

**VILLAGE OF PALMYRA BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING**

April 25, 2000                  6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Wilson, Trustees Salomon, Celentano, DeVogelaere and Gunkler.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

**PEDDLARS/VENDORS:** Mayor Wilson reported on his conversation about the vendors with Village attorney, John Nesbitt. Chief Dalton is the person responsible for determining safety hazards in the Village. Apparently, last year the Village was exposed to huge liabilities when the Board overrode the Chief's recommendation that the vendors during pageant be moved to the Village park. Mayor Wilson asked the Chief for his comments.

Chief Dalton restated his decision of last year - the vendors should be moved to the Village park. It is not a safe situation. No other municipality has a major highway running through it with vendors set up along both sides of the street, not to mention the heavy increased vehicle traffic during this time.

Trustee Salomon disagreed with who is responsible for declaring an unsafe situation.

Thirty six businesses were invited to attend or to submit written comments. Five business owners attended the meeting. Each of them told the Board they wanted the vendors to stay on the street. Many of them reported that last year there was a big improvement but a few residents disagreed. Jack Allen reported that he wasn't convinced that another lawyer wouldn't interpret the local law differently and perhaps the business owners would have to hire one. He feels the vendors were never a problem until it was learned that the business owners were charging for use of the sidewalk. Chief Dalton argued that it has become a problem ever since the remodeling of the Grandin Building.

Mayor Wilson feels that tourists are not drawn to the business district by the vendors but are drawn by the Grandin Building and the businesses themselves.

Mr. Allen urged the Board to find a way to work with the problem and find a long-lasting solution so it will not need to be addressed each and every year.

Chief Dalton agreed to listen to any alternative plan for increased safety. Mayor Wilson suggested that a smaller committee sit down to put a safety plan together and asked for volunteers. Vicky Daly, Jack Allen, Kathy Wooden, Suzy Nickell, Trustee Salomon, Trustee Celentano and Chief Dalton will comprise the committee. They will meet May 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. by Trustee Celentano. Second was made by Trustee DeVogelaere. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch  
Village Clerk