

MEETING MINUTES
Village of Palmyra
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Monday May 18, 2026
100 W. Taft St.
Village Hall
6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Gorsegner at 6:00 pm. Roll call: Ball, Gorsegner, Pfahler, McAllister, Smith, Tucker, Wallace-present. Smith joined via by phone, McAllister-excused.

Pledge of Allegiance

Communications MSA provided the board with an update on the Westfield development. President Gorsegner said that last Tuesday they had an on-site meeting to go over some soil stability issues that may affect 2 home sites. Will bring in more fill if needed. The developer will have to deal with this. Hwy H jurisdictional issue, town board tabled it, Gajewski is requesting a joint meeting with us. The Town board is not purchasing the ambulance we will be selling. June 8th we will have a quick Village Board meeting for T & D's liquor license approval for the new owners. On June 6th there will be a pie & ice cream social. Electronic waste date if June 13th for village residents. Father's Day fly in breakfast is June 21st. June 19th Music on Main event

Public Forum: none

Old Business: *Discussion and Possible Action on the Following Item*

1. Wallace/Ball motion to adopt Resolution 2026-04 billing for fire calls as rewritten by Trustee Tucker and Dan Schiller and to include the fire billing fee schedule. All ayes- carried.

New Business Continued: *Discussion and Possible Action on the Following Items*

1. Tucker/Pfahler motion to approve of the following minutes May 4, 2026 Village Board meeting and May 7, 2026 Public Safety Committee meeting, with a correction to the public safety meeting that Trustee Smith was not present. All ayes-motion carried.
2. Wallace/Pfahler motion to make Dec. 12th the shoot date for the fireworks for residents of the Village of Palmyra. All ayes-motion carried.
3. Tucker/Wallace motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$\$49,302.18 on the bill list and with extras presented tonight to WE Energies, Municipal court payments to state and county, Jefferson County Clerk for the April election costs, Dynamic awards, Von Briesen Attorney, AFLAC, UNUM, Roll call vote: Ball, Gorsegner, Pfahler, Smith, Tucker, Wallace-aye. Motion carried.
4. Wallace/Tucker motion to keep the wording on the fireworks permits the same except putting in the correct name of Bartolotta Fireworks LLC but everything else will remain the same. All ayes-motion carried.
5. Update of Public Safety Building concerns. Trustee Ball said they put together a list of priorities at their last meeting. Doors will be a definite immediate priority, generator has been updated to a bi-annual maintenance schedule, but it is 26 yrs. old and will need to be replaced at some point. Painting and sealing the building, shower remodel. The village Clerk did contact the bank about a 4 year note to pay for these items. The Public Safety Committee's next mtg is June 22nd at 6 pm.
6. Wallace/Tucker motion to convene into closed session at 6:43 pm pursuant to 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons

require a closed session. Specifically, the Westfield Development project. Roll call vote: Ball, Gorsegner, Pfahler, Smith, Tucker, Wallace- aye. Motion carried.

AND

7. §19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Specifically, the Fire Chief's and Police Chief contract. Roll call vote: Ball, Gorsegner, Pfahler, Smith, Tucker, Wallace- aye. Motion carried.
8. Ball/Wallace motion to reconvene into Open Session at 7:48 pm for purposes and potential discussion and action on the matters discussed in closed session and/or adjournment. Roll call vote: Ball, Gorsegner, Pfahler, Smith, Tucker, Wallace- aye. Motion carried.

Tucker/Wallace motion to approve the fire chief's employment agreement as presented tonight. All ayes-motion carried. Chief Gartzke agreed with the contract wording as well.

Gorsegner/Pfahler motion to amend the Police Chief employment agreement to include a private firm to do the background check for a cost not to exceed \$1,000, which shall not take more than 90 days, starting 5/19/2026, and upon completion, the Village President is to be informed and will remove the Police Chief from interim status to fulltime Police Chief. In addition, the requirement to enroll in the Northwestern University course is to be removed and will be replaced by the FBI LEEDA Trilogy course, of which the Police Chief shall have until the end of year 2027 to complete. All ayes-motion carried.

Ball/Tucker motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Mueller,
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved with/without corrections June 1, 2026