

VILLAGE OF PALMYRA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING

December 17, 2007 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Daly, Trustees Husk, Nolan, Piccola, and Palmer and Richard Clayton. Attorney Williams absent.

PRESENTATION: Mayor Daly welcomed Vince Craft and asked him to come forward for a surprise presentation. She moved to adopt the following proclamation in his honor:

WHEREAS Vince Craft has devoted 55 years to the people of Palmyra through his service in the Palmyra Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, Vince Craft has enhanced the quality of life in Palmyra by providing his time and equipment to innumerable projects from the Erie Canal Birthday Party to the lighting of the Christmas trees, and

WHEREAS, Vince Craft has, by his example, demonstrated the meaning of citizenship and compassion to generations of Palmyra residents, and

WHEREAS, A blood drive will be held in his honor at the Palmyra Fire Hall,

THEREFORE let it be known that day, December 27, 2007, will be in the Village of Palmyra, Wayne County, New York

VINCE CRAFT DAY

So proclaimed by the Palmyra Village Board
December 17, 2007

Vicky Daly, Mayor

Second by Trustee Piccola. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Palmer to approve the minutes from December 3, 2007 as submitted. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT #7: Motion was made by Trustee Palmer, second by Trustee Nolan to approve payment of Abstract #7, vouchers 544-622 for \$96,251.28. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

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

- Information from *Grassroots*
- Village Christmas luncheon – Dec. 20
- Backflow device letter
- Gift of tree – C. Bond
- Coughlin/Gerhart – Mun. Law Workshop 1/9/08
- Background information on Hub Lange from Atty. Pezzulo

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Husk reported that he attended his first meeting with the Fire Department on Dec. 6th at which time he was given the grand tour. He reminded all of the upcoming Blood Drive in honor of Vince Craft on Thursday Dec. 27 from 2 pm to 7 pm.

Trustee Nolan reported that he has been talking with several people about possibly serving on the Planning or Zoning Board.

Trustee Palmer reported that he has the monthly operational report from STES for November which will be on file at Village Hall for anyone interested in reading it.

Trustee Piccola – no report.

Attorney Williams – absent.

Mayor Daly provided her usual written report and noted that the Air Quality meeting took place that afternoon. The good news/bad news is that the air quality is

within accepted limits and so will not have any impact in restricting the truck traffic through our village.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

POLICE CAR REPLACEMENT: Chief Dalton recapped his memo regarding the ordering of a police vehicle to replace the '03 that was recently totaled. The state bid for a 2008 Crown Vic is \$20,807.25. The Village has been purchasing vehicles for the PD through a two-year lease plan. The insurance company has not determined the final reimbursement figure, but approximate it will be around \$8,000. The difference of which can be paid from the participation in the County drug enforcement program. The change over costs (\$1600) will be covered by insurance by way of a separate check. This will cover the first lease payment. The second year lease payment can be budgeted for. After discussion, Chief Dalton noted that he will make sure the second year lease payment can be made through delayed billing so it will come after the 2009-10 budget is in effect. Motion was made by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Husk to authorize the Chief to order the 2008 Ford Crown Victoria to be paid for as outlined in his memo. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

WINTER SIDEWALK: The Board discussed correspondence from Towpath resident, Nancy Cambier who recently fell in front of the Palmyra Laundromat. As stated in correspondence from Attorney Williams', it is his opinion that the Village is not responsible under these circumstances as the property owners are responsible for the sidewalks in front of their property. The Clerk Treasurer reported that Ms. Cambier's accident has been turned into the insurance company and noted that prior to Ms. Cambier's fall, no one had reported any deficiencies in the sidewalks on William Street. The Mayor instructed the Clerk to inform Ms. Cambier that the insurance company had been notified.

SKATEBOARD CONTRACT: The Board discussed the proposed skateboard contract as submitted by Attorney Williams. Mayor Daly outlined several questions with Attorney Williams' reply. The contract would be for a 50' by 100' area - it is not necessary to lease anything larger. Paragraph 4 states the park is a public benefit for the children of Palmyra - it should say the "benefit of the residents of Palmyra". Atty. Williams says the Planning or Zoning Boards have no involvement in this. Regarding Village input on the rules for usage - Atty. Williams replied that the Village should review the rules. Noise levels in the park, for example the use of boom boxes, would be restricted /controlled under the Noise ordinance. The Board also discussed residency requirements - the park will be for use by Palmyra residents and their invited guests. It should be noted in the lease that is understood the park is for use by BMX, skateboards and all other related wheeled appliances.

PLANNING/ZONING BOARDS: The Board discussed the training requirements for the Planning and Zoning Boards. The state has recommended that all members of Planning and Zoning Boards have four hours of training a year. This requirement can be waived by the Village. Attendance by and expertise of the members is generally poor. Meetings are erratic and appear to be poorly run. Finding members is difficult at best. As there are not too many training options available at this time, the general consensus of the Board is that a monthly meeting should be held by both Boards every month. If there is no application to be acted upon then perhaps both Boards should be studying Village zoning code and how it relates to the village's vision. In that way members would get used to the monthly commitment and more likely to be available when needed for hearings. Appointees should have an understanding of the vision of the Board before appointment. It may also be a good idea to have an interview process for proposed members to the Boards.

APPOINTMENT: Mayor Daly appointed Peter Wimer as chair of the Zoning Board appeals through November 30, 2008, his term through November 30, 2012. Motion was made by Trustee Palmer, second by Trustee Piccola to approve Mayor Daly's appointment. Vote, 3 ayes, 1 nay- Trustee Husk. CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Trustee Nolan, second by Trustee Piccola to enter into executive session for the discussion of a contractual matter. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

PUBLIC SESSION: Motion by Trustee Palmer, second by Trustee Husk to re-enter public session with no action having been taken. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

AJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Husk, second by Trustee Palmer to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch
Clerk Treasurer