

Conversation with the Mayor September 17, 2007

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Squaring Things Up

You have probably noticed that most governing Boards - Town, Library, School, etc - have an uneven number of members. That is true of the Village Board as well and it is done for a reason. It prevents a deadlock, in the case of the Village Board, a two to two stand off. Should that happen, and it has not in the last six years, The Mayor must vote. (Two side notes: 1) This does not mean that we are always unanimous in our opinions, but we talk things out to such a degree that we normally find a middle ground. 2) The Mayor may vote on each and every resolution, but is not required to do so.)

With Trustee Hopkins' resignation at the September 4, 2007 Board meeting, we were left with a four member Board - Trustees Husk, Palmer, and Piccola and the Mayor. At the following meeting, September 17th, the Mayor (her job and responsibility) appointed Matthew Smith trustee for the balance of this political year. In the Village of Palmyra, that is the end of November.

Because of the timing of Gary's resignation, the appointment is of this short duration and there has to be a Special Village Election on November 6th to fill the seat for the balance of the current term, until November 2008.

Are you still with me on this? It took a reading of the appropriate Village Law and several conversations with the Board of Elections to determine what the situation was. The question was complicated because villages can elect in March, June or November. This November, in addition to the Town offices up for election, there will be a single Village office to be filled: Trustee, Term - One Year. They will be on the same ballot, the same day, at your usual polling place.

Why Matt Smith? There are several reasons. Matt and his wife Onnalee chose to live in Palmyra ten years ago and have shown an interest in the community ever since. Matt ran for the Village Board two years ago. As the next highest vote getter after Trustees Chris Piccola and David Husk, he is the appropriate choice to fill the Trustee position. Matt served as a member of the Palmyra Planning Board until his appointment to the Village Board. He is a member of the Palmyra Moose and of the Sons of the Legion. He is also a team Leader/ Press Operator at Pliant Corporation, Macedon. Matt's appointment will put us back at full strength to deal with all that is going on in the Village of Palmyra.

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Boy, did we have a summer -the Hill Cumorah Pageant; the Grand Journey of the *Lois McClure*; the Great Wayne County Fair, and then an outstanding CanalTown Days! The Dalys never vacation during the summer. We'd miss too much. Palmyra is alive and well and getting to be an even better place to live, to work and to prosper. Thank you one and all who had a hand in summer 2007. It set a standard for the future. Don't think for a moment, however, that it is time to roll up the sidewalks. The Steak

Dinners at the American Legion are about to start up as are the Pancake Breakfasts at the Fire Hall. Dates are being set for Trick or Treat on Main Street and the annual Holiday Open House. Monthly programs are scheduled at the Alling Coverlet Museum and HP's annual Cemetery Walk is on for late next month. Holiday Bazaars are on the calendar and holiday sales in local shops won't be far behind. Start thinking holiday gifts and keeping the spending, and the celebrating local. When you buy locally, everyone benefits.

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Two invitations: Check out the culinary offerings of Owner/ Chef Jeff Clark at Lorri's Secret Garden, 401 East Main Street (formerly the Garlock House). You will be pleased. Forget your calorie counting when you do and be sure to try Cortney Surline's 'Famous Peanut Butter Swirl Pie'. It is so good it will make your ears itch.

Come hear Murray Gould, of Port City Preservation in Oswego, speak at the Village Hall on October 1st at 7:00 PM. Murray, a developer who concentrates on the restoration and rehabilitation of vintage buildings, will be speaking to the Palmyra Village Board on tax credits and the value of preservation as an economic engine. Murray is a Board member of CANAL New York, the Marketing and Business Alliance, which promotes the communities within the Canal Corridor and the businesses with them.