

**VILLAGE OF PALMYRA**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**APRIL 3, 2023 6:30 PM**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

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

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** David Augustine, Katie Bolton, Georgeanna Graham, Don Scanlon, Mary Anne Richardson, Cissy Smith, Linda Valley, Tracy Vanderwall, Jeff Vanderwedge (exit 6:57pm) Michael Boesel, *Highway Superintendent*, Kyle DiNardo, *Police Chief*, Warren Frederick, Mikel Hallings, *Fire Chiefs*

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The following notice was published in the *Wayne County Times* March 18<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup> issue.

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
2023-2024

The Village of Palmyra will hold a public hearing (in conjunction with the regular board meeting) on Monday, April 3, 2023 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 2023-2024 Budget of the Village funds.

Compensation proposed to be paid to each member of the Village Trustees is \$5801; and to the Mayor \$7252. The Trustee serving as Deputy Mayor receives a \$500 annual stipend for the additional duties. A copy of the "Tentative 2023-2024 Budget" will be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Village Clerk during normal office hours.

Mayor Husk read the Public Hearing notice as well as rules for a Public Hearing.

At 6:34pm, Mayor Husk opened the Public Hearing and asked if any member of the public wished to address the Board. As no one from the public indicated their wish to speak, Mayor Husk asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Motion was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Leo close the Public Hearing. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED. Public Hearing was closed at 6:35pm

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Luke to approve the minutes from March 20, 2023. Vote, 3 ayes, 1 abstention Trustee Warters. CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT:** Motion was made by Trustee Warters, seconded by Trustee Luke to approve payment of **Abstract 11A**, vouchers **23-00745** through **23-00780**, in the amount of **\$ 54,571.33**. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION**

Answers to Georgeanna Graham's questions at the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were sent via email on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Answer to Jeff Vanderwege's question from the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting was sent via US Mail on March 23<sup>rd</sup>

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Leo**-No report.

**Trustee Luke-** No report

**Trustee Perry-** Sidewalks on Canandaigua Street will be torn up and repoured in the by the end of next week.

**Trustee Warters-** Fire report for March, on file in the Village Clerk's office. He ask to amend the amount for turnout gear cost for the Fire Department as they would be adding on another set. Motion was made by Trustee Warters, seconded by Trustee Perry to approve the purchase of 6 sets of turn out gear from Dival at the cost of \$19,018.38. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

**Mayor Husk-** Friday 3/24, he toured Lock 30. It was very informative and encouraged others to take the opportunity if available. On Wednesday 3/29, he attended the Aqueduct Advisory Committee which explained the breach and possible solutions and future developments of park area. Town and Village of Palmyra are holding a joint workshop to meet with potential grant writers regarding a joint Comprehensive Plan Palmyra . It will be held at 6:30pm on Monday, April 10 at Town Hall. Mayor Husk, on behalf of the entire Board, wanted to express his thanks to the Fire Department as they are an all-volunteer department. They handled 29 events in March with an average response time of 8 minutes and 38 seconds. Mayor Husk also expressed his thanks to Clerk-Treasurer for her work on the budget during the last few months.

### **CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT**

The Department handled **432** calls of service in March:

159 Property Checks	66 Vehicle/Traffic Stops	40 Vehicle/Traffic Complaints
40 Vehicle/Traffic Tickets Issued	2 DWI Arrests, 1 Felony	19 Parking Tickets
7 Adult Arrests with multiple cases arrest ready - warrants issued.		

Mental Health Incidents are on the rise. They had five in last few days.

They had four juvenile incidents in the last 24 hours. Three of which involved air stop guns firing into cars and houses.

Body Armor grant and Traffic Safety grant are being worked on for submittal.

Steady Work turned in contract for work program. This program is funded entirely by grants.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**TRACY VANDERWALL-** had questions on the property the Village is purchasing on Maple Avenue for Highway and Fire Department purposes. Mayor Husk informed her it is being paid for by a grant not by tax dollars. She also had a question about budget fund balance and salaries in the water and sewer budget.

Clerk-Treasurer will contact her to answer these questions.

**JEFF VANDERWEGE:** Discussion was had between Mayor Husk and him about asking questions at board meetings and the letter that was sent to in mail answering his question from the previous meeting. Discussion was had between Trustee Warters and him regarding a Facebook post made on Trustee Warter's personal page that J. Vanderwege felt was inappropriate. The Mayor and he disagreed with each other regarding Facebook posts being personal when it is a Public Official.

J. Vanderwege asked the Board about our Attorney telling us to bill hourly for FOIL requests.

J. Vanderwege, as a resident, inquired about the outcome regarding parking in front of the American Legion that had been discussed in a previous meeting.

J. Vanderwege asked that the minutes be clearer on how purchases are being paid for and having Executive Session at the beginning or end of the meeting.

**GEORGEANNA GRAHAM** had questions on cost of training and uniform cost for bailiff and if it is in the budget. R. Wetherby let her know it is in the budget. The bailiff is still working at both the Town and Village Courts as a Town employee. The Village contribution is to pay for the training and uniforms as we cannot pay the salary. She also asked who determines the salary of the village employees. Mayor Husk responded that as per the Union agreement the Union employees are given a 3% raise so in fairness they give 3% to all employees. She asked if we had bid out cleaning services to see if it cheaper elsewhere. Mayor Husk reminded that R. Wetherby has an open-door policy and feel free to email or call her.

### **2022-2023 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

- \$2333 from A1420.1 (Law-Salary) to A1420.4 (Law-Contractual)

- \$1609 from F1420.1 (Law-Salary) to F1420.4 (Law-Contractual)
- \$1834 from G1420.1 (Law-Salary) to G1420.4 (Law-Contractual)
- \$400 from F1990.4 (Contingency) to F1950.4 (Taxes and Assessments)
- \$281 from A1990.4 (Contingency) to A9710.7 (Serial Bond Interest)
- \$360 from A1990.4 (Contingency) to A7320.4 (Joint Youth)

was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Perry. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT:** Next meeting will be April 17, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Village Hall. Motion was made by Trustee Warters and seconded by Trustee Luke to adjourn at 7:03pm. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Wetherby  
Clerk Treasurer