

**VILLAGE OF PALMYRA BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

September 15, 2008                      7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor Daly, Trustees Nolan, Husk, and Piccola and Attorney Williams. Trustee Palmer arrived at 7:10 p.m.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Nolan, to approve the minutes from September 2, 2008 as submitted. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

**ABSTRACT #4:** Motion was made by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Husk, to approve payment of Abstract #4, vouchers #248-#317 for \$124,790.84. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

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

- Thank you to Larry Sprague and Ron Oates for providing and maintaining trash baskets on the trail.
- Enacted Legislation from NYCOM: Information on tax exempt properties to be included in the budget.
- Department of State, Safe Routes to School: Grant application was successful, awarded \$113,783(non-matching) for repair and construction of sidewalks, balance to be used for curriculum teaching the benefits of walking and bicycling to school, the contract will be jointly signed – all those involved with the application will be recognized at that time.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

**Trustee Husk** reported that Supt. Hopkins has submitted his checklist of chores that the crews furnish to the Library, Historic Palmyra and the Community Center. The information will be used at budget time.

The Cemetery '94 Chevy dump truck will not be able to go to auction. Supt. Hopkins will be removing the plow to be sold separately and the truck will be sold for parts/recycling.

Buildings and Grounds worked on preparing for CanalTown Days, completed windstorm clean up, and will soon be designing a tamper-proof bracket for the Marina identification plate.

Trustee Husk has corresponded with the Skate Park's attorney but has not heard back from him yet.

**Trustee Nolan** reported that Celebrations will be running another movie in the park on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>; *The Bee Movie*, rain location will once again be St. Anne's. The Farmer's Market is still ongoing on Saturday mornings and this Saturday the park will also feature the autumn community garage sale.

**Trustee Piccola** reported that the Highway Department worked on preparations and cleanup for CanalTown Days. They have also done street sweeping and windstorm cleanup. The last scheduled brush pickup will be next week. Residents are allowed and encouraged to drop off brush/leaves at the Town Highway facility.

**Attorney Williams** – no report.

**Mayor Daly** provided her usual written report, highlighting that Nancy Bruening was recognized last week for celebrating her twenty years as a school crossing guard. Mayor Daly encourage residents to attend the next Tax Summit meeting in Williamson on Tuesday Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, any changes made with regards to funding will directly impact each and every taxpayer.

Trustee Palmer arrived at 7:10 p.m.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FOUNDATION FEE FOR REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERAN:** Resident Jane Culver explained her reasoning behind a request for

waiver of the foundation charge for the marker on Revolutionary war veteran Israel Parshall's grave. She feels it is the Village's civic duty to preserve and mark graves of all military veterans at no extra charge as is done in all other cemeteries. The staff in the office did a survey of all the cemeteries in Wayne County. Red Creek, Sodus and Wolcott do not have a municipal cemetery; they have a cemetery association that governs their cemeteries and are not governed by municipal rules. Clyde mows a couple of smaller deserted cemeteries and does not have an operating municipal cemetery. Like Palmyra, Macedon charges for all foundations. Newark does not pour foundations, the customer has to have and pay their marker or vault provider to do it. Fairport operates under the same guidelines as Newark. After several comments from the public regarding perpetual care, the Board agreed to look into it further.

**TOWING REIMBURSEMENT:** The Mayor informed the Board that the Police Chief reported to her that the parking lot was posted legally for no parking on Saturday during Pirates Weekend. Fliers were posted on walls and put on windshields of cars. One of the officers also went door-to-door tracking down owners through registrations that they had run. Ms. Lahr's registration had the wrong address on it and the police were unable to track her down through her registration (it said she lived in Williamson). Several Board members felt this was not sufficient notification. Motion was made to Trustee Nolan, second by Trustee Piccola to reimburse the towing fee to Ruth Lahr for \$69.12 Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. Trustee Palmer will contact the other two individuals and let them know the Board is willing to review the circumstances behind the towing of their cars.

**TERMINAL WALL STUDY:** The Board discussed at length the practicality of spending anymore money on either the terminal wall project or the comfort station project until we know if the Village will be receiving anymore funding through grants. There were no funds allotted to either project in the last budget, however, the Village will be able to get credit for in-kind services on both grants. The Board reviewed the expenditures to date and estimates for future costs. The water/sewer lines for the Comfort Station can be taken from the Water/Sewer Funds. Mayor Daly is working on another grant application right now. The reason for the discussion arose from a recommendation from Bob Raeman that the Village needs to complete an archeological survey on the area of the Terminal Wall project and these studies can sometimes take up to 12-18 months. Mr. Raeman recommended that the Village engage the services of Butterbaugh Archeological Consulting for a \$2500.00 fee. Motion was made by Trustee Palmer, second by Trustee Piccola, to expend up to \$2500.00 from contingency for the Archeological Survey for the Terminal wall project (H52), to be awarded to Butterbaugh Consulting as per Bob Raeman's recommendation. Vote, 5 ayes.

As the funds for materials can come from Water/sewer, Trustee Palmer moved to authorize Supt. Boesel to order the materials for the water/sewer installation for the Comfort Station. Second was made by Trustee Nolan. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**VANSCOTT PROPERTY:** The little house next to VanScott's storage building at 319 Canal Street, which is also owned by the VanScotts, has been sold. However, it has been discovered that the back of the structure encroaches on Village property. The easiest way to "clean it up" as suggested by Attorney Williams would be through a license agreement, allowing the building to remain as is; if the house or shed is destroyed for any reason, both would have to be rebuilt in a location that does not encroach on Village property. Motion was made by Trustee Piccola to authorize the Mayor to sign the license agreement as written by Attorney Williams. Second by Trustee Nolan. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**PROCEDURE TO AMENDING ORDINANCES:** After a brief discussion, the Board agreed not to pursue an ordinance which would allow the Board to amend an ordinance without having to have a public hearing.

**PRESERVATION LEAGUE GRANT:** The Village has received a non-matching grant of \$7500 from Preserve New York through the Preservation League of NYS to be used for a Cultural Resource Survey which will be done by Clinton Brown Company, a historic preservation architecture firm out of Buffalo. They will prepare a State & National Register of Historic Places nomination to enlarge our historic district. Motion

was made by Trustee Nolan to accept the \$7500.00 grant from Preserve New York. Second was made by Trustee Palmer. Vote, 3 ayes, 1 abstain – Trustee Piccola. As per the terms of the grant, motion was made by Trustee Husk, second by Trustee Nolan, to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Clinton Brown Company. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

**CURFEW SIREN:** The Board considered an idea submitted by a Village resident to blow the fire alarm siren at curfew time. The Mayor asked the Fire Chief if it would be possible and he thought so, if they could get it re-programmed. The Trustees felt that in this day and age it would be ineffective and too “old-fashioned”.

**SCIENTIFIC PARANOMAL INVESTIGATIONS:** Rob Henning distributed materials from his company, Scientific Paranormal Investigations. They would like permission to run an investigation in the Palmyra Cemetery. Mayor Daly told Mr. Henning the Board would review the material and discuss at the next meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion was made by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Nolan to enter executive session for discussion of a personnel matter. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

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

**LOCAL LAW ON SEX OFFENDERS:** After discussion, motion was made by Trustee Nolan, second by Trustee Husk to adopt Local Law #4, Version 1 as presented at the public hearing on September 2, 2008. Vote, 3 ayes, 1 abstain - Trustee Palmer. CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Husk to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch  
Clerk Treasurer