

VILLAGE OF PALMYRA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
 April 21, 2008 7:00p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Daly, Trustees, Palmer, Piccola, Husk and Nolan, Attorney Williams, Richard Clayton, STES, Hwy. Supt Boesel.

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

Mayor Daly acknowledged the passing of Vincent Craft, a good man who made an incredible contribution to the quality of life in the Village of Palmyra and she congratulated Barb Bucknam on being named Woman of the Year by the Palmyra Macedon Lions Club.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Trustee Husk, second by Trustee Palmer to approve the minutes from April 7, 2008 as submitted. Vote, 3 ayes, 1 abstain Trustee Piccola. CARRIED.

ABSTRACT #11: Motion was made by Trustee Husk, second by Trustee Piccola, to approve the payment of Abstract #11, vouchers 857-938, for \$115,078.79. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence has been received and is on file in the office of the Clerk Treasurer:

- Hill Cumorah cast volunteer projects – ideas anyone, Trustee Husk will call the Fire Dept to see if waxing the trucks is a possibility, Mayor Daly suggested having the tree bases along the business district cleaned up.
- Copy of Council on Alcoholism & Addictions Annual Report
- ADF Investigative Services: Compliment to Patty Burditt
- Press release regarding Standard & Poor's rating increase for the Village (to A fm BBB)
- Public Service Commission – notice of hearings on 315 area code
- Announcement regarding Canal Lock hours of operation
- NYCOM – information on the annual meeting in Saratoga Springs.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Husk reported that the cemetery fence has been repaired along Johnson Road. Damage was from neighbor car backing into and over it. Trustee Husk also mentioned that Vince Craft's funeral was a wonderful show of respect.

Trustee Nolan – no report.

Trustee Piccola reported receipt of a nice thank you from a Salzburg resident about the fine job done on the Stafford Street sidewalks. He reported that apparently the lobbying being done by highway superintendents is working – our CHIPS funding will be increased this year by almost \$8,000, from \$35,920 to \$43,659. Brush pick up will begin the first Monday in May and continue every first and third Monday through September. If residents wish they can drop their debris off on Kent Street. There is mulch available as well at the Highway barns free of charge; residents just need a shovel and a container to put it in.

Trustee Palmer reported that STES has also lost one of its crew, Rich Szachta. His replacement will be starting in the next couple of weeks. Also from STES, he reported that the operating report for March is in and available for public review.

Attorney Williams –no report.

Mayor Daly provided her usual written report and mentioned that the seminar she attended at the Arkell Museum was worth the trip. It was sponsored by the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission. The financial impact of public art in communities along the Canal was discussed. It was agreed that a state-wide inventory of resources would be invaluable.

Mayor Daly shared information on two grant opportunities which are outright grants and do not have to be matched. The first one is through the Western Erie Canal Alliance and the Main Street Alliance, three communities will be awarded funding for working with local merchants to improve their marketing skills. There will be one community chosen from Wayne, Orleans and Niagara counties each.

The second opportunity is through the Preservation League of New York. The grants are for putting together a directory/inventory of the municipality's architectures. Motion was made by Trustee Husk, second by Trustee Piccola to support the application and submission of both grants by Mayor Daly. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

SEWER DISCONNECTION: The legalities of allowing a property owner to disconnect from the sewer system was discussed again following a written request from Bob Rider to do so at his building located at 100 Throop Street. The Board would allow his request as long as it is done by a licensed contractor, taken back to the trunk line, inspected by STES, and payment of the same fee and following the same procedure that is adhered to when a connection is made to the sewers.

SPRING VALLEY: Removed from agenda.

NORTHEAST TESTING SERVICE: The Village and Town are currently out of contract with Newport Alliance for our CDL Drug testing that is required by the State. The County has recently switched to a company called Northeast Testing Service. Supt. Boesel has been told that Northeast's pricing is lower. He would like to discuss pricing with our current provider to see if they will match Northeast's pricing. He will report back to the Board.

CREEK RAILING: The Board discussed the railing on E. Jackson Street and what might possibly be done to decrease the opening between the railings. Several neighborhood people have mentioned concern for the safety of their little ones. Supt. Boesel said he would look into it.

ABANDONED BUILDINGS: The Village of Clyde has a policy in place that addresses abandoned buildings. Attorney Williams said what they have in place is legal but does not require a policy in place; it is available through statute. It would take the property off the tax roll until such time that the Village could sell the property.

SURVEILLANCE INSTALLATION: Removed from agenda.

SKATEBOARD PARK COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER: The skateboard park committee will be holding a fundraiser and would like to put a banner up on the park fence. Motion was made by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee to allow the banner on the park railing. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

PALMYRA COMMUNITY CENTER CONTACT: Motion was made by Trustee Palmer, second by Trustee Piccola to authorize the Mayor to sign the Palmyra Community Center contract. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

TAX EXEMPT STATUS/APPLICATION: According to the assessor, anyone applying for tax exempt status for clergy only needs to fill in an application and indicate where he went to divinity school and where he works as a clergyman. None of this has to be verified by a W2. The Clerk Treasurer will get a copy of the application from Elaine Herman and call NYCOM to ask if the Village can have input in the application process.

RESIDENT REQUEST: Judd Roney wrote to request that the Village rename Spring Street in honor of Vince Craft. The general consensus was that although a nice idea it would be better to name a park, garden or monument versus changing the name of the street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by Trustee Nolan, second by Trustee Husk to enter into executive session at 8:05 p.m. for discussion of personnel and contractual matter. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

PUBLIC SESSION: Motion was made by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Nolan to re-enter public session at 8:45 pm with no action having take place in executive session. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

CSEA/SUMMER HOURS: Motion was made by Trustee Palmer, second by Trustee Husk to conditionally approve the change to summer hours starting date providing that the Village receive a written request for the change from the union president, Jim Eckert, on union letterhead, indicating that a vote had been taken and approved of by the union membership. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. If the conditions are met, summer hours may be implemented upon receipt of the letter and can continue through September 23, 2008, for 2008 only.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Palmer to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Vote, 4ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch
Clerk Treasurer