

**VILLAGE OF PALMYRA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
November 20, 2006 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Daly, Trustees Piccola, Celentano, and Hopkins and Attorney Williams. Absent: Trustee Palmer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Daly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Celentano to approve the minutes from November 6, 2006 as submitted. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT: Motion by Trustee Hopkins, second by Trustee Piccola to approve payment of Abstract #6, vouchers 483 through 582 for \$471,525.28. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION:

- DAR Recognition - Good Citizenship Award – Palmyra’s Joshua Ford
- Gift from Sue Slater – framed matted picture of the Port of Palmyra
- Wayne County Jailhouse Museum Open House – Dec. 3rd 1-4 p.m.
- Written permission from DOT to install the pedestrian kiosks on Main, funded by member item from Assemblyman Oaks
- NYS Erie Canal grants: Village awarded \$175,000 for restrooms at the Marina and \$225,000 for terminal wall, located near Rt. 21 crossing of canal

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Trustee Hopkins outlined the events slated for the Canaltown Candlelight Christmas December 1- 3. Friday, Dec. 1st the merchants will be open to 7:00 pm. The tree lighting will take place in the village park at 7:00 pm and candlelight luminaries will line Main St. Saturday, there will be Breakfast with Santa at the Elementary School, followed by horse-drawn wagon rides at 9:00 a.m., and a Treasure Hunt Game from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Santa will also be receiving that morning at the Park and Club Rooms. There will also be craft projects for the kids through 2:00 pm. There will be Mormon carolers performing at the Elementary School and along Main St. Then on Sunday, the Advent Choral concert will be at 4:00 p.m. at the Western Presbyterian Church.

Trustee Celentano reported that the monthly operating report and overtime report for the Water/wastewater departments is in and will be on file at Village Hall.

Trustee Piccola reported that the second round of leaf pickup throughout the village is in progress. T-15 and T17 are all set for winter work. On November 16 and 17th, all the creeks were checked and the grates cleared. Village streets have been swept for the last time until spring. No parking signs have been installed on the north side of E. Jackson St. from Canandaigua to Cuyler. Canal St. driveway aprons and sidewalks will be completed after Hathaway resurfacing, in about two weeks. They are currently working on the driveway aprons and sidewalks on Hathaway.

Trustee Palmer – absent.

Attorney Williams requested leave from the first meeting in December to attend the County Magistrates Dinner. (Board granted) He also submitted the draft of a nuisance abatement local law for Board review before the next Board meeting.

Mayor Daly provided her customary written report. She reported that she attended a conference of the Western Erie Canal Alliance where she found four communities out of five from the county in attendance. There was a discussion about asking NYCOM to consider offering a break out session on Canal related issues at their February meeting. The request will be made once again. To date this request has been turned down, NYCOM stating that it wasn’t sufficiently important.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

DRAINAGE ISSUES: Highway Superintendent Boesel reported on several problem areas in the Village related to drainage. It has been a top priority for the highway crew

this fall especially last week when over 2 inches of rain fell in about an hour. Another problem arises when residents rake leaves into the street, which in turn get washed into the storm sewers and plug them up.

Donna McPike at Muddy Waters had water flooding her basement. There are a number of reasons for this occurring there. Hwy. Superintendent Boesel believes a paved gutter/swale would help to eliminate most of her problem.

Crescent Drive is another area of concern especially for the homeowners on the east side of the street. Supt. Boesel thought maybe another swale here might move the water along better.

The highway has worked on the drainage behind the homes on the south end of Stafford, especially the Quick's home. Fayette Street, just down from the corner at Jackson Street is an area that must be watched constantly. West Foster Street, in front of the Coleman's and Herbst's floods all the time. Supt. Boesel feels that he may be able to solve many of these problems if the Board desires to fund them.

The Board discussed further the problems with flooding of Hathaway Creek. Attorney Williams stated that the creek is only the responsibility of the Village if they want it to be, or if the Village creates the problem which causes the flooding. It does not belong to the Village and our involvement is not required except where it becomes a safety issue on sidewalks and streets. No one seems to know who installed the retaining wall in question or when.

Trustee Piccola and Supt. Boesel will visit each site and determine what should be done, report back to the Board for discussion and contact the property owners. Trustee Piccola hoped that the public will be patient and understand that drainage problems are just a small portion of the work load for the highway department. Trustee Celentano suggested that the Board needs to consider issuing warnings to residents if they put their leaves in the street. Mayor Daly thought it would be a good idea to check into the recyclable paper bags.

PUBLIC: Richard Clayton extended an invitation to the Board to join the tour that he will be giving of the water and sewer facilities to the Fire Dept. The tour will take place on December 10 at 10 am.

WCVOA: The Clerk Treasurer reported briefly on the WCVOA dinner meeting. The guest speaker was Jerry Albrecht from Bonodio Group. The state comptrollers' office will be taking an active role in cracking down on municipalities to put checks and balances in place. We are going to have to review our procurement policy and our purchase order policy. With this in mind, Clerk Lynch will start having the vouchers ready for Board signature on Friday before the meeting. No payments will be issued until the vouchers are signed. Clerk Trickey will be sharing more information by email which will be passed on to the Board as soon as it's available.

TRUSTEE CELENTANO: This being the last meeting for Trustee Celentano, Mayor Daly thanked him for his many years of service to the community and wished him well. The Board similarly offered their congratulations and thanks.

Motion by Trustee Hopkins, second by Trustee Piccola, to enter executive session for discussion of contractual and personnel matters at 8:00 p.m.. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Piccola, to re-enter public session with no action having taken place at 8:20 p.m. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Piccola, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch
Village Clerk Treasurer