

**VILLAGE OF PALMYRA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
February 6, 2006 6:00 p.m.

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

BUDGET WORKSHOP: The Board discussed budget requests and amendments to be included in the proposed budget for 2006-2007.

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING: Present: Mayor Daly, Trustees Piccola, Palmer, Hopkins and Celentano and Attorney Williams.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Daly called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m., noting that the following legal was published in the official Village newspaper:

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Small Cities Grant Program

The Village Board, Village of Palmyra, New York has scheduled a public hearing for Monday, February 6, 2006. The hearing will start at 7:00 pm and take place at the Village Hall, 144 East Main Street, Palmyra, New York 14522.

The public hearing will be held to discuss community development needs and priorities and to provide residents with information about the Small Cities program. Residents are invited to attend the hearing, to assist the Village in defining community development priorities and to assist the Village Board in identifying possible projects for inclusion in an application for Small Cities funding. The Village will provide information at the hearing to comply with the legislative and program requirements which govern the Small Cities Program. The Village expects to submit an application for a Small Cities grant in response to a Notice of Funding Availability to be issued by the Governors Office for Small Cities for the Fiscal Year 2006 program.

The Village Hall is in compliance with accessibility standards under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Hearing disabled persons who wish to attend should call Alicia Lynch at 315-597-4849 at least 48 hours prior to the hearings to make arrangements for an interpreter. Written public comment will also be accepted.

Victoria W. Daly, Mayor Village of Palmyra

Mayor Daly called upon Kathy Dear, Stuart .I Brown Associates, to outline the program. Ms. Dear provided handouts which explained the program and the process involved in applying for a community development block grant. Two public hearings are provided to give residents the opportunity to participate in the planning of the grant program and to help identify local needs and establish housing and community development priorities. The Board would like to apply for a residential housing rehabilitation grant. There were a few specific questions from the public regarding qualifying for the loans.

Mayor Daly closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. and opened the regular meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Palmer to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2006 as submitted. Vote, 3 ayes, 1 abstain-Hopkins. CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Palmer to approve payment of vouchers 761-762 for \$2692.98. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION:

- Notification from Assemblyman Oaks regarding receipt of a member item grant for directional signage for \$10,800.
- Letter from resident Blake Duffy regarding good work of Bldgs. & Grounds as it relates to snow plowing
- Report on Craig burial from Super. Weaver.
- Newspaper article on Palmyra mural
- Copies of the interpretive signs that will be erected at Marina.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Piccola moved to authorize the Highway Superintendent to declare the 97 Ford F150 and 87 Ford dump truck as surplus to be sold at the municipal auction and to order the Ford F250 XL 4X4 as outlined by Superintendent Boesel. Second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

In order to cover the cleanup expenses at abandoned 421 East Main Street, Trustee Piccola moved to transfer \$2200.00 from contingency A1990.4 to Safety Inspections A3620.4. Second by Trustee Celentano. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Trustee Piccola reported that the Village needs to do something with their brush pile. It has been accumulating for three years. Hwy. Superintendent Boesel received an estimate to have it grinded for \$18,000, but since then has received permission to burn the pile. Trustee Piccola suggested it might be a good idea to look into purchasing a grinder with other municipalities.

Thanks to the mild winter weather, the highway department has been able to make a complete swing of the village to clean the storm sewers, which is a first for January.

Trustee Palmer reported that the Fire Department has lined up coverage for the night of their annual banquet. Port Gibson and Marion will be covering. Both ambulances are back in service. In order to qualify for any future FEMA grants, all fire department members must be trained in three different areas. The fire department is working on getting everyone trained. Walsh will be giving a grant writing seminar which Chief Frederick will be attending. Trustee Palmer has asked him to take another officer too. Chief Frederick would like to upgrade the department's pagers. After some discussion it was tabled in order to get more information. Superintendent Weaver is also ahead of schedule thanks to the mild weather.

Trustee Celentano reported that the annual water quality report for 2005 and the operating report has been submitted by STES and will be on file in Village Hall.

Trustee Hopkins reported that work is proceeding on the mural for the parking lot wall.

Attorney William – no report.

Mayor Daly provided her customary written report.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

CROSSROADS: Bob Reeves, chair of Palmyra Crossroads made a short presentation about future efforts of his organization and submitted a budget request of \$3000.00.

R. WELCH/REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN CHARGES: Resident Renee Welch, 534 Vienna Street reported that she replaced that water line that came from 534 Vienna to her other house at 550 Vienna with a line that comes directly in from the village main. The application fee of \$500.00 was paid in advance of any work and she was billed an additional 716.84 for labor and equipment. She was told by the office staff that she would be billed for labor and equipment on top of the application fee but she maintains she was told that it would not exceed \$500.00 by the highway superintendent. The Board thanked her for coming and said they would notify her of their decision.

CANANDAIGUA LAKE WATERSHED: Motion by Trustee Celentano moved to accept the following resolution for support:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES
INCENTIVE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE CANANDAIGUA LAKE
WATERSHED PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Village of Palmyra is partnering with the Watershed Council and its member municipalities to implement the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Canandaigua has agreed to sponsor the Shared Municipal Service Incentive Grant Program application on behalf of the other thirteen municipalities which implements priority items with the watershed plan; and

WHEREAS, specific items to be implemented through the grant include support of an intermunicipal land use committee to review current laws and make the necessary zoning and land use changes, undertake a comprehensive water quality monitoring program, shared management and enforcement of septic systems in the various municipalities and shared training and enforcement of a model timber harvesting law; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is \$88,584.00 with \$79,725.60 coming through grant funds and the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council providing the local share of \$8,858.40; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Palmyra hereby supports the Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program application.

Second was made by Trustee Palmer. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

VERDOW ACQUISITION: There was a short discussion about the property given to the Village at the east end of the Village and its future land use. Code Enforcement Officer Grier has looked at and advised the Mayor that in all likelihood there is going to be very little that is usable due to the wetlands. Mayor Daly volunteered to call Bob Shearer with DEC and report back.

HOUSING REHAB GRANT: The Board discussed guidelines for the housing rehab grant which will be included with the application. The general consensus of the Board was to make the funds available to owner-occupied and investor properties but at different percentages of loan to grant. The Board agreed to accept any recommendations from Stuart Brown regarding any further details. Motion by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Hopkins to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Stuart I. Brown Associates for services in applying for 2006 Small Cities Funding. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

MICRO ENTERPRISE LOAN: Funds are available now for the second round of the Micro Enterprise loan program. Motion was made by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Piccola to limit the loan amount at \$10,000 per borrower and to require payment of the closing costs to be borne by the borrower. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Motion by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Palmer to enter executive session for discussion of a contractual matter. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Celentano to re-enter public session at 9:30 p.m. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 9:32 p.m. by Trustee Celentano, second by Trustee Piccola, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch
Village Clerk