

PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

10-23-2024

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

Citizens: Lee Mencl, Dave Leavitt, Dale Graves, TW Clark, Gail Jones, Pat White, Mary & Neal Page, Charlie Fields, Kyle Halford.

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

Announcements: Last White Goods Day of the year Saturday 8:00 to 3:30

Hunter's Supper put on by the Park Boosters will be Saturday November 9th – 5 to 7

Public Access: TW Clark spoke to the board concerning Winter Roads maintenance. He would like to work out something with the Town. Options include doing a portion of the town and putting Truck toward cost. He needs to know soon so he can schedule employees. Board wants more time to figure it out.

Gail Jones asked about progress on town signs. Should be ready the first week in November. Stated some of the flags along Rte.2 are pretty ragged.

Reports:

Public Works: – Grading has been done. Residents of the Weeks Road have concerns with grading done on the hill section, is rutted and washes out easily, needs more gravel and ditching. Street sign for Helen Lane is in, Herb will see that it gets put up. Discussion on pay for Select Board members doing public works jobs.

Cemetery/Sexton – Tree came down in the Warren Hill Cemetery. Did not damage stones.

Planning Board – Minutes Submitted – Dave Leavitt has spoken with Peggy Dwyer, a broker with Canacre USA concerning a Subdivision Revision Plan Review Request. A portion of a lot on a recorded plan with covenants was sold without first obtaining approval for a revised plan. Dave questioned the need for legal advice. Dave will contact MMA for advice. Plan to finalize Quinn Subdivision on November 12th and meet with MS Dwyer to discuss subdivision issue.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Received correspondences: from BMV (recommendations from audit), from Dragonfly (playground safety issue), from attorney (concerning abatement appeal). Hot water heater at the Town Hall needs replacing, looking into a tankless heater. Received an abatement request from Lyndon Millett, forwarded to Assessors. Employee of ABM was here to assess issues with heating system. A number of thermostats and valves need to be replaced. Will send quote for work. Shanna Towle needs fob for access to building for the snowmobile club.

Other Committees – A liner has been ordered for the Ice Skating Rink in the Park.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Herb to accept minutes of last meeting as written, Jo-Ann second. AIF

New Business:

- Discussion of dangerous intersection on Lang Hill with the Weeks Road and Spring Hill. Merits of a Speed Limit Study by the State questioned. Enforcement of speed is a problem. Have speed sign that could be put out to record violations. Sign needs to be mounted on a trailer.
- Motion by Dave to accept supplemental for penalty to take acreage out of Farm Use, Herb second. Eli Hostetler asked for 2 acres to be taken out so he can put a Barn on the property. Vote – AIF

- Motion by Jo-Ann to accept the Municipal Valuation Report, Vondell second. AIF Report signed by the Board will be sent to the State.
- Motion by Herb to put ad in Rolling Thunder for Winter Road Maintenance driver at \$30 per hour, Dave second. Brian presented a spread sheet of costs for winter roads maintenance at various hourly rates and number of storms and employees. Have funds to get thru this year. Will have to make some adjustments for 2025 budget depending on employment situation. Also discussed possibility of contractors using our trucks. Vote - AIF

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:14

Respectfully Submitted, Priscilla Jones

Celebrated Vondell's birthday with cake and ice cream.