

MEETING MINUTES
Public Safety Committee Meeting
Village of Palmyra
Wednesday April 8, 2026
100 W. Taft St.
Village Hall Meeting Room
10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Tom Ball, Angela Petruska-present. Also present, Chief Mike Gartzke

Chief Mike: Village Board needs to decide on a new building whether that is a PS building or just a fire department. Even if a new building cannot be constructed in the next couple years, a decision should be made where and when. A committee should be formed for maintenance, new construction, and funding. Talking with neighboring communities about consolidation.

In the meantime, maintenance and upkeep is necessary. The chief mentioned that in his previous places of employment, the DPW had a dedicated employee who worked/handled the upkeep of a building.

These are the items that need to be done per Chief Mike:

Exterior painting and sealing, #3
Overhead doors that do not have sensors #1, SAFETY CONCERN
Windows that don't open and cold air enters building
Sealing of bay floors
Back wall, excavating, remove existing staircase and replace with metal staircase
Leaking drains
Alarm system
Generator
Tear off half the building that is causing maintenance/building problems
Clean ducts and additional UV lighting to help with improving air quality, #2

Angela thinks taking care of excavating and back wall should be done before or at same time of painting and sealing since that is where some of the water seepage is coming from. Scott H mentioned that he believes Biggy did the previous excavation. Tom mentioned Teaspoon Excavating. Tom will contact both.

We all agreed the most important item is the overhead doors. Chief Mike will get the name of the company who fixed the recently damaged door.

Tom, we need to speak with Laurie about borrowing capacity and or bonds for the pressing maintenance issues. Painting, sealing, excavating will cost quite a bit of money. Is there money in capital improvements or general fund?

A dedicated committee needs to be formed, suggestions of chairperson of DPW, Public Safety and Budget. Initially meeting once a month and once a plan is in place, meet every other month.

Ball/Petruska motion to adjourn at 10:40. All ayes-motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Petruska