newark being used in a possible homicide in Rochester and PD being first responders. Chief stated that the VB needs to examine priorities and that the past four (4) years has shown the effectiveness of a five (5) man force. One of the candidates for the position, Chief Dalton noted, would complete school in a month and the other candidate has completed schooling. The Chief noted his concern of someone else hiring these candidates before the VOP making it necessary for the VOP to pay for schooling. Chief Dalton's stated that we shouldn't mess with a sure thing, the PD cannot do the job with less manpower, and there are more gaps all the time.

A motion was made by Mayor Elliott to hire Craig Cummings at 20 hours per week to work with 20 hours school time per week as a Village of Palmyra Police Office subject to Civil Service qualifications. Deputy Mayor Pope seconded for purposes of discussion only. Deputy Mayor Pope asked, why hire C. Cummings before he has graduated from school? Suppose Cummings does not graduate from school. Chief Dalton noted that Cummings is doing well in school now and that he can work in VOP and the VB can see if he will work out. Cummings comes with good recommendations said Chief Dalton, and any employee of the VOP is on a 6 month probationary period to see if they are suitable. Cummings can work on weekends and during the week. Deputy Mayor Pope asked what Cummings school schedule was. Dalton noted Tues., Weds. and Thurs. from 7:00 to 10:30 p.m. It is a night program and part-time. Trustee Lynch stated that he is waiting to see what the budget will allow. Trustee Lynch noted that we have work to do and the VB needs a meeting at the end of the month with the Dept. Heads would help see where we can cut. Trustee Wooden noted that C. Cummings application was dated 3-5-92 when his name was brought before last meeting and asked how the Chief could recommend without an application. The Chief explained that he had done a 36 page investigation on Craig and that the lack of application was a misunderstanding.

Mayor Elliott called the question. Vote: Mayor Elliott aye, Deputy Mayor Pope, aye, Trustee Gilmore, nay, Trustee Wooden, nay, Trustee Lynch, nay. **MOTION DEFEATED. 3-2.**

TRUSTEE LYNCH REPORTS: Mower for the cemetery is at J. Blazey for repairs. It is the Woods mower and will cost \$1,200 to rebuild motor and \$1,500 for new motor. Since Blazey is working on it now Trustee Lynch would like him to continue. Trustee Lynch will check to see if the new engine would be water cooled. Mayor Elliott noted that it soon will be time to have the mower up and running for spring work.

RENTAL OF VOP EQUIPMENT: Highway Superintendent P. Retan received a request from Kevin DuVall concerning rental of the VOP POWER MOLE PUSHER an agreement had been drawn up by Attorney Nesbitt. W&WW Super. H. Kruger noted that any monies received from the rental of this machine be placed back in the W&WW fund since it was the W&WW machine. Chief Dalton noted that H&H Rental was in the business of renting equipment and that when things are damaged it's always after it's brought back and the VOP has used for a couple of days. The VOP would have to absorb the damage. H. Kruger agreed that the VOP should not get into the rental business. Trustee Wooden suggested getting more information on renting equipment with regards to bonding and insurance since we do rent to Towns and other Villages. Mayor Elliott noted that we do rent to other municipalities. Trustee Gilmore questioned if the VOP wants to get into the rental business? Mayor Elliott stated that more research is needed.

BUDGET MEETING WITH DEPT. HEADS: Trustee Lynch noted the need for a budget meeting with the Dept. Heads before the end of the month. All agreed and the date set was March 26th, 1992, Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

REAPPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Trustee Gilmore to reappoint Marcia Robbins as a member of the Planning Board and Peter Wilson as member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to their respective terms, seconded by Trustee Wooden, vote, 5 ayes, **CARRIED.**

FIRE DEPT.: Trustee Gilmore asked if the bill for the paint job on the M-9 truck could come out of contingency? Noted that there was not a problem. No motion at this time. Bill is approx. \$3,300.

Trustee Gilmore noted that the current list for the officers of the Pal. Fire Company had become available and would become effective on April 1, 1992. The list is for the period 1992-

1993. Trustee Gilmore congratulated Chief Ron Hickman for another year in that position and congratulated all officials appointed. Trustee Gilmore moved to accept the new appointment of the Palmyra Fire Company which will become effective April 1992, seconded by Trustee Lynch, vote, 5 ayes, CARRIED.

ABSTRACT #21: Depty Mayor Pope moved to authorize the Village Treasurer to pay all invoices on which appear initials of at least three VB members. Voucher Nos. 888 through 924 totalling the amount of \$31,725.61, seconded by Mayor Elliott, vote, 5 ayes, CARRIED.

SEPARATION OF SURPLUS WATER MONIES: Depty Mayor Pope noted that there was no money to separate.

DOG ORDINANCE: Kim Diefendorf, Animal Control Officer, presented the VB with a proposal concerning the fines for seizure of the dogs with regards to number of offenses 1st time \$25, 2nd time \$50, 3rd time \$75. with boarding being \$5 per day. A proposed fee for seizing cats would be: Any person wanting a cat removed from their premises must pay a fee of \$5 per cat. If the owner is known the owner must then pay the \$5 fee and the caller will be refunded. If owner is not known, caller shall absorb the \$5 fee. All owners of cats that are seized must pay the same \$25 seizure fee as do dog owners. Failure to have a cat immunized for rabies shall result in a fine of \$25. It was suggested by Mayor Elliott that he, Kim Diefendorf, and the Village Clerk to rewrite the entire LL amendment.

PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM ON WATER PUMPS & MOTORS: Trustee Wooden moved the following resolution: "BE IT RESOLVED that a sum up and not to exceed THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$32,000) shall expended from the "Capital Reserve Fund Water Equipment," (HR- for the replacement of (2) pumps and motors and the labor to install same. Seconded by Trustee Gilmore, vote, 5 ayes, CARRIED.

PAL-MAC BASKETBALL, SECTION 5, CLASS B, CHAMPIONS, WESTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONS: Trustee Wooden moved to have the Village Clerk send a letter of congratulations to the players on the Championship Basketball team and the Coach and Assistant Coach wish them well in Glens Falls. Motion seconded by Mayor Elliott vote, 5 ayes, CARRIED. It was noted that at this point the Pal Mac Basketball team is #4th in the State of New York.

Roger Weaver and the Cemetery & Parks department will paint signs. A tentative parade is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday March 20, 1992, when the players are leaving for Glens Falls. Citizen Jim Merrick and Citizen Brad Jacobs will get something going. Village Treasurer D. Matteson will keep tabs on progress.

ASSESSMENTS: Citizen DeNeef complained about her assessment a was directed to the Town. Trustee Wooden noted that he had spoken to Roland Tiffany and Dave Lyon to check properties. Assessment was done by computer.

CITIZEN HARTNAGEL: Elaine Hartnagel brought forth an article from the Kodak newspaper declaring that Trustee C. D. Gilmore performed heroically by pulling a woman out of a burning car.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Gilmore to adjourn meeting at 7:20 p.m. seconded by Mayor Elliott, vote, 5 ayes, CARRIED.

Next regular meeting will be held on April 6, 1992. With special meetings March 24, 1992, March 26, 1992, and March 30, 1992.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie J. Hays
Bonnie J. Hays, Village Clerk