

PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

8-6-2025

Members Present: Brian Barrows, Michael Cray, Herb Bates and Charles Fields

Citizens: Planning Board Members: Dave Leavitt and Gail Jones, Denise Bemis, Vondell Dunphy, Corey Collins, Lorna & Ron Rowe, Road Commissioner Norman Moody, Claude Thornton.

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

Public Access: Ron asked to have 2 Dumpsters for White Goods Day this month.

Dave Leavitt commented on the increase in Property taxes, up 9.25 % over the past three years. Claude Thornton had questions on his taxes as compared to a neighbor. Will come in to take a look at accounts.

6:07 Motion by Charlie to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) – Employee Reviews with road crew, Herb second. AIF Board left with Norm.

6:38 Norm returned, Corey went in.

7:23 Motion to come out of executive session by Charlie, Herb second. AIF

Reports:

Public Works – Norm updated the Board on work, done ditching on the Michaud Road, would like to extend rental of the excavator to do more ditching. Cost for one more month is \$6800.

Herb made a motion to extend rental of excavator for 1 month, Mike second. Need to check Public Works budget. Vote - AIF

Sexton/Cemeteries – Vondell stated that women are doing a great job repairing and cleaning cemetery stones.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Hazardous Waste Collection set for Saturday October 4th. Ron Rowe will assist for Palmyra. Income Protection Plan Insurance is available for full time road crew after probation. Working with IRS to abate penalty for late payments on payroll taxes. Have information on candidates for MMA Executive Committee. Palmyra gets one vote. Beavers still on the Weeks Road. Water is too low to trap. Trapper will be back if water becomes an issue.

Park Boosters – Work is being done to replace paving on the Basketball Court in the park.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Mike to accept minutes of previous meeting, Charlie second. 3 in Favor Herb did not attend.
- Mike made a motion to accept Darge's offer of \$12 per yard for Winter Sand, Herb second. Will probably need 3000 yards. Vote – AIF
- Will have to hire someone to repair hole in Salt Sand Shed.

New Business:

- Mike made a motion to accept Abatement of 31,000 in valuation for Johnny Merrill, Herb second. Should have received Homestead and Veterans Exemptions. Vote - AIF
- Mike made a motion to issue a Quit Claim Deed to the Estate of Robin Kurro, Charlie second. An old lien that did not get discharged. Property is being sold, need QCD to clear title. Vote – AIF
- Charlie made a motion to sell .08 acres to Dean Varney for \$5000, Mike second. This is a portion of Map 14 Lot 2-4 that was donated to the Town. This acreage abuts Varney's lot and brings his lot into conformance. Vote – AIF

- Mike has been clearing a 50 X 50 foot area to extend the Goodwin - Webber Cemetery. The Beem family owns the surrounding land and would like to have burial space there for family members.
- Have a quote from B&B for paving the Michaud Road. Quote includes some extra work not needed at this time. Will get updated quote and also get quote from Pike. Mike and Herb will decide on contractor so can get work scheduled.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 8:03

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Jones