

**VILLAGE OF PALMYRA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
August 1, 2005                      7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor Daly, Trustees Hopkins, Piccola and Palmer, Attorney Williams arrived at 8:05 p.m. Absent: Trustee Celentano.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Daly.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Trustee Piccola moved to adopt the minutes from July 5, 2005 as submitted. Second by Trustee Hopkins. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT:** Motion was made by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Palmer to approve Abstract #2 for payment which includes vouchers 99-166 for \$78,896.76. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

Motion was made by Trustee Hopkins, second by Trustee Palmer to approve ST vouchers 167-179 for payment for \$6389.16. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

**BUDGET TRANSFER:** Trustee Palmer moved to authorize a budget transfer for \$19031.00 from A1990.4 contingency to A3410.2 Fire Equipment to pay for the new pumper truck until such time the old one is sold. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

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

- Notice of revisions to the Great Lakes Mgmt. Agreement from the Governor's office.
- Eire Canal Federal Study

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:** The trustee reports were moved to follow the guest presentations.

**GARY LABERGE/WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL:** Volunteer and town resident Gary LaBerge addressed the Board regarding his plan for a waterside and nature park, to be located roughly in the undeveloped land adjacent to the marina east to the dredging site behind Breen's. Mr. LaBerge presentation included:

- a. a walking trail from the Marina going east behind the homes on Canal Street, about 1500 feet, this could easily be completed with volunteer help as it is essentially there
- b. a walkway from the Route 21 bridge to Route 31 with landscaping at the bridge, new bumpers and tie-ups along the dock wall, an improved boat launch, parking, a foot bridge over Mill Brook
- c. nature trail on the south shore of the canal from marina across Mill Brook bridge, approx. 2000 ft.
- d. Mill Brook trail, connecting walking trail to nature trail
- e. expansion of marina to include launch area for canoes, kayaks, crews and sculling boats
- f. handicapped path and nature overlook which would be a wetland cross-over and platform
- g. Boathouse at marina for crewing center, perhaps including rest rooms, laundry facility, open air shelter, bike shop, antique boat display
- h. Historic additions: possibly a boat museum, Old Erie Canal warehouse and Toll Booth

Plans are preliminary and Mr. LaBerge is working to gain support. The project could easily be done in stages as money becomes available. The Board agreed it would be well worth the effort.

**BERT FINCH/NYSEG:** NYSEG representative and project manager Bert Finch explained the need to close a section of Park Drive when NYSEG updates their substation on Park Drive. They would need to close it for about 3 weeks and anticipate a start date of September 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>. After Mr. Finch outlined the work plan, motion was made by Trustee Piccola to permit the road closure as requested by NYSEG. Second by Trustee Palmer. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Hopkins** reported that an area contractor will be submitting a proposal for the garage roof using the tresses from Santelli's. He has also been contacted by someone that is willing to donate his time to re-finish the floors at the Park and Club rooms with the understanding that the Village would supply the materials.

**Trustee Piccola** reported that brush pickup continues on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month. The sink hole that developed on Canandaigua Street at Brookside has been repaired. Five new catch basins have been installed; two on Hyde Park, 1 on West and East Foster and 1 on Birdsall Parkway and several sections of sidewalk have been replaced. Potholes have been patched in readiness of the chip seal work to Church, William, Market and Stafford Streets.

Mike Boesel outlined the problems with the entry road to the sewer plant. The catch basin there is too high and run-off pools behind it which further erodes the road. Mike will report back after he studies it further.

There was a meeting with a NYS DOT representative about the status of Route 21 with regards to weight limits, street deterioration and maintenance, traffic flows and pedestrian/citizen safety. Motion by Trustee Piccola to authorize Bob Raeman, Sniedze Associates to conduct a study of these Route 21 issues. Second by Trustee Hopkins. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

NYS DOT is considering our request for additional pedestrian crossings and associated crosswalk signage in the downtown business district.

The Howell Street project is underway. The storm sewers are being installed first at about 200 feet per day. The next step will be the milling. The material from the milling will be taken to the cemetery for use in that road project.

Mike and Roger met and discussed the layout of the cemetery road project. It was decided to move the proposed cemetery entrance off Johnson Street down another 100 feet to the south. Any future entrances will be off Foster Street.

**Trustee Palmer** reported that Buildings and Grounds has been repairing the roof to the office building in the cemetery. They plan to conclude the painting at Village Hall next week.

**Attorney Williams** - no report.

**Mayor Daly** provided her customary written report. She met and walked the Canal Trail with Professor Saunders of NYS College of Environmental Science and Forestry. He is looking at creating a nature trail between Maple Avenue and the Aldrich Change Bridge. He would enlist his graduate class students to identify the area highlights such as vegetation and birdlife. They would then put together a hand-out featuring all of these points of interest along the trail.

The flagpole is back. Signage explaining the history of the pole is being investigated. The Board agreed that the best place to locate any signage would be onto the pole itself. There is a possibility that an area service organization will be footing the bill for the signage. A re-dedication ceremony will be planned for October. Jay Harding will be submitting an estimate for re-connection of the electric.

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

**SEQR:** The Palmyra Community Center would like to apply for federal and/or state grant money which requires the filing of a Short Environmental Assessment form. Motion by Trustee Hopkins, second by Trustee Piccola to approve submission of the SEQR which declares that there will be no significant adverse environmental impacts from the Center expansion and names the Village of Palmyra as lead agent for the project. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

**POLICE DEPT. RADIOS:** Wayne County 911 has just changed the frequency of the local Police Departments. Two of the Village's radios are out-dated and cannot be

programmed. They were both purchased over fifteen years ago. Motion by Trustee Palmer, second by Trustee Hopkins to approve the purchase of two new radios at \$875.00 each. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

**MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT:** Motion by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Palmer to authorize the Mayor to sign the inter-municipal agreement which outlines mutual aid among the police departments of Wayne County. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

**FALL TRAINING SCHOOL:** Motion by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Hopkins to authorize the attendance of the Clerk treasurer at NYCOM's Fall Training School in Lake Placid, September 19-23. Vote, 3 ayes. The Clerk will not be reserving the \$210/night room but will camp in nearby Wilmington for approximately \$30 per night.

**SEXTON BUILDING:** Mayor Daly explained the need to have the Park and Club Rooms cleaned by someone on a regular basis. The Petersons have submitted a proposal. The Board asked that the Petersons re-submit a more detailed description of the scope of work they would provide.

**MICROENTERPRISE LOANS-SECOND ROUND:** Mayor Daly reported that Trustee Piccola and CT Lynch will be meeting with her to discuss and outline loan guidelines for the second round of the microenterprise loan program. Round Two should be much simpler.

**HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE:** Mayor Daly suggested that the Board declare the Village Hall, the Sexton Building and the Rogers Chapel historically significant. She feels that by doing this, it reinforces and reassures the public of the Village's commitment and intent of maintaining these properties. Trustee Palmer offered the following resolution:

In our opinion (Board of Trustees), the Village Hall, the Sexton Building and the Rogers Chapel are of historical and/or architectural significance. Second was made by Trustee Hopkins. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**MARINE REGULATIONS:** The Board once again discussed the possibility of putting some regulations in place at the marina. They asked Attorney Williams to prepare a local law that would impose a 48-hour parking limitation.

**VILLAGE HALL STUDY:** Trustee Palmer reported briefly on the technical assistance report on Village Hall submitted by John Bero. Mr. Bero has identified an estimated \$400,000 worth of work that should be done to the building. Work required to refurbish the Opera Hall would run another \$1,000,000 and would probably have to be done in a second phase. Trustee Palmer feels a formal committee needs to be put in place to look into financial options. Motion was made by Trustee Palmer to commit to maintenance of Village Hall and rehabilitation of the Opera Hall providing funding can be found. Second by Trustee Hopkins. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

Motion by Trustee Palmer to create a committee, of which he will be a member, to look into possible financing options for the rehab of Village Hall and the Opera Hall. Second by Trustee Piccola. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED. Formal appointments of committee members will be made when the committee has been formed

Motion by Trustee Hopkins enter executive session for discussion of several contractual matters. Second by Trustee Piccola. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee to re-enter public session at 9:25 p.m. with no action having been taken in executive session. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

**CAPITAL MARKET ADVISORS:** Motion was made by Trustee Palmer, second by Trustee Piccola to authorize the mayor to sign the contract for services with CMA and Roy McMaster pending attorney contract approval. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Hopkins. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch  
Village Clerk