

**VILLAGE OF PALMYRA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
January 3, 2005 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Piccola to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2004 noting the correction to the total for Abstract #7 is \$111,910.74. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

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

- Finger Lakes Water Works Conference- Thurs. Feb. 3rd.
- Budget reports submitted to trustees and department heads for review.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Trustee Piccola noted that the Highway Department made their first sweep of the Village picking up Christmas trees. Any resident can also drop their tree off at the Town/Village Barns. Repair is almost complete to the truck that was damaged along with the sewer flusher. The box has been installed and the truck should be back on the road in about a week.

Trustee Palmer reported that the Buildings and Grounds crew will be taking down Christmas decorations and will also be continuing with tree trimming, some of the tree work is still leftover from the ice storm. Superintendent Weaver would like to see a policy put in place regarding the inappropriate display of flags. Any flags in poor condition will be removed and taken to the American Legion for proper disposal. The Board agreed and asked that this policy be included in the list of cemetery rules and regulations.

Trustee Celentano gave an update on the back flow preventer device at Salzburg Village. After a short discussion, it was agreed that Attorney Williams would send another letter advising them of a new deadline for plan submittal, with a copy to the Mayor. They will have until February 4th to submit something.

Trustee Hopkins reported that the Economic Support Group will have their first meeting of the year this month. They will be meeting on the second Wednesday of the month.

Attorney William – No report.

Mayor Daly provided her customary written report. She asked if the dates for meetings with the department heads would be okay with the Board. The Board concurred.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

ROY MCMASTER, FISCAL ADVISORS: The Board reviewed the Annual Audit report with Mr. McMaster. There was a lengthy discussion about the budget process itself and the benefits of starting with a flat budget then adding high ticket items versus starting with everything the department heads ask for and subtracting from there. Mr. McMaster explained why we should continue with the way we've always done it. The Board ceded to the expert. Mr. McMaster will be inputting department requests next week and will be at the 17th Board meeting for the first budget work session.

CANAL STREET PROPERTY: Mayor Daly suggested that the Board try to sell the vacant lot on Canal Street once again. The last time it was attempted, the Village advertised for bids but received no offers. Motion was made by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Piccola to list the property with a realtor. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. Attorney Williams agreed to research the deed for any restrictions and the Clerk Treasurer was instructed to contact a realtor.

207C POLICY: Attorney Williams has spoken with the Mayor of Newark and they are very interested in sharing the costs of having a 207C Policy written. Mayor Daly will be speaking with Ms. Conrow and will also call Mr. Blandino.

MEDICAL INSURANCE POLICY: The Board reviewed an analysis of medical and dental insurance costs and discussed the Village's current policy along with medical plans available to the employees. No changes will be made to what is being offered.

POLICE GARAGE: The roof in the police garage attached to the Village Hall is leaking. An estimate that has been submitted is over \$10,000 which would require that the work be advertised for bids. The possibility of obtaining bids for an entire garage was discussed as well.

Motion by Trustee Palmer, second by Trustee Piccola to enter executive session at 8:10 p.m. for discussion of possible litigation. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Palmer to re-enter public session at 8:20 p.m. with no action having been taken Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

2005-06 SALARY RATES: Salary rates were determined, most decided by union contract. Union employees will get a 4% raise, 4.5% to non-union and seasonal & part-times will remain the same. These will be given to Mr. McMaster for inclusion in the new budget.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch
Village Clerk