

VILLAGE OF PALMYRA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APRIL 1, 2024 6:30 PM
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Husk, Trustees Denniston (entered 6:31pm), Luke and Perry
Absent: Trustee Leo, Attorney St. Martin,

OTHER ATTENDEES: Georgann Graham; Kyle DiNardo (entered 6:31pm), *Chief of Police*; Warren Frederick, *Fire Department Chiefs*; Ryan Darling, *Fire Department member*; Mary Ann Smith-Williams, Linda Valley, Tracy Vanderwall

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Before beginning the Public Hearing, Mayor Husk asked if any member of the board had any questions or changes. As no one spoke, he asked the other board members if they would consider declining their salary increases (totaling \$922 for all five) and moving it to the Palmyra Community Center (PCC) budget as they had requested a 4% increase to fund the Center. The other board members agreed. Clerk-Treasurer Wetherby will change this on the tentative budget. This will not increase the budget.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor read the public hearing rules and the legal notice, which was published in the Times of Wayne County on April 24th.

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
2024-2025

The Village of Palmyra will hold a public hearing (in conjunction with the regular board meeting) on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 6:30 pm. The hearing will be held in the Trustee's Room of the Village Hall, 144 East Main Street, Palmyra, Wayne County, New York.

The hearing is for the purpose of allowing the Village residents to provide the Board of Trustees written or oral comments or ask questions on the tentative 2024-2025 Budget of the Village funds.

Annual compensation proposed to be paid to each member of the Village Trustees is \$5975; and to the Mayor \$7470. The Trustee serving as Deputy Mayor receives a \$500 annual stipend for the additional duties. A copy of the "Tentative 2024-2025 Budget" will be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Village Clerk during normal office hours.

G. Graham agrees with Board's decision to move the \$922 from salary increases to PCC. She asked about the split of Trustee and Mayor salaries between general, water and sewer fund budgets and how it would be effected when the sewer goes away. Mayor Husk stated that the sewer portion would be distributed between water and general budget.*

M A Smith-Williams asked if grants were being written to offset the taxes for the WWTP (Wastewater Treatment Plant). Clerk-Treasurer explained that is a question for WCWSA or MRB as they are actually building the WWTP. She does know they have been actively looking for and applying for grants and have a great financing package. She asked if there was any compensation paid to Palmyra for having the WWTP build here and have five towns coming here. Mayor Husk stated that the Village was given \$70,000 for the purchase of the former sewer plant and the land.

Mayor Husk asked if there were any more comments from the public regarding the budget.

As no one else in the public voiced their wish to speak, a motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:28pm was made by Trustee Denniston, seconded by Trustee Perry. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING started immediately after the Public Hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Luke to approve the minutes of March 20, 2024, as submitted. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT Motion was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Denniston to approve payment of 11A vouchers 24-00727 to 24-00762 in the amount of \$54,270.15 Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

On 3/28 the Board was given: Revenue and Expense report as of 3/28
On 3/31 the Board was given: Bank and CD balances as of 3/31/2024
March Capital Project and Reserve Reports

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Denniston and– Met with Trustee Luke, C-T Wetherby and representatives from MRB regarding grant.

Trustee Luke With the Comprehensive Plan, people want more recreation opportunities including potential upgrades in the Village Park and/or Prospect Park. MRB explained that if we do the studies before applying for grants we are more apt to get grant money towards these projects as it shows that planning has been done. C-T Wetherby interjected that MRB also mentioned getting landlords involved with the rundown properties on Main Street as there are grants available but would involve monetary investments from the owners.

Trustee Leo – Excused

Trustee Perry- The raw water line was connected on Thursday, except for clean up and restoration that project is in good shape. Finished painting juvenile room in the Police Department so Chief DiNardo Solar eclipse signage and barricades going up on Sunday, April 8 with help from Trustee Perry, Mayor Husk, Chief DiNardo and the Fire Department.

Mayor Husk- As Wayne County has state of emergency on Monday Mayor Husk asked the Board about opening Village Hall. After slight discussion, and in light of the Town, school and other area businesses closing, the Board is closing Village Hall all day on April 8. All other employees will still be working, including the Police Department. ** Motion to close Village Hall all day on Monday, April 8 was made by Trustee Denniston, seconded by Trustee Luke. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Chief Frederick: Two crews will be at the Fire Hall all day on Monday for the Solar Eclipse.

Clerk-Treasurer Wetherby- Clerk-Treasurer Wetherby touched on what she is requesting under old/new business and reminded everyone that this is for encumbrance purposes only. Budgets are based on actuals not on budgeted numbers.

Mayor Husk asked her to update the website with the Village Hall closure.

Chief DiNardo: March had 301 calls for service with 8 arrests, including a child pornography case that was turned over to Federal Law Enforcement. Traffic complaints are down. Solar Eclipse staging is set. Fyler donated the use of a side by side for the day so the Police can get through traffic in case of any emergencies. He is unsure of how many will be at the event at the Fairgrounds as ticket sales aren't as high as the Fairgrounds was anticipating.

Recruit Becker is halfway through FTO. She has met and/or exceeded all expectations so far and is expected to pass Field Training. Due to Civil Service, she will only be able to work 20 hours per week until she passes the test.

He is hopeful that the Village will be approved for a \$99,000 grant from New York State once they pass their budget. This grant pays for stationary license plate readers on the pole cameras on Route 31 and Route 21 and on two patrol cars as well as a computer and a radio.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

YEAR END BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS Motion to grant permission for Clerk-Treasurer Wetherby to year end budget adjustments with a list presented to the Board no later than the July Board meeting was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Perry. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED

RELEASE AND PAYMENT OF JEFF AND LINDA WILLIAMS SECURITY DEPOSIT was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Denniston. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED Inspection was done by Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Gary Hopkins and everything was in good shape.

SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST FROM NWE EVENTS ON JUNE 1, 2024 FOR THE COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL HELD AT THE FAIRGROUNDS Motion to approve this event was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Luke. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED

NWE Events already submitted their emergency plans to Chief DiNardo.

MOTION TO ADOPT AND APPROVE THE 2024-2025 BUDGET with a tax rate of \$9.196198 was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Denniston. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED

Tax Cap was \$9.99 so the Village stayed over seven cents per thousand dollars under the tax cap.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None was held.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Perry to adjourn at 6:53pm. Vote, 3 ayes. CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Wetherby
Clerk Treasurer

**Clarification from the Clerk Treasurer- Salaries don't change dependent on how they are distributed between general, water and sewer funds. Any salaries split between the three funds are given a percentage that doesn't necessarily equate with the amount of work done for each fund. It is simply a way of distributing the salaries, so they aren't so heavily budgeted in the general fund and adding to the tax rate.*

***Clarification from the Clerk-Treasurer-The three employees impacted by the Village Hall closure will be using their time off bank for any time not worked. This closure is so not to add to any traffic by residents coming into Village Hall that day.*