

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

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**5-8-2024**

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

Citizens: Garnett Robinson, Luanne Pelkey, Gail Jones, Pat White, Dean Cray

6:05 pm – Meeting called to order by Chairman Brian Barrows - Flag Salute

Election of officers for 2024 – Brian elected Chair and Vondell elected Vice Chair with no opposition.

Announcements: RSU Budget meeting for Town Officials Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.

### Reports:

Public Works – 1 Ton Truck had repairs done at Wentworth's and is ready to be picked up.

Animal Control – ACO has been busy. Animal Welfare was in Palmyra this past week to address ongoing dogs issue.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – MMA looking for candidates to serve on the Legislative Policy Committee. Insurance inspector was here to update and inspect buildings for hazards. Have a few issues to address. Need to line up repair of floor in gym entrance. Issue with water coming off roof and ending up in the building needs to be addressed. Flags for cemeteries arrived this week. Have rope for flag pole.

### Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Dave to accept minutes of last meetings as written, Vondell second. AIF
- Cray Abatement Appeal – County Commissioners granted abatement. Garnett Robinson of Maine Assessment and Appraisal Company addressed the board with a number of reasons why the Commissioners decision should be appealed to Superior Court. Appellant did not meet burden of proof, commissioners gathered out dated and inaccurate sales information after the hearing and used to make their decision. This abatement will affect many other properties and do damage to equalization project. Is important to make sure value is accurate. Garnett has conferred with an attorney at his own expense. Luanne Pelkey was also allowed to speak on the issue. Pelkey's abatement request (similar to one being considered) has been put on hold awaiting final decision. Luanne had minutes of the County Commissioners meetings and thinks the Commissioners decision should be honored. Question arose as to cost of the appeal. Board has 60 days to act. Wanted to look into further. Issue tabled.

### New Business:

- Jo-Ann made a motion to Set Certified Ratio for this years Tax Commitment at 100%, Herb second. AIF
- Chairman Barrows received letter from resident with complaints concerning traffic on her road. She has contacted law enforcement to no avail. Select Board has no authority over traffic violations.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:06

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Priscilla Jones*