

VILLAGE OF PALMYRA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APRIL 17, 2023 6:30 PM
REGULAR MEETING

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

OTHER ATTENDEES: David Augustine, Denise Brooks, Georgeanna Graham, David and Lisa Ondra (enter 7:00 pm) Linda Valley, Tracy Vanderwall, Jeff Vanderwedge, Connor, Gavin, Holly, from Fire Department Explorers, Lucas Shulla, *Fire Chief*, Michael Boesel, *Highway Superintendent*, Kyle DiNardo, *Police Chief*. *Warren Frederick, Lisa Stivers and Mikel Hallings signed in but left for a fire call before the meeting started.*

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Trustee Wartars, seconded by Trustee Luke to approve the minutes from April 3, 2023. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT: Motion was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Perry to approve payment of 11B vouchers **23-00781** through **23-00821** in the amount of \$ **58,087.90** Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

Revenue and Expense report as of 4/12, March Reserve and Capital Project Reports and Bank Balances given to Board on 4/14/2023.

APPROVAL OF 2023-2024 BUDGET Motion was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Wartars to approve budget at the tax rate of \$9.757640. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Leo-No report

Trustee Luke- No report

Trustee Perry-Highway Department started on the new stop signs today. The Marina's Comfort Station bathrooms were opened last Friday.

Trustee Wartars- Holly, President of the Fire Explorers, requested use of the Fire Hall and water for a fundraising car wash to go towards Explorers on Saturday, May 20th from 12:00-3:00pm. Motion to approve fundraiser use of building and water was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Wartars. Votes, 4 Carried

L. Shulla introduced three of the four Explorers and commended them for their dedication. He also informed the Board that the helmets they ordered should be in this week and the gear in the next couple of weeks.

The American Legion wants to hang Honor Flight banners at the four entrances to the Village. Trustee Perry will reach out to G. Hopkins to coordinate this being done before Memorial Day weekend. At same meeting on April 12th, they also discussed parking in front of the American Legion (See new business)

Mayor Husk- Thursday, April 27, the WWTP contractor will be starting at 4:00am. They are doing a continuous concrete pour thus necessitating them starting that early. Upcoming Events: April 17-28 Library book sale, April 23 Palmyra Fire Company Pancake Breakfast, April 23 American Legion 2:30-4:30pm Beer and Brats May 5 and 6 Palmyra Garden Club Fundraiser at Wayside (mention their name at checkout.) On May 9th at 7:00pm, there is another joint Village/Town workshop.

Chief DiNardo- There have been 203 calls so far in April. The Police Facebook page is now live. He having a survey drawn up and a link to the survey will be on all officer's business cards

as a QR code to be handed out after every interaction. Chief DiNardo asked the Board to look through the questions to provide feedback.

Investigator Richard Schoeberlein is resigning effective April 27.

Drug-Take Back box has already been filled, picked up and new boxes will be arriving.

Out of those he contacted for assistance with police grants, only MRB was able to assist with the grant for education, traffic enforcement and updating crosswalks and signage.

There have been numerous juvenile cases and they closed a big felony arrest today.

Motion to have the Mayor sign the contract for MRB professional service proposal for grant support not to exceed \$5000 was made by Trustee Luke, seconded by Trustee Wartens. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CHANGE OF LOCAL LAW 183-7 AND 9 regarding parking in front of the American Legion at 132 Cuyler Street changing from no parking to parking from 4:00pm-10:00pm starting 20 feet south of the crosswalk and extending south to the end of the curb at 132 Cuyler Street. Motion was made by Trustee Wartens, seconded by Trustee Leo. Vote, 4 ayes.

CARRIED. Decision to have the Public Hearing to discuss the parking was after a meeting between members of the American Legion, Mayor Husk and Trustee Wartens on Wednesday, April 12.

JEFF VANDERWEGE: Inquired as to the Village's agreement with David Smith's retirement last June. R. Wetherby will check with the Attorney if anything is able to be released. He also expressed concern over the lack of action at 375 West Main Street from the new owners as it is a safety issue. Trustee Perry will speak to the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) to see what he has heard from the new owners as to their plans and encouraged J. Vanderwege to feel free to contact the CEO himself whenever he likes. J. Vanderwege also wanted to know about a sewer credit that was granted in the Board minutes to 375 West Main Street shortly after the accident. R. Wetherby let him know the sewer credit was to cover when the house was hit by the Spectrum van. That language was put in the minutes as the Clerk's office weren't sure what would be happening to the house. That account is now inactive. For a second meeting, J. Vanderwege used inappropriate language to address the board, this time in front of minors. J. Vanderwege asked if he could get copy of the letter Jeff Bulman resignation letter to find out why he quit. R. Wetherby will check with the Attorney regarding that as well.

TRACY VANDERWALL- confused on the Maple Avenue land that was purchased for fire training and disposal of snow and brush. She wondered if Wayne County has somewhere for fire training. L. Shulla responded that there is an area in Lyons but if they get a fire call it is quite a distance away and doesn't have everything they need. Mayor Husk asked M. Boesel to address why he recommended the purchase of the land. M. Boesel said the site has been used for many years at no cost from the current owner. The owner has graciously let us use it and is trying to sell the land. The land is ideal for snow and brush drop-off so M. Boesel felt this was a good purchase for Village especially as we used grant funds. T. Vanderwall asked why another Police car was purchased for a small Village. Chief DiNardo said the cars are rotated so that each car isn't being run as it would cut down on their life expectancy. It was purchased at state bid and also paid for by grant funds. This new vehicle is replacing a much older vehicle that was often needing repairs. She asked why juvenile room couldn't be across the street instead of remodeling the police department. Chief DiNardo said there are a lot of regulations for the juvenile room, and they need to have a juvenile room to be compliant. Grant funds were used and much of the labor was done by Village employees. She wanted to know why grants funds can't be used for other things like the roads. T. Vanderwall brought up the WWTP fees. R. Wetherby explained that although the WWTP charges for the Village were originally higher than the other municipalities theirs will continue to go up while our can stay consistent for a couple years. That way things will even out. She also feels the Villages doesn't charge enough rent for the Village rental properties.

GEORGEANNA GRAHAM- The Village received an ARPA Grant of 340k, and wants to know specifically where the money went. She didn't think officers took home vehicles so why was a police vehicle in Macedon. She asked Chief DiNardo if he has introduced himself to any business owners as her husband says he hasn't met him. Chief DiNardo said he has been making the rounds but has also been busy with calls and many other responsibilities he has taken over. G. Graham said that they used to

have great police officers that people respected. She said being behind a desk, not being involved in the community or doing things remotely doesn't help. Chief DiNardo informed her he is working almost 80 hours a week, at salary, working calls, in the schools and to say he's sitting behind his desk is completely untrue. She questioned if he was still running the Interlaken Police Department and Chief DiNardo is no longer running Interlaken. G. Graham asked if there was a new police vehicle budgeted for the next year.

ACTUARY QUOTE: An actuary is needed for the New York State year-end report to the Comptroller's office. The Certified Public Accountant (CPA) the Village works with told us this is something that has to be done for the report. The Village needs to act quickly to so the actuary can block out his time as he is quite busy.

Motion to enter agreement with Armory Associates not to exceed \$3000 was made by Trustee Wartens, seconded by Trustee Perry. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED

TAX CAP AUDIT: Auditor from the New York State Comptroller office performed a tax cap audit and said we are in compliance.

2022-2023 BUDGET AMENDMENTS (First 2 due to reimbursement by grant for the Police copier)

- Revenue Line- Change A2706 (Grants from Local Governments) from 0 to \$5575
- Expense Line- Change A3120.4 (Police-Contractual) from \$ 17,225 to \$ 22,800
- Expense Line- Change F9089.8 (HRA Plan) from \$866 to \$1311
- Reduce Water Contingency Budget by \$ 445
- Expense Line- Change G9089.8 (HRA Plan) from \$686 to \$956
- Reduce Sewer Contingency Budget by \$270

Motion was made by Trustee Luke, Trustee Leo to approve above budget amendments. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting will be at 6:30pm at the Village Hall. Motion was made by Trustee Luke and seconded by Trustee Wartens to adjourn at 7:20pm. Vote, 4 ayes. CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING: May 1, 2023 at 6:30pm for a Public Hearing and a regular meeting