

**PUBLIC HEARING AND
MID-MONTH MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
PALMYRA TOWN HALL
NOVEMBER 6, 2014**

At 7:00 p.m., Supervisor Kenneth Miller called to order the Public Hearing, scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2014, at the Palmyra Town Hall, 1180 Canandaigua Road, Palmyra, New York.

CALL TO ORDER

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

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF PALMYRA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

UPON PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Palmyra for the fiscal year beginning January, 2015 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 thereon at the Palmyra Town Hall, 1180 Canandaigua Road, Palmyra, NY, at 7:00 PM on the 6^h day of November, 2014. At this hearing any persons may be heard in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget as compiled, or for or against any item or items therein contained.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Town Supervisor	\$ 31,215.00
Town Justices (2)	\$ 26,202.00
Town Councilpersons (4)	\$ 16,320.00
Town Clerk	\$ 36,696.00
Superintendent of Highways	\$ 63,826.00

Dated: September 26, 2014

By Order of the Town Board

Supervisor Miller made the motion to have the Town Clerk waive the reading of the Legal Notice to those present.

**MTN: WAIVE
READING OF
LEGAL NOTICE**

Second: Mike Lambrix

Vote: 4 Ayes. Carried

PUBLIC HEARING**PUBLIC
HEARING:
TOPIC-
2015 BUDGET**

Supervisor Miller asked those in attendance if they would like to comment on the proposed 2015 Town budget. Palmyra Highway Superintendent, Mike Boesel, came forward with the following comments:

Mr. Boesel first commended the members of the board for working to keep taxes lower, and pointed out that we have been below the tax cap each year for the past few years.

He then went on to voice his concerns. Mr. Boesel pointed out that department heads and board members are already faced with tough decisions as the budget “bar” is lowered each year, and he is concerned that they will need to make tougher decisions in relation to yet smaller raises for employees (this year is just 1%), or more importantly, cuts in services in the future. For the highway department this means safety issues, particularly in winter. Mr. Boesel also stated that he feels that he has a decent budget that he works with in the summer months for maintenance projects, but winter is his concern if we keep lowering and lowering the budget. He asked if the rebate program that we participate in by staying under the tax cap, which gives tax payer just \$5 or \$10 per year, is worth it in the long run.

Discussion ensued with the board members. Councilman Lambrix pointed out that this situation was “put into place” because of the state, and because of Governor Cuomo’s push to combine villages and towns. Mr. Lambrix also commented that Mr. Boesel is doing an excellent job as Highway Superintendent, and at being fiscally responsible.

Supervisor Miller added that he of course agrees with Mr. Boesel, we do not want to lose services, and pointed out that we used fund balances this year so that we did not burden the tax payers. He also stated that the board is not ashamed that the Town of Palmyra is healthy financially. He also commented that if we ever had a catastrophe or something that “fell outside the norm”, we could deal with it, and make budget adjustments at that time. Councilman Welch agreed.

At this time Mr. Miller mentioned that later in the meeting they would be discussing changing the date of the next board meeting so that he, as well as any board members, could attend the Wayne County meeting regarding the “Government Efficiency Plan” that will be due by June 2015. This topic ties directly to the Property Tax Freeze Credit for 2016.

At 7:14 PM, Mike Lambrix made the motion to close the Public Hearing.

Second James Welch

Votes: 3 Ayes. Carried

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

At 7:15 PM, Supervisor Miller led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Upon roll call, the following board members were present:

- Kenneth F. Miller, Supervisor
- James Welch, Deputy Supervisor
- Michael Lambrix, Councilman
- Todd J. Pipitone, Councilman
- Councilman David Nussbaumer was absent.

ROLL CALL

Also attending: Palmyra Highway Superintendent Mike Boesel, as well as his son, TJ Boesel.

ATTENDANCE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:16 PM, Councilman Lambrix made the motion to enter into executive session regarding matters of personnel.

MTN: ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Second: Todd Pipitone 3 Ayes. Carried

At 7:36 PM, Councilman Lambrix made the motion to return from executive session.

MTN: RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Second: Todd Pipitone 3 Ayes. Carried

COMMUNICATIONS

None

NO COMMUNICATIONS

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

**Economic Development, Appeals and Town Clerk’s Office
Committee – Todd Pipitone, Chairman**

None.

NO REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Highway Committee – James Welch, Chairman

None.

Planning and Operations Committee - Mike Lambrix, Chairman

None

Zoning and Assessor’s Office Committee --David Nussbaumer, Chairman

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**PROPERTY TAX
FREEZE MEETING
AT WC PUBLIC
SAFETY BUILDING**

- 1. Meeting on November 25, 2014, 6:30 PM, at the Wayne County Public Safety Building, regarding Property Tax Freeze Credit for 2016.
- 2. **Public Input:** None.

AGENDA ITEMS

**MTN: APPROVE
FINAL 2015
BUDGET**

- 1. **Approve Final 2015 Budget:** Copies of the Preliminary 2015 Town Budget were available for public inspection since approval at the Town Board meeting on September 25, 2014.

Mike Lambrix made the motion to approve the final 2015 Town Budget, asking for a roll call vote:

Second: Jim Welch Vote: 4 Ayes. Carried.

James Welch	Aye
Michael Lambrix	Aye
Todd J. Pipitone	Aye
Ken Miller	Aye
Dave Nussbaumer	Absent

**MTN: APPROVE
CHANGING DATE
OF NOVEMBER
2014 MEETING**

- 2. **Approve Changing Date of November Meeting:** Jim Welch made the motion to change the November meeting to Monday November 24th, 2014, at 7:00 PM, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, as well as a scheduling conflict with the Wayne County meeting as discussed earlier.

Second: Mike Lambrix Vote: 3 Ayes. Carried.

**MTN: ADJOURN
MEETING**

Motion to Adjourn: At 7:37 p.m., Mike Lambrix made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Jim Welch Vote: 3 Ayes. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene E. Unterborn
Palmyra Town Clerk

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING:
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014, 7:00 P.M., PALMYRA TOWN HALL**

