

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD

**PALMYRA TOWN HALL
JUNE 25, 2009**

At 7:30 p.m., Supervisor Lyon called to order the town board meeting, scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2009, at the Palmyra Town Hall, 1180 Canandaigua Road, Palmyra, New York.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Lyon led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Upon roll call, the following board members were present:

- David C. Lyon, Supervisor
- James Welch, Councilman
- David Nussbaumer, Councilman
- Michael Lambrix, Councilman

Councilman Kenneth Miller was absent.

ROLL CALL

Also attending the meeting: Palmyra residents Roy Wilck and Kathy Hill; Ora Rothfuss, Agriculture Development Specialist for Wayne County; Code Enforcement Officer Bob Grier; and *Courier-Journal* reporter Billie Rae Walker.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Motion was made by Dave Nussbaumer to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2009 meeting of the Town Board.

**MTN: APPROVE
5/28/2009 TOWN
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Second: Jim Welch

Vote: 4 Ayes. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Farmland Protection Grant Program: The Wayne County Agricultural Specialist, Ora Rothfuss, was invited to the Town Board meeting to give an overview of the Farmland Protection Grant program in Wayne County, and to answer questions from the Board. This grant program is in effect in our neighboring towns, and Supervisor Lyon is interested in knowing if the Board would like to pursue it in Palmyra. If so, a public informational meeting would be scheduled for a formal presentation so residents can determine if they'd like to participate.

**FARMLAND
PROTECTION
GRANT PROGRAM
PRESENTATION**

Discussion highlights include:

- whether or not the Board approves of this concept;
- there are several federal and state grant programs;
- Farmland Protection means buying an easement, so there can be no development other than farming can be practiced on the land;
- the Town or a Land Trust holds the easement;
- municipalities apply for the grant;
- the value of the easement depends on the appraisal, easement not limited to tilled land--can include trees, hills, swamp, etc.
- if land can't continue under grant rules, it can revert to original state;
- town isn't out anything if funding doesn't come through;
- so far, grants have been awarded with full funding;
- the Farmland Protection Grant is an agricultural program;
- can be a sweet deal for the farmer;
- this program has one thinking ahead—like the Master Plan;
- would hate to lose developmental ability on Routes 21 and 31;
- town has input, and can limit if it chooses.

FARMLAND PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM BOARD DISCUSSION

It was decided to hold an Informational Meeting at the August Town Board meeting concerning the Farmland Protection Grant program and to invite people in who are primarily concerned with farming.

MTN: INFO MTG FOR FARMLAND PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM ON 8/27/2009

Mike Lambrix made the motion to hold the Informational Meeting on August 27, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the Palmyra Town Hall. Jim Welch seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Town Clerk Lynne Green is to coordinate with Ora Rothfuss for his availability.

SUNKEN BARGE IN CANAL—MEDIA ADVISORY FROM CANAL CORPORATION

2. Media Advisory from Canal Corporation: Palmyra received a Media Advisory from the New York State Canal Corporation notifying Board members that a barge has sunk in the Canal under the Maple Avenue bridge. Efforts to bring it up have thus far been unsuccessful. It will be several weeks before the barge will be removed.

TOWN OFFICIALS DECLINE INVITE TO PARTICIPATE IN CANALTOWN DAYS PARADE

3. Canaltown Days Parade Announcement: An announcement was received inviting Town Officials to participate in the annual Canaltown Days Parade. After brief discussion, it was decided to decline, since this year's parade float would be focused on those running for election, rather than those already in office.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

**Buildings and Grounds Committee – Kenneth Miller,
Chairman**

**BUILDINGS AND
GROUNDS REPORT**

Ken Miller was not in attendance at this meeting. Dave Lyon said the sewer line to the Town Hall is ready to be hooked up.

Highway Committee – James Welch, Chairman

1. June Highway Department Report: Mike Boesel’s June Highway Department Report: was included in the packet of information for each Town Board member.

Highway Superintendent Report
For Town Board Meeting 6/25/09

Since the 5/28/09 meeting we have completed the following work:

- Cutting Shoulders – Walker Road and Leroy Road
- Wedging – Hogback Road, Galloway Road, Walker Road, Daansen Road, Quaker Road
- Inter-municipal Assistance
 - 6/3/09 thru 6/11/09 – Walworth helped us wedge with their grader and roller, operators
 - 6/4/09, 6/10/09-6/11/09 – 2 Marion trucks/1 Arcadia truck helped us wedging
 - 6/10/09 and 6/11/09 – 2 Palmyra trucks to Macedon for surface treating assistance
 - 6/22/09 thru present – Bobcat/Milling machine to Walworth/Wayne Co Hwy

**JUNE HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT
REPORT**

Other miscellaneous items include:

- **SMSI Grant 07-08** –We received our first reimbursement check from NYS DOS for the bucket truck and street sweeper on 5/15/09 and paid back the Towns of Macedon and Walworth their 90% at our last meeting. On 6/5/09 we received our new rubber tire excavator from MiltonCAT. Tonight we will be paying for this machine and I will be submitting for our second (final) reimbursement ASAP.

**JUNE HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT
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- **Canal Dredger Boat** – On Saturday night around 10:30pm I was called to assist in closing the Maple Avenue bridge due to the sinking of the Canal Dredger. I met onsite on Sunday afternoon and assisted with road closures Monday thru Wednesday, coordinating the closures with PMCSD, WC Highway and WC 911. They are currently in the process of letting an emergency bid to remove the boat. Stay tuned.
- **Sign Maintenance** – on several occasions in the past 1.5 weeks we have been getting around the entire Town and trimming back branches and performing general sign maintenance as the spring/summer growing season has started to limit sign visibility. All Town roads have been checked several times.
- **Fuel Update** – The PMCSD is holding their bid opening for the fuel contract on 6/29/09. Griffith has been our long-time provider. I will keep you posted on the results. Last year at this time we were dealing with diesel at \$3.82/gallon and unleaded at \$3.18/gallon, and July was \$4.35/gallon and \$3.45/gallon respectively. Currently we are at \$1.62/gallon for diesel and \$1.55/gal for unleaded!
- **Salt & Asphalt** – I recently received word that our salt price for this coming season will be going up again, approximately 4%. You will recall our price increased 45% this past season! Similarly, asphalt prices are on the rise, similar to fuel at the gas stations, but again, not as bad as last summer at this time.
- **OGS Purchasing Council Meeting** – On 6/18/09 I was invited to attend the NYS OGS Purchasing Council Meeting in Albany from 1-4pm. OGS handles all our State purchasing contracts. Reps from NYCOM, SAMPO, NYS Comptrollers Office and OGS were all on hand, 22 people total. Our next meeting is in November. I put in my two cents regarding OGS and NYS Comptrollers Office review of the salt mines justification for the incredible price increases we experienced last year.
- **Mowing** – Chris Bratt is mowing for us again this summer. We started roadside mowing on May 19th and recently completed Round 1. Round 2 started on 6/23/09.
- **Training** -
 - On 6/1/09 – 6/3/09 I attended Annual Highway School in Ithaca, NY
 - On 6/12/09 we received training on the new rubber tire excavator

Any questions, comments or concerns I will be glad to answer.

Planning & Economic Development Committee – Mike Lambrix, Chairman

NO PLANNING OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no report this month.

Zoning Committee – David Nussbaumer, Chairman

- 1. CEO Report: June's CEO Report was distributed to Board members. They read it and had a question or two, which Bob Grier answered. Jim Welch said Mike Boesel has a concern about a dirt pile on O'Meal Road. Bob said that property has other issues as well.

CEO REPORT FOR JUNE

Bob also stated that about 95% of the construction work has been done on the Southwest Quadrant Sewer project. Some culvert work remains to be completed. He will do his walk-through with Engineer Dave Doyle of MRB Group next week.

SW QUADRANT SEWER PROJECT ALMOST COMPLETE

- 2. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting: Minutes from the June 11 meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals were included in the packet for the Board members. There were no comments about the report.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING MINUTES

- 3. 1400 Hammond Road Special Use Request: A request for a Special Use Permit was made by the owners of the property at 1400 Hammond Road for a kennel. Previous owners of this property have received a Special Use Permit to operate a kennel. The Zoning Board of Appeals had worked out an arrangement with the new owners for a new Special Use Permit. Included in Board members' packets were the Special Use conditions that the Zoning Board approved and the letter sent to the property owner.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR NEW OWNERS OF 1400 HAMMOND ROAD

ASSESSOR'S REPORT FOR JUNE

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Assessor's Report for June: Board members read over the Assessor's Report without comment.

AGENDA ITEMS

**MTN: SCHEDULE
ROUTE 31 EAST
SEWER PROJECT
INFORMATIONAL
MEETING**

- 1. Route 31 East Sewer Project Informational Meeting: To begin the process of providing municipal sewer service to the Route 31 East area, from the Village line to the Griffith Oil Company area, an informational meeting needs to be scheduled. Residents and businesses of the area would be invited to hear the proposal by MRB Group Engineers and to ask questions. It is intended to gather information from townspeople, as well as to see what options are available to benefit property owners. Mike Lambrix made the motion to schedule the Route 31 East Sewer Project Informational Meeting for Thursday, July 23, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., at the Palmyra Town Hall.

Second: Dave Nussbaumer Vote: 4 ayes.
Carried.

Supervisor Dave Lyon directed Town Clerk Lynne Green to send a notice to the residents of the area notifying them of the informational meeting.

**MTN: APPROVE
ABSTRACTS #173
AND #174**

- 2. Approve Abstracts #173 and #174: Dave Nussbaumer made the motion to approve the claims and expenditures shown on Abstract #173, that includes Voucher Numbers 10375 through 10381 for \$68,581.53, and Abstract #174, that includes Voucher Numbers 10382 through 10461 for \$298,459.18.

Second: Jim Welch Vote: 4 Ayes. Carried

**MTN: ADJOURN
MEETING**

- 5. Motion to Adjourn: At 8:17 p.m., Mike Lambrix made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Jim Welch Vote: 4 Ayes. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyndall Ann P. Green
Palmyra Town Clerk

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING:
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2009, 7:30 P.M.**

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