

**FIRE DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARINGS AND
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD**

**EAST PALMYRA FIRE HALL
OCTOBER 23, 2008**

The Public Hearings scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2008 at the East Palmyra Fire Hall, 2145 Tellier Road, East Palmyra, New York, to consider contracts proposed by the Town with the Village of Palmyra, the Port Gibson Fire Department, and the East Palmyra Fire Department, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Town Supervisor David Lyon.

CALL TO ORDER

He asked Town Clerk Lynne Green to read the Notice of the Public Hearing, which had been posted and published in accordance with law, announcing these public hearings:

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF PALMYRA
PUBLIC HEARING**

**VILLAGE OF PALMYRA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EAST PALMYRA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PORT GIBSON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Palmyra, Wayne County, will meet at the East Palmyra Fire Hall, 2145 Tellier Rd., East Palmyra, New York, on the 23rd day of October, 2008 at 7:30 PM, for the purpose of considering contracts proposed by said Town Board to be entered into with the Village of Palmyra, the Port Gibson Fire Department and the East Palmyra Fire Department, for the furnishing of fire protection to said Town, at which time and place the Town Board will consider such proposed contracts and all persons interested in same.

**READING OF
LEGAL NOTICE
FOR PUBLIC
HEARING**

The Town Board will, at said time and place, hear all persons in favor of, or against, an increase in said contracts. Interested persons may be heard in person, by attorney or agent, or in writing.

Dated: Palmyra, NY
September 25, 2008

By Order of the Town Board
Of the Town of Palmyra, NY

Supervisor Lyon took each fire department in turn, and had the legal notice read only once.

**PUBLIC
HEARING FOR
PALMYRA FIRE
DEPARTMENT
2009-2010
CONTRACT**

At 7:30 p.m. he asked all those who wish to comment on the Palmyra Fire Department contract to state their names and ask their questions. When asked why the Village Trustees are involved in the contract negotiations, Supervisor Lyon said that the contract is made between the town and the village, since the fire department's funding is through the village. The specific terms and dollar amounts of the Palmyra Fire Department contract were not spelled out at the hearing. Supervisor Lyon then asked if there were any other comments or questions. Hearing none, he declared this hearing closed at 7:33 p.m.

**PUBLIC
HEARING FOR
PORT GIBSON
FIRE
DEPARTMENT
2009-2010
CONTRACT**

At 7:34 p.m., he asked all those who wish to comment on the Port Gibson Fire Department contract to state their names and ask their questions. Fire Chief John Wood said contract talks are still in progress. Dave Lyon said the contract is basically the same as the one currently in place, but that additional information will be needed to establish exact boundaries for the district. Currently, the Palmyra Fire Department and Port Gibson Fire Department are working out a formal agreement for fire protection boundaries to service Canalside Estates.

**PUBLIC
HEARING FOR
EAST PALMYRA
FIRE
DEPARTMENT
2009-2010
CONTRACT**

Supervisor Lyon then asked if there were any other comments or questions. Hearing none, he declared this public hearing closed at 7:37 p.m.

At 7:38 p.m., he asked all those who wish to comment on the East Palmyra Fire Department contract to state their names and ask their questions. There were no comments. At 7:39 p.m., he declared this public hearing closed.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
OCTOBER 23, 2008**

**REGULAR TOWN
BOARD
MEETING CALL
TO ORDER**

At 7:40 p.m., Supervisor Lyon called to order the regular town board meeting, scheduled to be held on Thursday, October 23, 2008, at the East Palmyra Fire Hall, 2145 Tellier Rd., East Palmyra, New York.

**PLEDGE TO THE
FLAG**

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

Upon roll call, the following board members were present:

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

ROLL CALL

Also attending the meeting: Palmyra Highway Superintendent Mike Boesel, Billie Rae Walker, reporter for the *Courier-Journal*, Code Enforcement Officer Bob Grier, and residents John Rush, Sylvia Harding, Neil Gates, John Wood, Lee Sanders, Deb Rothfuss, Derick Baker, Bill Colburn, James and Tammy Pierce, Brandon Klahn, Bob Devlin, Jeffery Bulman, Lee Spencer, Brian Kroll, Scott Floyd, Jim Beato, Joe Bruening, Lucas Shulla, Rachael Szczypinski.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Motion was made by Dave Nussbaumer to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2008 and the September 30, 2008 meetings of the Town Board.

**MTN: APPRV
9/25/08 AND
9/30/2008 TOWN
BOARD MTG
MINUTES**

Second: Mike Lambrix

Vote: 5 ayes. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

On September 30, a letter was received announcing an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Zachariah Mein, of Palmyra Troop 96. The request for a letter of greeting to Zachariah was answered by Town Clerk Lynne Green on behalf of the town, congratulating him on his achievement.

**CONGRATULA-
TIONS TO EAGLE
SCOUT
ZACARIAH MEIN**

REPORTS BY STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Ken Miller reported the repair on the Town Hall cupola is now done. The windowed arches have been replaced by horizontal slats and give a finished look to the cupola. Several building lights have been repaired. Parking lots were sealed and the Highway Department has striped them. Since we did not renew the Cintas contract for rest room paper and dispenser products, Ken said he would remove Cintas dispensers this coming weekend.

**BUILDINGS AND
GROUNDS
REPORT FOR
OCTOBER**

Highway Committee – James Welch, Chairman

1. Highway Department Report for October: Mike Boesel updated the town board on the things the Highway Department has been working on during October.

Highway Superintendent Report For Town Board Meeting---10/23/08

Since the 9/25/08 meeting we have completed the following work:

- Ditching restoration –Port Gibson Rd, Hogback Rd, Garnsey Rd
 - Culvert Replacement – Parker Road
 - Trucks ready for winter
 - Inter-municipal Assistance
- o 9/5/08 – present Palmyra grader to Wayne County Hwy for WC use cutting shoulders

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR OCTOBER

Other miscellaneous items include:

- SMSI Grant 07-08 – The Contract was signed and returned mailed immediately following the 8/28/08 TB meeting. A draft IMA has been provided to you tonight for review. The Town Attorney has already reviewed the document with the exception of Section 5 – Insurance. A resolution will be needed at the next meeting to officially approve this document. Bid specs are being finalized and we hope to be out to bid and possibly making recommendations to purchase at the November 20 TB meeting.
- LGE Grant 08-09 –I have been talking about some ideas for another attempt at this grant with P-MCSD, Walworth, Marion and the Village of Palmyra. I have also talked with Stu Brown's office. Stay tuned.
- Fall Highway Conference/Chips Update – I attended our annual Fall Highway Conference in Buffalo in late September. At the conference we were advised to spend all our Chips funding and not rollover any funds (which the Town never has). Legislators are unsure about where the Chips program will be going in the coming years or how much money will be available. Times are tough everywhere.
- Highway Dept Building maintenance – We completed roof repairs to our lower red barn at the end of September and started putting a coat of aluminum roof cement on our Office roof. This was completed on Oct. 17th.
- Winter Preparations – We continue to prepare the fleet for the winter season. Sanders and plows are being readied for the season. Trucks have been getting serviced as well.

- Equipment – We have some equipment purchases yet to make this year, along with some we decided against.
 - Bob Grier’s Ford Ranger arrived in mid-October as expected and has been put into service.
 - We took responsibility of Bob’s former vehicle and have converted it to highway use.
 - I had expected to provide quotes for a new plow for T18, budgeted item, but unfortunately have not received the quotes I need. I hope to have this for the November meeting.

- Route 21 "Traffic Calming Devices" – We have fielded several inquiries regarding the striping on Rt.21 between the Town Hall and Bear Hill Drive. I contacted the NYS DOT to get the official answer. “The marking is supposed to slow down traffic by giving the optical illusion that you are traveling faster then you actually are.” This type of traffic calming has been tried in other parts of NYS as well.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR OCTOBER

2. Excavation Permit by NYSEG: The request from New York State Electric & Gas Corp. (NYSEG) to do some excavating at 1212 Rolfe Street had to be approved by the Town Board. Dave Nussbaumer made the motion to approve the NYSEG Excavation Permit.

MTN: APPROVE NYSEG EXCAVATION PERMIT FOR 1212 ROLFE ST.

Second: Mike Lambrix Vote: 5 ayes. Carried.

3. Back-Up Generator Power: Councilman Jim Welch made the observation that there is no backup generator at the Palmyra Fuel Depot, located at the highway barns, and used by many surrounding municipalities. Should power go off, many vehicles would not be able to gas up. Supervisor Lyon commented that Wayne County had a new large portable generator being stored at the Water and Sewer Authority. Although Mike Boesel is still looking at purchasing a generator, Dave asked him to contact the Authority to see if it is available. Mike has talked with the school district about purchasing a generator with money from their Surcharge Fund, becoming a "shared purchase."

DISCUSSION ON BACK-UP GENERATORS FOR INTER-MUNICIPAL FUEL DEPOT AT HIGHWAY BARN

Planning & Economic Development Committee – Mike Lambrix, Chairman

There was no Town Planning Board meeting in October, so there were no minutes for Board members to look over.

NO PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Zoning Committee – David Nussbaumer, Chairman

**OCTOBER CEO
REPORT**

CEO Report: Code Enforcement Officer Bob Grier submitted his monthly report, summarizing activity through October 23. Board members read the report over without comment.

There was no Town Zoning Board meeting in October.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

1. Town Clerk's Report for October: Items during October include collecting school taxes, issuing hunting licenses, weekly PC maintenance, sending follow-up letters to owners of unlicensed dogs, finishing up Southwest Quadrant paperwork, hosting a countywide Voter Registration Day and a Wayne County Public Health Flu Shot Clinic, finishing up on Burial Records update, and completing an inventory of items stored in the Archives Rooms.

**ASSESSOR'S
REPORT FOR
OCTOBER**

2. Assessor's Report for October: The assessor coordinates her efforts with the Code Enforcement office, updating property information where new building permits have been issued. STAR rebate checks were a hot topic this month. They will be mailed out next week for Wayne County residents.

**GRAVEL PIT
ESCROW
PAYMENT**

3. Gravel Pit Escrow Payment: The Town received a check for \$259.00 from Morrison Excavating, Inc. for the third quarter of 2008 at the Division Street gravel pit.

**PRESS RELEASE
FROM STATE
DOT ABOUT
LARGE TRUCK
TRAFFIC**

4. State DOT Press Release about Large Truck Travel: Since the Town Board was interested in heavy truck traffic issues in Palmyra, a press release from the NY State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and Governor Paterson's office was included in town board members' packets concerning a public meeting on September 24 in Syracuse. The DOT has designed initiatives for keeping large trucks on the interstate routes and avoiding local roads not equipped for handling such heavy loads.

AGENDA ITEMS

There were no agenda items for Town Board approval at this meeting.

**NO AGENDA
ITEMS FOR
BOARD
APPROVAL**

Approve Abstracts #157 and #158: Dave Nussbaumer made the motion to approve the claims and expenditures shown on Abstract #157 (for vouchers already paid), which includes Voucher Numbers 9643 through 9649 for \$19,755.72; and Abstract #158, (for vouchers to be paid) which includes Voucher Numbers 9650 through 9730, for \$77,794.75.

**MTN: APPROVE
ABSTRACTS
#157 & #158**

Second: Ken Miller

Vote: 5 ayes. Carried.

Motion to Adjourn: At 7:53 p.m., Mike Lambrix made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MTN: ADJOURN
MEETING**

Second: Jim Welch

Vote: 5 Ayes. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyndall Ann P. Green
Palmyra Town Clerk

NOTATION AFTER THE TOWN BOARD MEETING:

Petra Anderson, Town Bookkeeper, has informed the Town Clerk that Voucher #9680, Hyatt Regency Buffalo, has been deleted from the abstract. Apparently, it was paid in August.

Corrected amount to Abstract #158 (with Voucher #9680 deleted) is \$77,407.41.

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING & 2009 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING:
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2008,
7:30 P.M., PALMYRA TOWN HALL**