

**PUBLIC HEARING AND  
MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD  
PALMYRA TOWN HALL  
NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

The following legal notice was prepared, posted at the Town Hall, on the website, and published in the Town’s official newspaper:

***LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF PALMYRA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING and TOWN BOARD MEETING  
UPON PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024***

*NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Palmyra for the fiscal year beginning January 2024 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, Palmyra Town Hall, 1180 Canandaigua Road, Palmyra, New York, where it is available for inspection by any interested persons during normal business hours.*

*FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Palmyra will meet, and review said preliminary budget and hold a Public Hearing (and Town Board Meeting) thereon at the Palmyra Tow Hall 1180 Canandaigua Rd, Palmyra, NY, at 7:00 PM on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023. At this hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget as compiled, or for or against any item or items therein contained.*

*Pursuant to section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following Town Officers are hereby specified as follows:*

<i>Town Supervisor</i>	<i>\$ 35,844</i>
<i>Town Justices (2)</i>	<i>\$ 32,878</i>
<i>Town Councilpersons (4)</i>	<i>\$ 20,987</i>
<i>Town Clerk</i>	<i>\$ 57,527</i>
<i>Superintendent of Highways</i>	<i>\$ 87,273</i>

*Dated: October 26, 2023 (for 2<sup>nd</sup> time)  
By Order of the Town Board*

Councilman Pipitone made the motion to waive the reading of the Legal Notice.

Second: Jim Welch

Vote: 4 Ayes. Carried

**PUBLIC HEARING**

At 7:00 PM, Councilman Welch made the motion to open the public hearing.

Second: Doug DeRue

Vote: 4 Ayes. Carried

Supervisor Rose asked for comments from the public. Gigit Graham, who resides in the village, had further questions after meeting with the Supervisor the previous Friday. Her questions included: why the deputy supervisor was making more than the other board members (Councilman Cook responded that Mr. Welch stepped up when the previous Supervisor was not able to work), why does the secretary to the Supervisor/Book Keeper make the wage that she does, why were the town employees

receiving a 5% raise when health insurance was also going up as well, why are there so many clerks in the town (it was pointed out that the PT clerk in code is the same person that is PT clerk in the assessor's office), why did the highway clerk's hours get increased, and etc. Discussion ensued, and most comments were deferred to the previous conversation (their meeting a few days prior) between the Supervisor and Mrs. Graham as it was felt those topics were already covered.

Mr. Rose asked if there were any additional comments. Tracy Vanderwall, also residing in the Village of Palmyra, asked why we needed a full time Code Enforcement Officer, part time CEO and Part time clerk. Again, discussion ensued, and most answers were deferred to the meeting that Mr. Rose and Ms. Vanderwall had a few days prior. Members of the board commented that it was necessary to have coverage when the CEO was in training, on vacation, or sick.

At 7:10 PM, after no additional people asked to speak, Doug DeRue made the motion to close the Public Hearing.

Second: Todd Pipitone

Votes: 4 Ayes. Carried

### **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

At 7:11 p.m., Supervisor Gary Rose called to order the regular town board meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Palmyra Town Hall, 1180 Canandaigua Road, Palmyra, New York.

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

Upon roll call, the following board members were present:

Gary Rose, Supervisor  
 James Welch, Deputy Supervisor  
 Doug DeRue, Councilman  
 Todd J. Pipitone, Councilman  
 Brad Cook, Councilman

### **ATTENDANCE**

Also attending was: Kathleen Catchman, Mary Ann Williams, Linda Valley, Tracy Vanderwall, Gigit Graham, Mike Boesel, Michelle Rose, Donna McPike, Marc Carrier, Tracie Tubio, and Craig Harvey.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None for this evening.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

None for this evening as they will be reported at the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, meeting.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None for this evening.

**AGENDA**

**1. Approve: Final 2024 Budget:** Todd Pipitone made the motion to approve the Final 2024 Budget. Copies of the Preliminary 2024 Town Budget were available for public inspection, and distribution since its approval at the Town Board meeting on September 28, 2023. This was seconded by James Welch, and a roll call vote was requested.

Councilman James Welch	Aye
Councilman Doug DeRue	Aye
Councilman Todd J. Pipitone	Aye
Councilman Brad Cook	Aye
Supervisor Gary Rose	Aye

Vote: 5 Ayes. Carried

**2. Approve: Intermunicipal Agreement for Administration, Maintenance, and Repair of Village Highway System:** Todd Pipitone made the motion to approve the Supervisor to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement for Administration, Maintenance, and Repair of Village Highway System, between the Town & Village of Palmyra commencing January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2025.

Second: James Welch      Vote: 4 Ayes. Carried.

**Motion to Adjourn:** At 7:12 p.m., Todd Pipitone made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Doug DeRue      Vote: 4 Ayes. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Irene E. Unterborn  
Palmyra Town Clerk

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**  
**7:00 PM – PALMYRA TOWN HALL**