

MEETING MINUTES
Public Safety Committee Meeting
Village of Palmyra
Thursday May 7, 2026
100 W. Taft St.
Village Hall Meeting Room
6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairperson Ball. Ball, Tucker-present. Smith – excused. Also present: Tim Gorsegner, Paul Blount, Mike Gartzke

Chief Mike: in order to stay in the station and be safe his has put together a priority list. Doors so they stop if someone is underneath them. This will get done no matter what it is a “have to” due to liability. Either the lights that break the beam or a new door.

1. Sealing/painting the building, 1st quote is \$45,000, waiting on a second quote
2. Ventilation, duct cleaning for air quality inside the building and HVAC cleaning.
3. Remodel of kitchen/bathroom/showers.
4. Generator is failing: \$60,000 to replace, might last a year or 6 months.
5. Reverse osmosis system, \$250 and soft water.
6. Back wall, slope the hill to get the water away from the building. Concern with this is that taking that dirt away from the building, it could cause problems for the building’s structure. Let’s scratch this for now. We will have to address this in the future for sure but not right now.

Tucker asked what the consensus is of a new building. It was presented as “everything is included” and then we start going through the design to say what we really need and what we “want”. Ball wants to know about Aurelian Springs and if we do something different than what the DNR designated it for what will we have to pay back to the DNR? If we could use that parcel to build a new building on. Blount says to try to get the building costs down. Do phase 1 and phase 2 of the building with the ability to have bays added. Ball says build something we can add onto. Gartzke says if we know we are going to move forward with the new building then the board needs to decide how much money we want to put into the existing building. Shower facilities are crummy right now, put some into these things to make them better until a new building is done, if the board knows for sure that we are going to get a new building or not. Tucker agrees: first decision is, are we going to move forward with a new building. Ball and Tucker say for sure a new building. Blount asks if there is a way to prevent further respiratory concerns, take care of mold and mildew problems and address the major issues. Will probably be over \$100,000, Ball says we need to have exact quotes for these top priorities so we can go to the bank to get the top concerns addressed. Shower concerns need to be addressed. Generator is a major concern also. Ball says do more than one note, borrow for a couple things one year and the rest the next year. Top 4 items are easily at \$200,000. Tucker says get the quotes together and talk to Laurie about what our borrowing capacity is currently. The Autism building said that they would sell to us. Gorsegner talked about trying to acquire some land near our industrial park or other areas in the village.

Tom will give an update to the board at the next meeting. Still need to borrow for the doors but Paul will put this on as an immediate project. Gartzke says there is bottled water brought in and put in a reverse osmosis vs buying bottled water, cost of \$250. Do another meeting in a month to discuss these items and quotes further. Next meeting June 22nd for public safety committee at 6 pm. Gartzke wants to put together a 5 year plan for capital purchases, the next one will be the tender. Either will need upgrades or refurbishing it.

Tucker/Ball motion to adjourn at 6:51 pm. All ayes-motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Mueller
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved with corrections May 18, 2026