

**VILLAGE OF PALMYRA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
November 21, 2005            7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Trustee Celentano moved to adopt the minutes from November 7, 2005 as submitted. Second by Trustee Piccola. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT:** Trustee Celentano moved to approve payment of vouchers 474-574 for Abstract #6 for \$286,878.83. Second by Trustee Hopkins. 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 Comm. College award to R. Weaver: 2006 Outstanding Horticulture Alumni Achievement Award
- Thank you letter to Chief Dalton and Police Clerk Burditt
- Thank you letter to Chief Dalton and Officer Showman
- Strategic Planning Meeting Nov. 30 Courthouse in Lyons at 7:00 pm

**PTO CHECK PRESENTATION:** Mayor Daly welcomed several representatives from the Palmyra Elementary, Macedon Elementary and Palmyra Macedon Middle School Parent Teacher Organizations. They presented her with a check for \$1,025.00 to be used towards further development of the wetlands nature trail.

**MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:** Over the last year or so, the Village of Palmyra was successful in putting out on the street over \$226,000 in business loans due in large part to the volunteer efforts of Ron Oates and Richard Kirchhoff. The Mayor made the following appointment of Mr. Oates and Mr. Kirchhoff as Advisors to the Mayor in Economic Development:

“ These fine men embody the spirit of volunteerism, service above self in their efforts on behalf of the Village of Palmyra and its people. It is because of their work and determination to move Palmyra forward that we have achieved the success we enjoy. Acceptance of this position by them bodes well for the Village as we're not done yet, in fact they have appointments tomorrow. Thank you Dick and Ron for all that you have done and for all that you intend to do.”

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

Trustee Palmer reported that that Buildings and Grounds are busy with leaf pickup and holiday decorating. They have also been assisting the highway in the village with the leaf pickup.

Trustee Celentano reported that the October operating report for the water and waste water department is on file in the office of the clerk. It is available for public review any day during normal business hours

Trustee Piccola reported on the status of the new dump truck with plow attachment. The original dealer that we ordered it from, Genesee Ford, has gone out of business. They were bought out by the other company that happened to bid on it. The truck is in Syracuse being fitted with the upgrade for the plow. Estimated time for delivery is mid January. The 15 minute parking signs have been installed on Canal Street and he relayed thanks from the highway department to buildings and grounds for their assistance with the leaf pickup.

**HWY SEASONAL** Motion was made by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Celentano, to appoint Michael Woodard to the seasonal MEO II position, effective November 28, 2005. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**Trustee Hopkins** reported on the final plans for Canaltown Candlelight Christmas celebration on December 2. There will be voting for the best store window display, Breakfast with Santa on Saturday morning and Wagon rides from 10-1 pm as well as the Advent Choral Festival at Western Presbyterian Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

**Mayor Daly** provided her usual written report and reported that the plaque has been installed on the Village flagpole and White Feathers Bakery is now open.

**Attorney Williams** – No report.

### **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

**WETLANDS UDS6-16:** Mayor Daly welcomed Bob Shearer, DEC, John Zmarthie, NYS Canal Corp and Michelle Ray Friedman, Village Conservation Committee. Mr. Shearer reviewed the history of UDS 6-16. UDS 6-16 was established in the early 1900's and used prior to Freshwater Wetlands Act. In the mid 1970's, the Canal Corporation applied for use of the disposal site. Public and agency concern resulted in the application being withdrawn.

In April 1996, the Canal Corporation applied to use the site for dredge disposal under Corps 404 and NYS Freshwater Wetlands program. In August, 1996, there was a public meeting on the application because of significant public concern and opposition.

In November 1996, there was a meeting between DEC, US Army Corps of Engineers, Canal Corps., Palmyra Wetlands Advisory Committee and US Fish & Wildlife Service.

The DEC wetland permit issued to the Canal Corporation in February 1998 using UDS 6-16 set forth the following conditions:

- Condition of approval was that it was a one time disposal and future dredge spoils would be disposed of at new upland disposal site on north side of Canal. (This was in fact done, and a portion of the Walton property was sold and will soon be developed to be used as a disposal site.)
- A new spill box/water level control structure was approved with an observation deck.
- The Canal Corp. and the Village were to develop and implement a water level control plan, to be approved by NYSDEC.

The spill box/water level control structure was constructed but further work on a water level control plan fell by the wayside. Today, the Canal Corp. would like to transfer the property to the Village through a revocable permit. Assessment of the functions and benefits of the wetland needs to be completed and a water level control plan that will need approval by NYSDEC as maintenance activities, thereby eliminating the need for a wetland permit.

Trustee Celentano asked what sort of work it would entail should the Village accept management of the wetlands. Mr. Zmarthie outlined some of the things that would have to be overseen but that basically it wouldn't entail much as it seems to be existing pretty good on its own. Keeping an eye on the spill box and the drainage pipes, watching the berms for erosion and keeping the area free from litter would be some of the Village's new responsibilities. DEC will help identify areas that should be included in the management plan.

After a short discussion, it was decided that the Village would indeed accept responsibility for the wetland site. Mr. Zmarthie will make sure the required application paperwork and/or permit is forwarded to the village. The Canal Corporation has already started on the management plan which will have to be approved by the Village and DEC.

**DIRECTIONAL SIGNS:** A short discussion about the pros and cons of directional signs indicating businesses on the sides streets (off of Main) took place. The consensus of the Board was to pursue. Mayor Daly will research and report back further.

**MARINA LIGHTING:** Concerns were expressed at the last meeting that the new parking lot at the Marina may have to be cut to get the new lights installed. It was learned that this is not the case, but further discussion was tabled once again as we are still waiting for a second quote.

**SEXTON BUILDING:** Bob Raemen, Sniedze Associations has sent his recommendations for work needed at the Park and Club Rooms, the roof being one of the

major items of concern. Attorney Williams agree to re-read the Sexton will to identify which funds might be expended for the work.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS:** Motion by Trustee Palmer, second by Trustee Piccola to approve transfer of \$5,548.55 from A1190.4 Contingency to A8821.421 to cover expenditures related to the Cemetery Road project. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Hopkins to approve transfer of \$2,855.60 from A1990.4 to A1420.4 Law to cover an unexpected expenditure for the recent update from General Code. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Motion by Trustee Celentano to enter executive session for discussion of several contractual matters. Second by Trustee Piccola. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Piccola to re-enter public session with no action having been taken in executive session. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Piccola. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch  
Village Clerk