

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

November 19, 2001 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gunkler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Gunkler, Trustees Salomon, Piccola, Celentano, DeVogelaere and Attorney Arthur Williams.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Mayor Gunkler, second by Trustee Celentano to approve the minutes from November 5, 2001 as submitted. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Motion by Mayor Gunkler, second by Trustee Celentano to approve the payment of Abstract #6, vouchers #372-452 for a total of \$221,558.70. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Wayne County Village Official Association meeting is being hosted by the Village of Macedon at the Farm Restaurant on November 28th. If any Board member would like to attend let the Village Clerk know.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Trustee Salomon deferred to Richard Clayton of Severn Trent Environmental Services in lieu of his report. Mr. Clayton introduced the company officials, Rich Gardner, Vince Pelussio and Joe Groziose. Joe Groziose, Senior Vice President, gave an overview and history of the relationship that Severn Trent has had with the Village. The Village first signed a contract with MHPC in 1994 for the operation of the water and wastewater treatment plants. In 1996 Severn Trent acquired MHPC.

Vince Pelusio, Regional Manager provided some background on the company itself. There are 100 different facilities that ST operates in New York State. The Village has a full service contract with ST with an automaic renewal clause. Company officials would like to make sure that the Village is happy with their services. ST provides labor, laboratory services, chemicals, power and fuel required to perform the operation and maintenance of the water and wastewater treatment facilities. They are responsible for the sludge removal and labor, material and supervision required to perform minor corrective maintenance.

Discussions touched upon concerns of the Board regarding staffing here in Palmyra, possible future savings and areas of the contract. Mayor Gunkler thanked them for coming.

Trustee Celetano reported that the parking lot off Cuyler Street has been completed.

Trustee DeVogelaere reported that leaf pickup in the cemetery is 75% completed and the Christmas decorations have all been put up. The new lift truck should be delivered by the end of December.

Trustee Piccola reported further on the Holiday Open House scheduled for December 8th. The EDC is requesting that the wagon rides be allowed to run an hour longer from 11:00 am through 3:30 pm for an extra \$50.00. Motion by Trustee Piccola to expand the wagon rides by an hour for the extra \$50.00. Second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED. Lunch with Santa will be available at the Garlock House from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Plans are in the works for a craft project for interested kids in the Park & Club Rooms. Gawel's will be doing photos with Santa and there will be free opening bowling for kids at Palmyra Bowl from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Trustee Piccola asked the Village Clerk to contact the Fire police for their assistance in monitoring the traffic where the wagons will be loading. Tree lighting will take place in Village park at 4:00 pm. - the public is invited to attend.

Mayor Gunkler - no report.

Attorney Williams - no report.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

ALDRICH CHANGE BRIDGE: Bids have been received, opened and reviewed for the next phase of the Aldrich Change Bridge. Mayor Gunkler moved that the Village award the contract for Task #1 only, not to exceed \$70,000, to Nicoletta Building Contractors, Inc., pending attorney approval and review of the contract and bond information. Second was made by Trustee Celentano.

Discussion: Trustee Celentano asked Jay Harding, Project Coordinator for a review of the bridge budget. Trustee DeVogelaere asked Mr. Harding if the bids came in within the project estimate. Mr. Harding reported that they felt they came in a little high but it's hard to determine. Trustee DeVogelaere asked if we'll "see" anything after spending the \$70,000 and without doing Task #2. Mr. Harding said there will be a balance of approximately \$15-20,000 which in addition to in-kind services, donations and volunteer efforts should go a long way in putting the deck on the bridge.

The question was called. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

OUT GOING MAYOR: Mayor Gunkler announced that the annual organizational meeting will take place at the next Board meeting on December 3rd which is when the mayor elect will take office. Mayor Gunkler thanked the Village Board, the Village clerk, treasurer and department heads for the great spirit of cooperation of the last five and a half years and challenged them to keep moving forward. Trustee Celentano expressed gratitude to Mayor Gunkler and Trustee Piccola for their dedication to the Village taxpayers. Trustees Salomon and DeVogelaere added their thanks.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Gunkler, second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 5 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch
Village Clerk