

PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

11-23-2022

Members Present: Brian Barrows, Vondell Dunphy, Herb Bates & Jo-Ann Brown.

Present: Ivan Bates, Sheldon Neal, Robert Bryant

6:00 pm – Meeting called to order by Chairman Barrows, Flag Salute.

Announcements: Trash will be picked up on Thursday as usual. The Town Office will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.

Public Access: Robert Bryant informed the Board of his desire to open a Brewery and Restaurant at 558 Main Street. He is working with the Planning Board, may be a Zoning issue. Also stated that he found the Permit Application to be a bit onerous and not very Business friendly.

Ivan Bates voiced objections to Miller Corner Road being used as a Town Way. He believes he owns the Road and maintenance by the Town is illegal and does not want the road used by the public. It is the Town's belief that a Town Way has been created by "Prescriptive Use" (over 20 years of continuous use with owners knowledge).

Reports:

Public Works – Sheldon reported that 04 needs Tie Rod ends to pass inspection. All other equipment passed inspection. Plate was not installed to protect mechanisms under sander purchased for 04 International. Will check records to see if this was discussed at the time. Winter Sand will be here on Monday.

Planning Board: Minutes Submitted

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Plan to administer the Giving Tree again this year. Jo-Ann agreed to do shopping as needed with assistance and funds from the Snowmobile Club. ARPA reporting still needs to be submitted. MRC will be electing 3 members to the Board for 3 year terms beginning in January. Palmyra gets 1 vote. AAA Energy Services was contacted to get Heating System up and running again after system drained due to leak. The System received a complete tune up and replacement of worn out parts. One Boiler was not working. They will be back to repair. Would like to contact with them for future Boiler Service. Paul Nichols has been out with the Flu. Dragonfly has asked for a reduction in rental fee due to not being able to be here when there was no heat. Jo-Ann made a motion to reduce December Rent by \$217, Herb second. Monthly rent was prorated for number of days missed. Vote - AIF

- Treasure's statement was submitted. Due to excessive rise in fuel costs and unexpected repairs the Public Works and Community Center accounts will most likely be going over Budget.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Jo-Ann to accept minutes of last meeting as written, Vondell seconded. 3 in Favor, Herb did not attend Meeting
- Discussion to clarify part time employment of Donald Gage. Was agreed that Donald would not be returning for regular part time hours.

New Business:

- Motion by Vondell to accept estimate of \$14,906 from Gilman Plumbing & Heating to replace heat piping between boiler room and main building, Herb second. Gilman's did temporary repair of broken pipe and prepared estimate to do complete replacement in the spring. This work will be contingent on 2023 Budget. Vote – AIF

- Integrity Forest Management, LLC would like to remove Poplar Tree from right of way on Lang Hill at no cost. The Board agreed to allow this after home owner was notified.
- Budget Work Shop to begin work on 2023 Budget was set for December 7th at 6:00 PM. Work on budget will continue after regularly scheduled meetings as needed. (after meeting it was discovered that Ceremony for the Spirit of America award was scheduled for the 7th in Skowhegan. So workshop was changed to Tuesday December 6th so Board members could attend ceremony.)
- Brian has been contacted by MRRC to inquire as to possible office space rental. Room 10 may be available, more specifics needed.
- Herb had questions from Planning Board.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 6:59

Respectfully Submitted
Priscilla Jones