

PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

10-22-2025

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

Citizens: Planning Board Members Dave Leavitt and Gail Jones, Road Commissioner Corey Collins, Lorna & Ron Rowe, Jo-Ann Brown, Pat White, Camile Derosier, Thomas Wright, Mary Page, Claude Thornton, Scott King, Lori Farewell.

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

Announcements: Last White Goods of the year this Saturday.
Voting Tuesday November 4th - 8 am to 8 pm
Trunk or Treat at the Park Saturday 5 to 8

Tom Wright thanked the Board for placing the Speed Sign on the Michaud Road, has helped some in slowing vehicles down.

Public Access: Claude Thornton asked about excess vehicles at Rick's Repair on Ell Hill. Mike is working with Rick to get things cleaned up.

Reports:

Public Works – Corey updated the Board. The gate at the Garage has been repaired, asked about keeping it locked when no one is at the Garage. Corey gave the Board a list of needed repairs for the 04 International. Had figures and savings if the Town Crew hauled Winter Sand. Would like to have new culverts inspected to make sure they are installed correctly. Blown Piston on the Western Star, Corey is checking prices. Mike made a motion to keep the Gate locked, Charlie second. The Gate will be open during snow storms while the crew is out so people will be able to get sand. Vote – 3 In Favor. Herb Opposed

Mike made a motion to allow 2 - 5 gallon buckets of sand per house hold each storm, Charlie second. AIF
Planning Board – Continuing to work on Ordinances. Dave presented the board with some options for fines for After the Fact Permits. The Board will consider and plan to make a decision at the next meeting.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Pest Services are done for the season. Caught a mouse in the Kitchen last check. Need to keep an eye on traps. Modern will come back before Spring if necessary. ABM has done cleaning and tune up on the Boilers, need around \$300 worth of parts to complete work. Received Decision from the Judge for the Cray Abatement Appeal. The Appeal was Sustained and the County Commissioners decision was Vacated. Board given copies of the decision. Question about when to pick up Porta Potty in the Park. Plan to pick up after first snow storm. Kitchen rental scheduled for this weekend, need to clear off the counters.

Park Boosters – Hunters Supper planned for November 8th. Selling tickets for 2 Raffle items, Fire Wood and a Hunters Hut.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Charlie to accept minutes of previous meeting as written, Mike second. 3 in Favor, Herb did not attend meeting.

New Business:

- Herb made a motion to issue a Junk Yard Permit to Ronald Rowe at 777 Main Street, Charlie second. Ron has a storage area on the South Ridge Road. Vote – AIF One other Application was returned but needs some clean up before permit will be issued. Waiting on remaining Applications. When they are returned Travis will inspect and make a recommendation.

- Mike made a motion to grant an abatement to Carlton Preble for \$2000 value equal to \$19.80 in tax, Herb second. Mike visited property, floor of shed is falling in. Vote – AIF
- Mike made a motion to grant an abatement to Tyler Norris for \$9,730 value equal to \$96.33 in tax, Charlie second. After recent survey by a neighbor it was discovered that Tyler's lot was less acreage than being assessed. Vote – AIF
- Motion by Charlie to Deny Abatement request from Lyndon Millett per recommendation of Assessor, Brian second. Request is for property on Whites Pond and uses the same argument that was denied and an Appeal up held in Superior Court by another resident on Whites Pond. After much discussion vote was taken. Brian and Charlie in Favor, Mike and Herb opposed. Failure to act on abatement in 60 days will deem it denied.
- Community Center Parking Lot work to be put off till Spring.
- Brian and Mike have met with Newport Representatives to discuss Fire Service Agreement. Will have follow up meetings and have information for 2026 Budget.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:25

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Jones