

## ***PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES***

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**10-11-2023**

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

Present, Ernest Turner, Gail Jones, Tracey Coolen, Alan & Helena Hanscombe, Bob Brown, Travis Kitchin, Christine & Dennis Rowe, Alan Hanscombe Jr

6:00 pm – Meeting called to order by Chairman Brian Barrows - Flag Salute

Public Hearing for General Assistance Maxims Opened, no comments. Hearing closed.

Jo-Ann made a motion to accept recommended maxims to be effective retroactively to October 1, 2023, Herb second. AIF Board signed amendment to General Assistance Ordinance.

Public Access: Travis Kitchin spoke for residents of Hicks Pond Drive, questioning land values. Due to examination of properties on water, value for Common Lot was adjusted after assessment from revaluation was received by residents. Have 6 Abatement Requests from Hicks Pond residents. Ernest Turner, Christine and Dennis Rowe also questioned new property values and have submitted Abatement Requests.

### Reports:

Public Works – Tracey and temporary employees have been cutting road side brush. Culvert that was replaced on the Smith Road needs to be finished up.

CEO – Report Submitted

Planning Board – Minutes Submitted

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Treasurers statement to date submitted. Have issue with lead in water in Madawaska wing. The rest of the building is good. Just ran more samples. Will need to have engineer look at system to figure out the problem.

Other Committees – Jo-Ann has been speaking to Businesses obtaining items for the Christmas Tree fundraiser.

### Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Herb to accept minutes of last meetings as written, Vondell second. AIF

### New Business:

- Jo-Ann made a motion to issue permits for five Junk Yards, Vondell second. Applications from; K&K Towing, Rowe's Auto & Salvage, Double E Salvage, Ben's Auto Body and Rowe's Auto. All fees have been paid. CEO has no issues. Vote – AIF Permits signed by the Board
- Question on whether or not to pay accrued vacation pay to former employee. Need to do some research as to definition of good standing.
- Have received 13 abatement requests since last meeting. These will be referred to the Appraiser who did the revaluation for a recommendation. Hoping to have answers by next meeting (October 25<sup>th</sup>). Residents have 185 days from Commitment to submit an abatement request. The Board has 60 days from receipt of request to respond.
- Brian gave a demonstration on the new entrance system. Priscilla left before meeting ended.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Priscilla Jones*