

**VILLAGE OF PALMYRA**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**AUGUST 5, 2024 6:30 PM**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

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

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Lucas Schulla, *Fire Chief*; Warren Frederick, *Fire Chief*; Tracy Vanderwall (enter at 6:31pm); Georgeann Graham (enter 6:32pm); Caroline Grasso (exit after Executive Session called), *Times of Wayne County*

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Motion was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Leo to approve the minutes of July 1, 2024. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT** Motion was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Denniston to approve payment of 3A vouchers 25-00080 to 25-000147 for \$139,307.41. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. Voucher 25-00079 was a voided voucher.

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION**

On August 2 the Board was given: June and July- Capital Project and Reserve reports  
Revenue and Expense report through 8/2  
Bank and CD balances through 8/2

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Denniston-** No report

**Trustee Leo-** Fire Contract Draft with the Town of Palmyra will be emailed to Board.

Motion to appoint Sharif Bashir for Interior Firefighter and Driver pending all necessary paperwork, was made by Trustee Leo, seconded by Trustee Luke. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. Monthly events for July, was a fairly busy month. He congratulated the Fire Department on their response times of around 6 minutes.

**Trustee Perry-** Buildings and Grounds have been busy. Two dead trees were taken down and another three trees that went down in the storm. They had four burials in July and five in August. They have been trimming shrubs and string trimming (weed wacking). It takes 81 hours each time they do the string trimming around the 10,000 tombstones and fences, etc. They have done it five times this year. Highway is working with Roadtek on East Foster Street. They are putting in new catch basins, and storm drains from Fayette Street to Canandaigua Street. They are also doing brush pickup, hooked up water service that need to be switched over on East Foster and cleaned the parking lots and curblin.

**Mayor Husk-** He attended the VIP dinner at Fairgrounds with Deputy Mayor Perry and Chief DiNardo. A lot of work goes into the Wayne County Fair and they have a remarkable amount of volunteers. On August 9<sup>th</sup> there is the Historic Palmyra Ghost Tour, August 10<sup>th</sup> Pirates at the Museum from 11:00am-2pm, and August 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Western Wayne Chamber Wine Walk. If you have questions about the Wine Walk, contact Elaine Liberio.

He met with Town Assessor Paula Ruthven, Town Councilman Derue, Town Supervisor Rose regarding the volunteer firefighter tax exemption and doing a joint public hearing.

He will be attending the opening ceremony at the Wayne County Fair. There will be a "celebrity" goat milking contest on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Participants include Brian Manktelow, Chief DiNardo, Deputy Mayor Perry and Supervisor Rose

Motion that September is childhood cancer awareness month was made by Trustee Leo, seconded by Trustee Luke. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**Trustee Luke-** Movie in the Park on July 26<sup>th</sup> was attended by 60-65 people. Thank you to the volunteers. She met with local merchants last Tuesday about putting together a merchant's association. She met with Perinton/Fairport Merchants Association and emailed the notes and ideas from the meeting to the Palmyra merchants' group.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Chief Shulla, Fire Department-** In the past 2 months they have gotten about 8 new memberships which has helped response time especially during the day.

On September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00am-3:00pm they are holding a family fun day for recruitment with Auxiliary providing hot dogs and water. Also in attendance will be Palmyra Police Department, Finger Lakes Ambulance, Wayne County Ambulance, and Mercy Flight.

The Fire Company will be at the Fairgrounds from August 12-17th doing a Clambake.

**Clerk-Treasurer Wetherby-** Clerk's office is selling Wayne County Fair Tickets. She has been in contact with Sunnking regarding possible E-waste opportunity for the community.

**Chief DiNardo, Police-** July Statistics- 307 Calls for Service including Robbery with Threat of a Firearm in which an arrest was made, Grand larceny exceeding \$10,000 with arrests in the next couple of days, Grand larceny with a purse in which an arrest was made within an hour. Unfortunately the missing person was found deceased.

He is preparing for Fair and hoping to have enough staff. The State Troopers are hoping to send an extra officer or two to assist during the concerts.

The Wine Walk will be August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sergeant Baker will be in charge during the event.

Harvest on the Canal planning is underway have requested police services including car seat checks, helmet giveaways, Child ID, police car tours and meet and greet with officers.

DWI Checkpoint on July 29<sup>th</sup> with New York State Police utilizing grant funds- 2 arrests for DWI Two of the part time per diem officers will be unable to work until January as they will have exceeded the NYS Retirement wage earnings requirement for retired officers. This is due, in part, to them covering for the full time officer vacancy.

The police intern has finished his time with us. He is unsure at this time if we will get another intern. The UTV, that was paid for by a NYS grant, went into service 2 weeks ago. It has already been used five times in the first week, including twice for suspects fleeing into the woods, twice for searching for a missing person and once for a crime scene in the woods. It will also be used for special events.

Funding for the Technology Grant was received in the amount of \$91,000. Motorola has submitted a proposal for Stationary License Plate Readers(LPR) at the Village points of exit to assist with investigations. Motion to give permission to sign the contract with Motorola using the Technology grant funds to purchase LPRs was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Perry. Vote, 4 ayes.

CARRIED. He will approach the Board with any funds leftover as there are very specific guidelines on what can be purchased with the grant.

With the resignation of Officer Parkison, who was in control of the property room, Chief DiNardo would like to temporarily appoint Tina Bachman as a per diem Property room manager as she already has all the necessary training and ten years of experience. She and Officer Parkison will need to do an audit of the property room so responsibility can be turned over to her. It is a requirement for DCJS to have a Property Manager. Motion to appoint T. Bachman to this position, which was estimated to be around 8 hours per week, was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Denniston. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

He is drawing up paperwork releasing those on Field Training that haven't met requirements.

Mayor Husk asked what the full-time staffing is right now. They are supposed to have five full time positions but currently are down to two officers as Officer Bryant is moving to School Resource Officer (SRO) position, Officer Parkison transferred to Macedon and Sergeant Baker will soon be retiring. Part time per diem officers have been trying to fill the hours left vacant but it is more difficult as they have full time positions or have retirement salary caps. Per Diem officers must be on our rosters through New York State in order to work for us.

He is requesting Executive Session for personnel with possible action to take place afterward.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION TO APPROVE WAYNE COUNTY FAIR PARKING RESTRICTIONS** for no parking on certain streets, will be posted in the next day or two on our website, was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Denniston. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**COMPLETION OF COURT AUDIT:** Correspondence has been received from the NYS Unified Court System reminding the Village that the annual court audit is due. And in answer to that, Mayor Husk reported that the Court Audit was completed July 31, 2024. Motion was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Denniston to acknowledge completion of the annual court audit by Mayor Husk with no discrepancies having been found. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. A copy of the court audit will remain on file in the Village Hall and one will be sent to the state.

**WINEWALK-** Trustee Luke mentioned that they will be having a band in the park during the Wine Walk event.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** As there were no further regular items to be discussed, a motion was made by Trustee Leo, seconded by Trustee Denniston to go into executive session for discussion of possible police personnel hiring at 7:04pm Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. The Mayor stated there will be possible action taken after Executive Session. He invited those in attendance to wait outside and he would call them in when Executive Session was closed.

Mayor Husk declared the return to public session at 7:26pm.

**MOTION TO HIRE DANIEL EVANS** as a competitive part time police officer, as per Civil Service regulations was made by Trustee Denniston, seconded by Trustee Leo Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. He is continuing his last days at Academy, and we are hiring him before another Police Department does. This is especially in light of the staffing shortages Chief DiNardo spoke of.

Trustee Luke asked Chief DiNardo to remind the elderly about scams posting on the Police Department Facebook. He mentioned trying to setup and presentation that he could give seniors to educate them about this.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Next meeting will be September 9, 2024, at 6:30pm at the Village Hall. Motion was made by Trustee Perry and seconded by Trustee Luke to adjourn at 7:30pm. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.