
PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

7-22-2026

Members Present: Michael Cray, Ronald Rowe, Herbert Bates, Charles Fields and Scott King

Citizens: Rec Committee Liaison Amy Fair, Planning Board Chair Dave Leavitt, Kristy Butler, Kasey & Kinley Fair, Lorna Rowe, JoAnn Brown, Vondell Dunphy, Hillary & Kyle Halford, Jack Iby, Mary Page, Claude Thornton, Garth Norris, Gloria Raymond, Helen, Lewis and Walter Carmichael, Pat White, David Manson.

6:00 pm – Meeting called to order by Michael Cray - Flag Salute

One Bid was received for the Parking Lot project – Erskine Earthworks for \$24,290
Herb made a motion to accept the bid from Erskine's with requirement of project to be completed in 30 days, Scott second. Need to coordinate work with Gym Use Schedule. Vote – AIF Mike will contact Erskine's

Announcements: A Grand Opening is planned for the Credit Union opening in Wal-Mart and is by invitation only due to limited space. Scott and Herb plan to attend.

Public Access: Gloria Raymond voiced a concern regarding Animal Control. Her dog was attacked by a loose dog in the neighborhood. ACO and Scott responded to the call. Mike has spoken with ACO and a full report is forth coming. Follow up with DA's Office was recommended.

Kasey Fair asked if there was a Code of Conduct for Select Board Members. Stated that he believes Herb Pearl deserves an apology for treatment concerning vacating the Town Hall after serving residents needs for so long.

Dave Leavitt stated that he had received 3 complaints from residents regarding lack of permitting for a MH installed by a Select Board Member. Understood that there are many violations in town not being addressed in a timely manner, but perhaps Town Officials should be held to a higher standard.
Ron believed he was being singled out and did not appreciate the manner in which he was approached by the Code Officer.

Reports:

Rec Committee – Amy asked about position description, Scott is working on it. Would like to have a Bin at the Community Center to collect used soccer equipment for others use.

Public Works – Ron reported; Corey is currently out on a Family Emergency. Matt continues work on the Sand Shed, will need to order salt to mix with sand when it is put back. Was light on salt last year due to budget constraints. The new truck is at Beauregard's for an issue with wiring. Appears that there is still roadside mowing left to do. Will get Matt on that. Part time employee may be hired if needed for Public Works. Will start by contacting former part time employees.

Sexton/Cemeteries – Vondell reported on dead trees in the Village Cemetery that need to come down. Sexton Jason is going to assess the situation. There are funds available to tend to the trees.

Planning Board – Report Submitted, Dave reported that a Permit has been issued to Wal-Mart for an expansion to accommodate take out business.

Board of Appeals – Received letter of resignation from Justin McMann, he is moving out of town.
Herb made a motion to accept resignation, Scott second. AIF

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Treasurers Statement to date submitted. In touch with Assessors, working on commitment. Should be ready to commit next week. Camera license renewal is not due till August 21st.

Park Boosters – Fun at the Park Event scheduled for August 1st 10 to 4. Dunk Tank will be available to take shots at Select Board Members (past & present).

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Herb to accept minutes of previous meeting as written, Ron seconded. AIF
- Motion by Mike to write in Jack Clukey for MMA Legislative Policy Committee Position and cast ballot for two candidates, Herb second. Jack is Town Manager in Pittsfield and has declared candidacy for a write in. Scott may look into for another time. Vote - AIF
- Tabled Camera Licensing till next meeting.
- Mike has spoken to DOT concerning violation at Garage on Ell Hill. Being a State Road DOT has agreed to handle the violation.
- Scheduled interviews for Janitor Position on Monday July 27th beginning at 4:00 pm. Have received 16 applications for the position.

New Business:

- Charlie made a motion to accept agreement request from Justin McMann, Mike second. The McMann's are in the process of selling their home and needed the Town to agree that it would not be going after any possible land use violation. The property borders a Right of Way and may be some confusion of set backs. The CEO looked at permits and advised that if there were any violations they are very minor. Vote – 3 in Favor, Herb and Scott wanted to research Ordinances.
- Ron made a motion to turn Concealed Weapons Permitting over to State Police, Charlie second. Diane made request to the Board. The Board agreed it was a good idea. Vote - AIF
- Were contacted by Pittsfield Fire Chief concerning enforcement of burning without a permit. Would like for the Town of Palmyra to be responsible.
- Ron made a motion to sign agreement for construction over limit permit, Herb second. Permit would be issued if necessary for use of a Town Road during Oxbow Road Project: 025315.00 Vote – AIF
- A Special Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday July 29th at 5:30 pm to Commit Taxes and Hire a Janitor.

Public Access Reopened: The Carmichaels live on the discontinued section of the Weeks Road and have put funds into fixing the road. They would like to have maintenance taken over by the Town. Mike will ask Road Commissioner to assess the road. Would have to be accepted by Towns People at a Town Meeting before maintenance could be taken over by the Town.

David Manson addressed the Board with a plea to stop the sale of Tax Acquired property that had belonged to his Mother who is now deceased. Taxes have not been paid for a number of years with no contact from anyone up to this point. The sale will be going forward. Any proceeds after expenses will go to the Heirs of previous owner.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:10

*Respectfully Submitted,
Priscilla Jones*

