

## *PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES*

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5-10-2023

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

Present: Dave Leavitt, Corey Dow, Gail Jones

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

### Reports:

Planning Board – Dave Leavitt updated Board on Planning Board; Poulin Development almost ready for approval, Application for a Cell Tower was approved, Working on application for Storage Units, Home Business Permit approved for Doug Frati. Development of Hometown Health Facility has not yet begun. Entry from Rt.2 had to be widened. Next Planning Board will be June 13<sup>th</sup>. Second meeting in May has been cancelled.

Code enforcement Officer – Notes submitted

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Community Service Project offered by Nokomis will take place on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Plan to send 20 students. Need to decide what we would like painted and get supplies. Cleaning and paint on outside of building added to possible list of projects. May need supervisors that day.

Have County Budget Proposal for FY2023-2024. Palmyra's increase is \$25,160 over last year. Does not include overlay. State will be here on the 18<sup>th</sup> to Audit General Assistance records. Have contacted CO Beck to do inspection and repair of roof. Had a few leaks this spring.

Other Committees – County is asking if we have a nominee for Spirit of America Recipient this year.

### Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Dave to accept minutes of last meeting as written, Vondell second. Vote – AIF
- Motion by Dave to accept Contract for Cemetery Mowing Herb second. Contract with T & L Tree service for 3 years as agreed upon with separation for cause updated. Vote – AIF Contract signed by the Board.
- Discussion on use of Railroad Bed for Logging operation. Had more information from land owner. Received input from Isaac Sargent of the Snow Mobile Club, Greg Tasker, Glen Carmichael and Mark Ramsdell from ATV Club. ATV Officers asked about work on Friday afternoon and weekends when trail is busiest. Board would like to meet with Zachary Gardner (land owner). Was suggested to ask for Insurance Certificate and add Palmyra as additional insured and ask for funds to be held in escrow to be paid back when done and trail is as it was before use. Will follow up with land owner.
- Dave made a motion to add Personal Property to Revaluation Project, Vondell second. Garnet Robinson will add Personal Property at \$750 per day per diem. Estimates work to take approximately 1 week. Plenty of funds available. Vote - AIF
- State Consultant Paul Brown met with Sheldon and Randy to look at the Gale Road, will send report with recommendations. Got estimate of \$3000 from CW Cole to get sample from Gale Road and give recommendations. Still having issues with beavers blocking culvert. Corey Dow offered to contact a Game Warden to see what could be done at this time.  
Motion by Dave to hire SW Cole to take samples of Gale Road, Jo-Ann second. AIF

- Appointment papers for Planning Board members signed by the Board. Did not have last meeting when appointments were made.
- Discussion on what to do with flooring taken up in room 10. Have 27 full sheets of OSB in good shape. Herb made a motion to put out to Bid with a minimum of \$200, Dave second. Will run ad in Rolling Thunder, due back May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Vote - AIF

#### New Business:

- Possibility of taking White Goods to Hartland when contract runs out with Waste Management. Will get more information. Contract runs out 1/31/2024.
- Question raised again on Select Board members having keys to the Town Office. Priscilla asked the Board to speak to Diane concerning this since the Clerk is responsible for state property and many confidential records.
- Herb brought up a list of concerns; Question why ACO was paid for the month of April. Status of Walking Trail, thought it was voted down at Town Meeting. Funding from LRF was voted down. Suggested employees sign for equipment purchased for them by the Town and return or pay for when leave the job. After discussion was decided to have a workshop to come up with a policy to address this. Workshop set for next Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00 pm. Much Brush work to be done, suggested cutting around driveways and stop signs ASAP for safety sake. Herb will speak to road crew.

7:40 - Motion by Dave to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) for employee review with Priscilla. AIF

8:15 – Motion by Dave to come out of executive session, Vondell second. AIF

- Motion by Dave to increase Priscilla's salary by \$1 per hour, Vondell second. AIF

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 8:17

*Respectfully Submitted*  
*Priscilla Jones*