

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

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**3-12-2025**

Members Present: Brian Barrows, David Gilbert, Herbert Bates, Michael Cray and Charles Fields

Citizens: Scott King, Dave Leavitt, Dave Henderson, Vondell Dunphy, Gail Jones, Hattie and Charles Spaulding, Roxanne Brooks, Pat and Diane White.

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

Election of Officers: Dave nominated Brian Barrows for Chair, Mike second. No other nominations. Brian elected Chair. Charlie nominated Michael Cray for Vice Chair, Dave second. No other nominations. Mike elected Vice Chair.

Announcements: The Select Board received an invitation from the St Albans Fire Department for a Spaghetti Dinner to be held April 17<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm at the Bowman Center for Enrichment. There will be a recount next Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm for the Select Board seat that had a 1 vote margin.

### Reports:

Public works – Dave Henderson reported that maintenance is being done on the Rock Rake preparing for spring work on gravel roads. Trucks are in good shape. Question as to work schedule and who decides when part time employees are needed. Dave is the only full time employee. Michaud Road needs ditching. Roads are now posted.

Planning Board – Minutes Submitted, Dave Leavitt updated the Board. Planning Board members recently attended a work shop on Flood Plain Control. A list of concerns he would like to see followed up on was presented; Solar Farm – Trees not all replaced, Fence Covers askew, Water Test results and Decommissioning estimate. Home Town Health inspections, Junk Yard complaint. Information concerning Solar Project given to the Board.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Appointments will be done the first meeting in April, will any reviews be needed before then ? DOT will be holding a Bridge Replacement Utility and Preconstruction zoom meeting on Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup>. Can send link to any Board members interested in attending. Need new Board Members to stop by the Office to take care of some paperwork.

### Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Herb to accept minutes of last meeting as written, Dave second. Minutes approved by the 2 Board Members that attended the meeting.
- Priscilla and Diane asked to revisit 4 day work week. Many Towns have reduced Office Hours. Work load does not require the office to be open 5 days. After much discussion Mike made a motion to go to a 4 day work week, Herb second. The Office will be closed Mondays starting in June. The rest of the details will be worked out in the meantime. Vote – AIF

### New Business:

- Nokomis High School will be holding a Volunteer Day again this year on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Has worked out well in the past, cleaning up the yard and picking up trash. Suggestions for projects would be appreciated.

- Dave made a motion to continue with G.A. Tasker Lawn Care, Herb second. Have provided a good service at a reasonable cost. Increase for this year is \$10 per mow. Issue of trimming under playground was raised. Vote – AIF
- Carl Curtis has been contacted and wants to move forward with donation of land. A portion of the lot will be sold to an abutter. 2 Surveyors were mentioned to contact for estimates on cost and time frame for getting this done.
- Mike made a motion to purchase Lexan to protect glass doors in the Gym from Newport Glass at a cost of \$474, Herb second. Price includes cutting to size and installing. AIF
- Herb made a motion to renew Maintenance Contract for our Web Site, Dave second. Discussion on information on site. Will work on this. Vote – AIF Brian signed contract.
- Question on who is responsible for Flushing dry hydrants and replacing missing caps. Referred to our Fire Chief Don Chute.
- Question asked about possibility of having Select Board meetings via Zoom. Would be time consuming and difficult to do it effectively.
- Still issues with turn around on the St Albans Road. State has been asked to help resolve.

7:01 - Motion by Dave to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) – Personnel Matter with the Constable, Herb second. AIF Everyone else left the meeting.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:59

*Respectfully Submitted, Priscilla Jones*