

PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

4-23-2025

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

Citizens: Jo-Ann Brown, Vondell Dunphy, Timothy Flickinger, Patty Thompson, Lorna & Ron Rowe, Claude Thornton, Gail Jones, Carlton Preble, Pat White, Denise Bemis.

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

Announcements: First Whites Good Day this Saturday 8:00 to 3:30 at the Town Garage.

Reports:

Public Works – Pot Holes on paved roads have been patched. Beaver problem on Spring Hill Road. Pat White has cleaned out culverts a few times with his excavator. Mike asked if Pat could be reimbursed for fuel. Herb has been alternating work between 2 part-time employees. Intersections need sweeping. Pot Holes are back on the Smith Road.

Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) – Report Submitted – Information received from BD Solar in response to letter on issues of compliance.

Sexton/Cemeteries – Vondell had more information on Tree Removal

Planning Board – Minutes Submitted – Gail Jones asked the Board about thoughts on Cluster Housing. Issue may need to be addressed in our Ordinances.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Sewer Pipe in the Boiler room needs to be replaced. Gilman's Plumbing plans to do repair this week. Pipe drains from the Madawaska Wing, school is on vacation this week so pipe not in use. Have issue with IRS concerning deposits for with-holdings. Had been monthly contributor, now need to make weekly deposits. Took some time to get it all figured out. County budget proposal is available. Looks like small increase for Palmyra. Reviews for Diane and Priscilla will be on the agenda for next meeting.

Other Committees – Vondell mentioned time to consider candidate for the Spirit of America Award for this year. Also asked about Boston Cane Holder. Nathalie Rines is the current holder and is living in a Nursing Home.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Herb to accept minutes of last meeting as written, Charlie second. Four in Favor. Dave did not attend meeting
- Discussion on Tree Removal in Cemetery. Bids were solicited from a number of contractors. Carlton Preble asked if any were from Town. He knows of a local Arborist who may be interested. Vondell will speak to him.
- Mike made a motion to rescind the appointment of Donald Decker for Animal Control Officer, Herb second. Don decided he didn't want to take the position. Vote- AIF
- Mike made a motion to reappoint Joseph Glidden for Animal Control Officer, Herb second. AIF
- Motion by Mike to hire Sackett and Brake to survey donated land, Herb second. AIF Board agreed to pay retainer if necessary.

New Business:

- Motion by Dave to sign statement concerning status of Miller Corner Road, Mike second. Status of Road has been in question. Recently it was discovered that the Spring Hill end of Miller Corner Road was not discontinued when the Pebble Hill end was in 1954. Miller Corner Road has also been maintained by the Town for well over 30 years. Sale of property at the end of the road has been held up over this issue. Vote – Four in Favor Herb Abstained, son lives on Miller Corner Road. Notarized copy of statement given to Timothy Flickinger and Realtor Patty Thompson.
- Set day to interview applicants for Road Commissioner, Monday April 28th beginning at 6:00 pm.
- Mike made a motion to reimburse Pat White for Diesel Fuel used to clear culverts of Beaver Dam, Charlie second. Pat will get fuel (10 gallons) from tank at the Town Garage. Vote - AIF

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 6:49

Respectfully Submitted, Priscilla Jones