

## *PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES*

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5-13-2020

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

Citizens Present: Paul Gatcomb, David Creswell, Bruce Knox, Diane Cookson.

By Remote: Bob Cleaves, Ken & Mary Ellen Fletcher.

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

Public Access: Bob Cleaves questioned time line on moving forward with Commercial Ordinance. Dirigo Solar is moving forward with project. Would like to be able to put people to work. Would like to know if Application was submitted would Planning Board or CEO look it over. Would like copy of Draft Ordinance. Priscilla will send via Email in the morning. Mary Ellen and Ken Fletcher also had questions concerning Public Hearing, if it would be possible to do remotely.

Davis Creswell would like to know why the Smith Road has not been paved as promised. Road Commissioner Paul Gatcomb explained the paving priority and the expense of paving making it prohibitive to get all paving done we would like. The Smith Road also needs some more work concerning drainage before it is ready to be paved. The Smith and Shy Roads are next on the list of Dirt Roads to be paved when funding is available.

Bruce Knox is a retired Highway Engineer now a resident of Palmyra. Would like to volunteer his services to the Town. Left phone number with Priscilla.

### Reports:

Road Commissioner - Paul and Randy have researched information on Trucks. Would like to purchase 2021 Western Star from Daigle Houghton. Cost of Truck is \$97,000 and another \$77,000 to outfit for plowing and sanding.

Going to be getting chipper to clean up roadsides with debris left from storm. Would like to have Jerry Sawtelle help, work is easier with three people. Have received two requests for Paving information so far. Bids due next meeting.

New Business taken out of order – Dave made a motion to purchase recommended truck with plow set up, Vondell second. Priscilla had questions as to when payment would be due. Paul will ask someone from Daigle Houghton to get in touch. Vote – AIF

Animal Control Officer (ACO) – Board would like to see a report.

Sexton/Cemeteries – Allen Lord and Peter Snow are filling until we can find someone permanent.

6:28 Diane arrived for review. Motion by Vondell to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) for Employee Review, Jo-Ann second. AIF

6:56 Vondell made a motion to return to regular session, Jo-Ann second. AIF

Brian would like to have research done into compensation for office help.

### Back to Reports:

Planning Board: Minutes submitted

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Anniversaries for Priscilla and Randy coming up. Reviews will be on Agenda for next meeting. Office break in on April 29<sup>th</sup> has been reported to Insurance Company. Fee for Police Report on Vendor Warrant. Window ordered from Newport Glass.

Other Committees – Jo-Ann reported on meeting set up for next Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00 PM, at the Park with representatives from Boosters, Lacrosse, Rec Committee and Select Board to discuss plans for

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Vondell to accept minutes of last meetings as written, Herb second. AIF
- Called Ron Rowe to discuss White Goods, items are being dropped off. Ron will monitor, when he thinks we have a load he will notify Priscilla to get a dumpster. Will plan to hold regularly scheduled day in June.

New Business:

- Dave made a motion to set Certified Ratio at 90% for 2020 Property Taxes, Jo-Ann second. State has Sales Ratio at 82%. 90% is the highest allowed. Vote – AIF
- Vondell made a motion to issue a Quit Claim Deed to Amy and Justin Clark, Herb second. Delinquent taxes have been paid in full. Vote – AIF
- Discussion on cleaning up tires. New owners at 222 Estes Ave are cleaning up property and have around 70 tires to get rid of. Normally 4 per household allowed at White Goods. Board agreed to allow to bring to White Goods. Future acceptance of tires will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Principal at Nokomis has requested that graduating Seniors names be displayed on our sign.
- Jo-Ann made a motion to purchase a security camera and service plan for the office, Dave seconded. Cameras we have are in the hallway. Recent office break in did not get caught on cameras. Camera is \$115 and service plan to retain recordings for two weeks is \$30 per month. Vote – AIF
- Jo-Ann made a motion to increase Diane's hourly pay rate to \$17, to be retroactive to anniversary date , Herb second. AIF

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 8:06

*Respectfully Submitted*  
*Priscilla Jones*