

VILLAGE OF PALMYRA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 30, 2024 6:30 PM
REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Husk, Trustees Denniston, Leo, and Perry. Attorney St. Martin and Trustee Luke was absent.

OTHER ATTENDEES: Kathleen Catchman, Lucas Shulla and Wayne Eidman, *Fire Chiefs*, Rachel Henning, Mary Ann Smith-Williams, Linda Valley, Kyle DiNardo, *Chief of Police*, family members of Officer Wendling and Becker attended just the swearing in ceremony

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Husk called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER WENDLING AND POLICE OFFICER BECKER BY MAYOR HUSK Mayor Husk called for a short recess at 6:37pm for photos and congratulations.

REGULAR MEETING Mayor Husk called the regular meeting to order again at 6:43pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Leo to approve the minutes of May 6, 2024. Vote, 3 ayes, 1 abstain, Denniston. CARRIED. Motion was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Denniston to approve the minutes of May 13, 2024. Vote, 3 ayes, 1 abstain, Leo. CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT Motion was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Denniston to approve payment of 12C vouchers 24-00883 to 24-00919 for \$ 49,406.43. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

The Court notified the Board that it is time for the Court Audit to be performed.

The NYS Office of Court Administration has approved the destruction of several years of court records. A complete list is available at the Village Clerk's office.

Correction to 5/6 minutes: *NYS Budget passed and the Village will be receiving an additional \$2251 one-time Temporary Municipal Assistance aid be allocated to all AIM recipients. It is not AIM funding.*

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Denniston- No report

Trustee Leo- On May 21, he met with Doug Derue discussed the Fire Contract between the Village and Town. Discussions will be ongoing.

MOTION TO APPROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP for: Jaden Shulla (Interior), Shannon Weber (Fire Police), Deborah Schaller (Interior), Mohamed Mornagui pending background checks and physicals was made by Trustee Leo, seconded by Trustee Perry. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED
Trustee Leo thanked the Department for their recruiting efforts.

Trustee Luke- Excused

Trustee Perry- Highway Department is doing brush pickup. They boxed and put in sidewalks on East Foster Street as well.

Thanks to Building and Grounds for how nice the Cemetery looked on Memorial Day celebration. There was vandalism at the Comfort Station again. Soap dispensers were torn off the wall, napkins all over the bathroom, etc. They are checking cameras outside bathroom to see if can identify culprits. Gary Hopkins (Building and Grounds Superintendent), Trustee Perry and Chief DiNardo working on solutions to

combat the vandals in conjunction with police officer patrols. Senior banners will start being put up next week.

Mayor Husk-No report

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Shulla- Department is doing trainings one of which is Monday with Marbletown Fire Department. About 10 Firepersons will be doing standby for County Music Festival on Saturday. Event organizers requested pumper truck and ATV.

Chief DiNardo- We had 350 calls for the month of May with 20 arrests. From June 1, 2023- May 31, 2024 the Police Department had 5092 calls for service. Two full time officers have left this year, with one spot being replaced by Officer Wendling. This still leaves the department one full timer short. Officer Bryant is moving to School Resource Officer position this fall which is compensated by the school.

Country Music Festival -Chief DiNardo went over his no parking street requests, to be voted on later. requested officer support from New York State and the County to meet the need of the performers request for over 17 officers. Troopers will not be taking calls inside the Fairgrounds but will have 6 on the outside to help direct traffic. Wayne County Deputies will be inside to assist Palmyra police and an extra unit will assist with calls not associated with the Festival. Our payroll is paid by the Festival. Grants awarded this year totaling \$267,637. This includes: \$70,000 Patrol Car, \$20,000 Body Worn Cameras, \$4250 Bulletproof Vests, \$2000 Car Seats, \$1887 Seat Belt Enforcement, \$11,450 Active Shooter, \$20,650 Evidence room updates and equipment, \$91,000 fixed and mobile license plate readers, \$6,900 for install cameras in the interview rooms and juvenile rooms and as of 30 minutes ago received a \$39,000 for a UTV patrol vehicle. The UTV will patrol the Canal Trail and Prospect Hill and has heat and air conditioning for police response in inclement weather. Installing the cameras completed the items we needed to be DCSJ complaint before the audit sometime in September. He is applying for two or three other grants as well. Chief DiNardo thanked Clerk-Treasurer Wetherby for handling the finance side of submitting the grants that we were awarded. Mayor Husk thanked Chief DiNardo for his work on researching and applying for grants in the year and half he's been here. Mayor Husk asked if there is a grant for speed radar signs that show how fast someone is going. Chief DiNardo did apply for that grant last year, but we were denied. He is applying again this year. Trustee Perry said the ones we have now are on batteries that only work 2-3 days.

PARKING FOR FINGER LAKES COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL will be NO PARKING signs posted Friday through Sunday. However, the no parking will only be enforced from 12:01am Saturday to 11:59pm Saturday. The following roads will have no parking signs:

Birdsall Parkway, Claremont Park, Gates Street, Hyde Parkway, Stafford Street, West Foster Street, West Jackson Street

Motion to approve no parking on the streets listed above for June 1, 2024 was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Denniston. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADOPT PRO-HOUSING COMMUNITIES' RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Leo, seconded by Trustee Perry.

WHEREAS, the Village of Palmyra (hereinafter "local government") believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State's economic growth and community well-being;

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing

economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;
WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and
WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Village of Palmyra in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro- Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.
4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

ACCEPT SEWER STUDY BID FROM MRB Whereas Request for Qualifications were sent out to engage an engineer to complete a study on inflow and infiltration issues in the sewer system and look at improvements to the Pump Station.

Whereas only one Statement of Qualifications was received for the Project.

Resolved, the Village Board has reviewed the Statement of Qualifications of MRB Group and will award the project to them to complete the study. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Leo. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED. As a reminder, this study is mostly paid for by a grant.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND EXPENSE TRANSFERS below was made by Trustee Perry, Trustee Denniston. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

Budget amendments- Move A3501 and A5112.2 to \$272,129.44

Move \$2882 from G1990.4 to G8130.4

Move \$834 from F8340.4 to F8330.4

Expense Transfers Move \$2124.16 from A5112.2 to A5110.411

Move \$133 from F1325.4 to G1325.4

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER(SRO) CONTRACT

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State's General Municipal Law ("GML") provides the authority for municipal corporations to enter into agreements for the performance between themselves, or one for the other, of their respective functions, powers and duties on a cooperative contract basis; and **WHEREAS**, the Palmyra-Macedon Central School District and the Village of Palmyra, NY are both municipal corporations, as that term is defined by GML § 119-n(a); and

WHEREAS, the School District and the Village of Palmyra have determined that it is in their mutual best interests to enter into an Agreement to provide for the assignment of officer(s) employed by the Agency to serve as School Resource Officer(s) at the School District;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to sign and execute such agreement.

Motion to accept this contract and give permission for Mayor Husk to sign this agreement was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Denniston.

Roll Call Vote

Trustee Denniston, Aye.

Trustee Leo, Aye.

Trustee Luke, Excused.

Trustee Perry, Aye.

Mayor Husk, Aye.

Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. Most of the schools in Wayne County have requested Wayne County Sheriff SRO's but Pal-Mac requested the Palmyra Police Department. Response time will be faster with someone on site especially as the school takes a lot of the police resources during the day.

UTV PATROL VEHICLE PURCHASE Motion to purchase a UTV patrol vehicle, not to exceed \$39,500, was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Leo. This will be fully reimbursed by State grant

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None was held

ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting will be June 17, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Village Hall. Motion was made by Trustee Perry and seconded by Trustee Denniston to adjourn at 7:17pm. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.