

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Kenneth Miller, Chairman

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT

Ken Miller reported the vacuum cleaner and a door had been repaired and a new thermostat was installed in the gym. He recommends a new thermostat be installed in the large meeting room as well.

There was a problem recently with an unscheduled use of the Town Hall. A pre-school graduation ceremony was not on the schedule and there was no town employee scheduled to be on site as required in our policy. Lynne Green was contacted about this issue and she came in to meet this requirement. Ken suggested amending the current policy and procedures to include returning unused applications and checks promptly, and that organizations should apply each year to use the facility. He said he'd prepare a draft for board members.

New trees were planted in front of town hall to replace those planted last year, which didn't survive.

Highway Committee – Michael Lambrix, Chairman

HIGHWAY MONTHLY REPORT

Highway Department Monthly Report: In his report for June, Highway Superintendent Mike Boesel outlined projects his crew has worked on during the month. Board members read the report and had no questions.

Planning Committee – James Welch, Chairman

STATUS OF SW QUADRANT SEWER DISTRICT

Jim Welch asked what Finewood Holding Company's letter would mean for the Southwest Quadrant Sewer project. Supervisor Lyon said he would be meeting with the engineers, town attorney and zoning officer to review alternatives. He is trying to find a way to make the project a "go."

Zoning Committee – David Nussbaumer, Chairman

CEO Report: Code Enforcement Officer Bob Grier submitted his monthly report, summarizing activity through June 22.

**CEO MONTHLY
REPORT**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Assessor's Report for June: Grievance is over and the final roll is ready to be filed with the Town Clerk. Now is the time when new property records cards will be made out, sketches will be redone, using the new computer software, and all the files will be put back together again after the scanning project this past spring. Assessor Elaine Herman enclosed a few pages of her report to the State, which shows a loss of assessed value from last year. One of the contributing factors is the new way of computing assessments of subsidized housing.

**ASSESSOR'S
REPORT FOR
JUNE**

2. Town Clerk's Office Report: The report, which includes work done in June, highlights the completion of indexes for birth, death and marriage records. In addition to her other work, Deputy Clerk Betsy Lewis has spent over two years preparing these indexes. Now that the new Palmyra Web site is up and running, Betsy will maintain and update information on it. Lynne attended a Records Management workshop presented by archives specialists from Albany. The grant received in 2005 to scan Town Clerk's records and to microfilm them, is now complete. Final reports have been submitted and we are awaiting final grant payment.

**TOWN CLERK'S
OFFICE REPORT
FOR JUNE**

3. Canaltown Days parade application: Each year, the town clerk receives an invitation for town officials to participate in the Canaltown Days parade. Board members decided not to participate in this year's parade.

**CANALTOWN
DAYS PARADE
INVITATION**

4. Building Use Requests: During June, three unusual requests were received for usage of Town Hall facilities: Kiwanis Club, Lighthouse Baptist Church and Provident Living Academy. Each request was considered by board members. It was decided that Ken Miller, head of Buildings and Grounds, would contact each organization for more details about its request and report back at the town board meeting in July.

**BUILDING USE
REQUESTS FOR
TOWN HALL**

**WILLOW
LANDING APTS.
RIBBON
CUTTING**

- 5. Willow Landing Apartments: Dave Lyon announced that the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Willow Landing Apartment complex on Division Street would be held on Friday, June 23. Deputy Supervisor Dave Nussbaumer would be representing the Town at the event.

AGENDA ITEMS

**MTN:
SCHEDULE
PUBLIC
HEARING FOR
LOCAL LAW #2
FOR 7/27/2006**

- 1. Local Law No. 2 for 2006: "A Local Law Establishing Sewer Use Rents in the Town of Palmyra and amending Local Law No. 4 for the year 1999, Local Law No. 1 for the Year 2000, Local Law No. 1 for the Year 2003, and Local Law No. 1 for the Year 2006" was introduced to Town Board members. The Village has increased the cost of sewage disposal charged to the Town. This necessitated an increase in the usage charge to Town residents.

Dave Nussbaumer made the motion to schedule a public hearing for Local Law No. 2 for 2006 on Thursday, July 27, at 7:30 p.m., in the Town Hall.

Second: Ken Miller

Vote: 4 ayes. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO
RESCIND NYS
AMENDMENT TO
REAL
PROPERTY TAX
LAW**

- 2. Resolution to Legislators: A new amendment to the Real Property Tax Law in New York State changes the way rental properties which are subsidized all or in part, can be assessed. The Town Board offered the following resolution to state legislators asking them to rescind the amendment which shrinks the local property tax base, and to support legislation which encourages the establishment of new business or industry to strengthen the local tax base.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS an amendment to the Real Property Tax Law in New York State (Section 581-A) has been passed by New York State legislators, and

WHEREAS this amendment alters the basis on which properties serving tenants who must meet an income test are assessed, and

WHEREAS this amendment places a further burden on the communities already struggling with rising taxes to meet increasing costs for personnel, maintenance, utilities and fuel costs, and

WHEREAS this amendment exacerbates an already shrinking property base, and

WHEREAS this amendment acts not only as a deterrent to the establishment of new business or industry within the community, but may also cause the closing and/or flight of business from New York State, and

WHEREAS the revitalization of western New York State, Wayne County and the Town of Palmyra is further delayed, if not prevented, by this new financial burden,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Palmyra respectfully requests the Legislature of the State of New York rescind Section 581-A of the Real Property Tax Law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of New York support legislation, which will encourage the establishment of new business or industry within the state, thereby, strengthening the tax base of its communities.

DATED: June 22, 2006
TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PALMYRA

**MTN: APPROVE
RESOLUTION TO
RESCIND NYS
AMENDMENT TO
REAL
PROPERTY TAX
LAW**

Dave Nussbaumer made the motion to approve the resolution.

Second: Jim Welch Vote: 4 ayes. Carried.

- 3. Canal Revitalization Resolution: A letter was received from the New York State Canal Corporation urging local officials to contact their local legislators to support the Canal Revitalization Bill. Ken Miller made the motion to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Tourism is second in revenue generation in New York State only to Agriculture, and

WHEREAS New York State's historic past contains treasures and adventures for the visitor and resident alike, and

**RESOLUTION TO
HAVE STATE
LEGISLATORS
SUPPORT
CANAL
REVITALIZATION
BILL**

WHEREAS New York’s Canal communities are trying hard to capitalize on their treasures—especially the New York State Canal System—to generate even more tourism revenue, and

WHEREAS revitalizing the Canal would infuse the upstate economy with new tourism dollars, and

WHEREAS it is our responsibility as New Yorkers to educate residents, visitors and especially the next generation in the historic and current importance of the Erie Canal,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Palmyra adds its voice to those of hundreds of communities upstate and downstate in support of the proposed Canal Revitalization Bill (S8125), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board urges state legislators to heed their constituents and strengthen New York’s Canal communities by sponsoring, co-sponsoring or supporting this historic legislation—by passing the Canal Revitalization Bill (S8125) this session.

Dated: June 22, 2006
TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PALMYRA

**MTN: APPROVE
RESOLUTION TO
HAVE STATE
LEGISLATORS
SUPPORT
CANAL
REVITALIZATION
BILL**

Second: Dave Nussbaumer Vote: 4 ayes. Carried.

- 4. Budget Adjustment: Budget adjustments for Part-Town Fund were necessary. Dave Nussbaumer made the motion to increase Economic Development/Tourism--Contingency Expense B6989.400 by \$664.49 and to decrease Contingent Account B1990.400 by \$664.49 for payment of a shared expense with the Village for work to update the website that was not budgeted for 2006; and to increase Economic Development/Tourism--Contingency Expense B6989.400 by \$162.10 and to decrease Contingent Account B1990.400 by \$162.10 for payment of Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance voucher that went over budget.

**MTN: APPROVE
BUDGET
ADJUSTMENTS
FOR PART-
TOWN FUND**

Second: Jim Welch Vote: 4 ayes. Carried.

- 5. Add Town Depository: The request was made to designate Citizens Bank as an additional town depository. To accomplish this, a resolution was offered by Dave Nussbaumer to amend the Organizational Meeting minutes of January 5, 2006 adding Citizens Bank as an additional official town depository.

**MTN: RESOLU-
TION TO ADD
CITIZENS BANK
AS OFFICIAL
TOWN
DEPOSITORY**

Second: Ken Miller Vote 3 ayes. Carried.
Dave Lyon abstained as he was not at the Organizational Meeting.

- 6. Mobile Home Park Permits: The following manufactured home park applied for a Mobile Home Park Permit and paid its annual fee for 2006-2007: Pine Tree Mobile Home Park. Motion was made by Dave Nussbaumer to approve the 2006-2007 Mobile Home Park Permit.

**MTN: APPROVE
MOBILE HOME
PARK PERMIT
FOR PINE TREE
PARK**

Second: Jim Welch Vote: 4 ayes. Carried.

- 7. Approve Abstracts #106 and #107: Dave Nussbaumer made the motion to approve the claims and expenditures shown on Abstract #106 (for vouchers already paid), which includes Voucher Numbers 7269 through 7276, for \$80,881.92, and Abstract #107, (for vouchers to be paid) which includes Voucher Numbers 7277 through 7346 for \$35,919.56.

**MTN: APPROVE
ABSTRACTS
#106 AND #107**

Second: Ken Miller Vote: 4 ayes. Carried.

- 8. Motion to Adjourn: At 8:11 p.m., Dave Nussbaumer made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MTN: ADJOURN
MEETING**

Second: Ken Miller Vote: 4 ayes. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyndall Ann P. Green
Palmyra Town Clerk

**NEXT MEETING:
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2006, AT 7:30 P.M.
PALMYRA TOWN HALL**