

MEETING MINUTES
Village of Palmyra
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Monday January 6, 2025
Village Hall
100 W. Taft Street
6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Village President Kathy Weiss at 6:00 pm. Roll call: Ball, Gorsegrner, Kinjerski, Petruska, Smith, Weiss-present. Also Present: Scott Pavlock, Mike Gartzke, Scott Halbrucker, Brian Roemer-Ehlers. Members of the Town of Palmyra board. Members of the community

Pledge of Allegiance

Communications: The board set a date to meet with the Town board to start discussions on the Fire/EMS Contract of Jan 15th, 6 pm at Village Hall. Community events: Jan 25th is the Fisheree until 2 pm.

Monthly Reports:

Public Works-Scott H. is meeting tomorrow with MSA about the pilot study for the PFAS, the guys are working on getting information into the GIS program.

Public Safety- nothing to report

Recreation Dept., -no report

Library- typed report submitted

Clerk/Treasurer – our office has been busy taking in taxes and year end items.

Public Forum: Rob Martens Town of Palmyra Supervisor: thanked the board for picking a date to meet. But he went on to say that it took a long time. Martens said he made several inquiries of board members for a meeting, and he got no response. Martens said that this is critical to start these discussions. Additionally, Martens would like the Town Board to be in any discussions of long term fire/ems investments like new buildings etc. the more we work together the more successful this will be. Weiss and Gorsegrner said that they were busy during the Holidays and Weiss said she did reach out by phone to Martens. Petruska said she never got a call or email from Martens.

Dave Hofer is collecting signatures for the April Election. He thanks anyone who would sign his papers.

1. **Consent Agenda:** *All items listed are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent agenda and be considered on the regular agenda.*

- A. Petruska/Smith motion to approve the following minutes with Weiss' noted corrections to the Dec. 16, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting. There were not actual minutes for the Dec. 19, 2024 Public Safety Committee meeting as there was no quorum. All ayes-motion carried.

2. **Building Permits:** monthly report

3. **New Business**

Discussion and Possible Action on the Following Items

- A. Referendum discussion for April 2025 election with Ehlers. Brian Roemer and Casey Griffiths from Ehlers. This requested amount would be for the 2026 budget. The Village would need to adopt the resolution at a special meeting. Talks about the levy limit gap of \$175,000 and other years gaps, and this continues to increase. Fund balance has decreased from 2018 to now. 7% inflation and net new construction is so low making it hard for us to increase the levy. Roemer explained again taking the public fire protection fee of \$118,774 out of the general fund budget and transferring it onto the residents/businesses water bills. This would free up that amount on the budget. Trustee Petruska states that even if we put the fire protection on the water bills she feels we still need to ask for more than

\$175,000 on the referendum. President Weiss asks if the proposed new development would or could affect our net new construction but Roemer says it is hard to “bank on” this. How fast or how consistently they develop. The new growth will have costs associated with it too. Brian recommends putting the hydrant rental on the water bills no matter what we do with the referendum amount as it helps free up General Fund expenses. Weiss suggests a meeting next Monday night. Brian can give us 3 resolution options and that resolution must be adopted before Jan. 21st!

- B. Letters of interest from residents to fill the empty seat on the Village Board were submitted from Jennifer Tucker, Stephanie Wallace and Rebecca McAllister. Each spoke as to why they want the position on the board. Petruska/Ball motion to appoint Jennifer Tucker to fill Nick Troiola’s position for the remainder of his term until April 2026. Petruska said that Tucker has been attending village meetings for about 2 years now. All ayes-motion carried. The other 2 ladies were thanked for their interest.
- C. Smith/Petruska motion to approve the payment of the bills on the bill list tonight totaling \$232,014.26 and the extras submitted tonight to Southern Lakes Newspaper, Palmyra Eagle School District, James Frechette for the purchase of 2 new calculators, loan processing fee to First Citizens State Bank, R&R insurance and Municipal Property Insurance for village wide policies, Roll call vote: Ball, Gorsegner, Kinjerski, Petruska, Smith, Weiss-aye. Motion carried.
- D. Gorsegner/Petruska motion to adopt Resolution 2025-01 Fee Schedule for 2025. The only change was to the Reserve Capacity Fees which were increased by 2%. All ayes-motion carried.
- E. Gorsegner/Ball motion to approve the 2025 Wage Scale for Village Employees. All ayes-motion carried. These wages were already adopted through the budget as well.
- F. Gorsegner/Petruska motion to write off personal property taxes for Dita Belle Hair Salon in the amount of \$53.42. The business is closed and there has been no payment made on these 2022 taxes.
- G. Weiss stated there is no need for closed session. She just gave the Board an update that her, the Attorney, MSA and Ehlers will be having a 2 pm meeting tomorrow to iron out a few more things regarding the development on Marsh Road.

Gorsegner/Petruska motion to adjourn at 7:21 pm. All ayes-motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Mueller,
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved without corrections Jan. 20, 2025