

**VILLAGE OF PALMYRA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
October 1, 2007 7:00pm**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Daly, Trustees Piccola, Husk, and Smith and Attorney Williams. Trustee Palmer absent.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Daly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING/WATER SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS: Cancelled as the alterations/additions to the specifications needed to be reviewed and amended by the Highway Superintendent but he was at superintendent school. Motion was made by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Husk to re-schedule a public hearing on amending the section for water service line specifications for October 15th at 7:00 p.m. . Vote, 3 ayes, Trustees Husk, Piccola, and Smith. CARRIED.

MURRAY GOULD/PORT CITY PRESERVATION: Murray Gould, member of the Board for CANAL NY and president and founder of Port City Preservation, provided an overview of the economic aspects of preservation. Historic preservation is the adaptive reuse of historical properties and is an innovative tool for community revitalization. It provides an architectural marker of our past and creates a sense of place. There are environmental considerations of historic preservation as well. Old buildings are mostly brick, plaster, concrete and timber – the least energy consumptive of materials.

Mr. Gould urges communities to seek inclusion in the Certified Local Government (CLG) Program. It is a local, state and federal partnership which creates a gateway to funding for building reuse and feasibility studies, design guidelines and preservation ordinances and public education.

A listing on the National Register of Historic Places is also an asset. It is strictly an honor that places no restrictions whatsoever on the property. The Village is fortunate to have two historic districts and two of its churches on the register. It is an opportunity for a variety of funding programs.

The three key avenues for funding are the private sector, not-for-profit organizations and municipalities. Basic sources for funding in the private sector include loans and equity. There are historic tax credits but these alone are unusually not enough. There is legislation to improve these credits being proposed on the federal level known as HR 1043. The state legislation, that has already passed in the State Senate, will increase state tax credits from 6% to 30%. This is to be considered at the Special Session on October 22nd. Low-income housing, new markets, and Brownfields are other tax credits that are out there. Below-market loans and grants serve to bridge the financial gap. Many historic rehabilitation projects need some form of grant support.

Mr. Gould identified some of these grants. They include:

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| * Save America's Treasures | * Empire Zone |
| * Lowes' Foundation | * CDBG |
| * Restore NY | * USDA Rural Dev. |
| * Legislative grants | * Main Street funds |
| * Environmental Protection Fund | |

Municipalities can offer tax credits by offering exempt status for 1-5 years or through PILOT programs. These require local government approval prior to commencing work. Mr. Gould urged the Board in persistence, it will eventually pay off.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Trustee Husk, seconded by Trustee Smith to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2007 meeting as submitted. Vote, 3 ayes, Trustees Piccola, Husk and Smith. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION:

- Rhode Island model for preservation tax credits
- Controlled burns – notes from conversation with DEC's-D. Walsh- allowed if legitimate training exercise, courtesy to notify local DEC officer

SHARED MUNICIPAL GRANT: Trustee Piccola reported that there has been no update on the status of the Village applying for a shared municipal grant with the Towns of Macedon, Walworth and Palmyra. However, Trustee Husk relayed Supt. Hopkins concerns regarding the sale of the current lift truck and sharing a new one with three other municipalities. He feels that Buildings and Grounds uses it too much and it is used for work that can't be scheduled. The Board agreed that the scheduling is going to take a lot of organization but it will be worth it in the long run. The lift truck is already 5 years old and it won't be long before maintenance costs will be increasing on it. This enables the four municipalities to update their equipment for very little in expenditures.

PARK HOURS: The Board reviewed the wording for changes to Chapter 132, Parks and Recreation Areas. Motion was made by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Husk to schedule another public hearing for October 15th following the hearing for Local Law #1. Vote, 3 ayes, Trustees Piccola, Husk and Smith. CARRIED.

Trustee Smith departed at 8:30 p.m.

JAKE BRAKES: Attorney Williams submitted a draft for the wording of Local Law #3, 2007 which amends Chapter 127-3 of the Village Code by prohibiting "jake braking" unless in emergency situations within the Village. Motion was made by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Husk to schedule a public hearing on amending Chapter 127-3 Noise prohibiting the use of Jake Brakes in the Village for October 15th at 7:00 p.m. . Vote, 3 ayes, Trustees Husk, Piccola, and Smith. CARRIED

WINDOWS ON MAIN ST. MURAL PROJECT: The Board discussed a proposal for a mural project that the Mayor has been working on. There are eight boarded-up windows at 302 E. Main St., the former Witt block, owned now by Bamberger Wayne Properties. Artists from the Pal-Mac art department would create mural window inserts for the windows located on the third floor. The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission would lend its financial support to the project as would the Village's façade program. The Village crew would install them using the Buildings and Grounds lift truck. Labor expenses would be expended from H41 Façade Program or H10 Micro Enterprise Program. Attorney Williams indicated the project would be legal but both Trustee Husk and Piccola were uncomfortable with having the Village crew working on privately owned property and felt it would open a hornet's nest. The proposal was dropped.

CAPITAL PROJECTS: In order to track costs associated with the two recent Canal grants, motion was made by Trustee Husk, second by Trustee Piccola to create Capital Project H50, Comfort Station and Information Center and Capital Project H52 Terminal Wall Project. Vote, 3 ayes, Trustees Husk, Piccola, and Mayor Daly. CARRIED.

TOWN SEWER DISTRICT-PROPOSED SOUTHWEST QUADRANT: Mayor Daly reported that Supervisor Lyon has requested a letter of support for the new Town proposed Southwest Quadrant sewer district. Discussion was tabled until the Village receives the legal description of same.

NYSEG/REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION: NYSEG is planning to begin a Remedial Investigation (RI) of the former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) site located on Park Drive. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the extent, if any, of environmental impacts associated with the former MGP. The Village's property in that vicinity has been identified as one which may have been affected. To make that determination, NYSEG is requesting access to the Village's property to evaluate the soil and groundwater quality. Motion was made by Trustee Husk, second by Trustee Piccola to authorize the Mayor to sign the access agreement with NYSEG to allow the evaluation. Vote, 3 ayes, Trustees Husk, Piccola, and Mayor Daly. CARRIED.

WAYNE CO. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION: In 2005 the County formed a communications committee to develop initiatives to comply with upcoming FCC mandates, and to improve the public safety radio system used by the police, fire and EMS agencies. In order to comply with the FCC mandate, all VHF radios will need to be reprogrammed or replaced. The County has been seeking grant funding and needs a

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letter of support to submit with their applications. Motion was made by Trustee Husk, second by Trustee Piccola to endorse the County's efforts and authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of endorsement. Vote, 3 ayes, Trustees Husk, Piccola, and Mayor Daly. CARRIED.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND: Mayor Daly spoke with someone at the Department of State to see if grants available through EPF could qualify as the Village's "matching" portion for the Comfort Station and Terminal Wall projects. The good news is that it would and he was very helpful in supplying her with the correct terminology for the Village grant application. Trustee Piccola offered to help the Mayor put together the paperwork for submission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by Trustee Husk, second was made by Trustee Piccola to enter executive session at 9:15 p.m. for discussion of a contractual nature. Vote, 3 ayes, Trustees Husk, Piccola, and Mayor Daly. CARRIED.

Motion by Trustee Piccola, second by Trustee Husk to re-enter public session with no action having taken place at 9:20 p.m. Vote, Vote, 3 ayes, Trustees Husk, Piccola, and Mayor Daly. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. made by Trustee Piccola, seconded by Trustee Husk. Vote, 3 ayes, Trustees Husk, Piccola, and Mayor Daly. CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia M. Lynch
Clerk Treasurer