
PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

6-10-2026

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

Citizens: Rec Committee Liaison Amy Fair, Kristy Butler, Kasey Fair, Lorna Rowe, JoAnn Brown, Kyle & Hillary Halford, Jack Iby, Tom Wright, Garth Norris, Samantha Fencer, Matt Lary, Jack Barnard and daughter.

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

Public Access:

Jack Iby asked if the Budget was on track. Accounts are good. Checking account is low due to the fact that we have to operate off last year's taxes until 2026 taxes are committed.

Kasey Fair asked if it was OK to ditch in front of his property while he is working on another project affecting the ditch. Board is OK with Kasey doing his own ditching.

Tom Wright resident of the Michaud Road voiced concerns with issues with traffic on the road (amount, heavy trucks, speeding) Would like to consider closing the road to thru traffic.

Jack Barnard came to talk to the Board about paying off his property taxes. He would like to pay \$1000 now and pay the balance off in the next 2 months. Herb made a motion to accept payment and make payments over the next 2 months, Ron second. Jack will come into the Office tomorrow to make first payment. Vote - AIF

Reports:

Rec Committee – Amy reported, have 61 signed up for Basketball which begins on June 29th. Had an issue at the Park with Baseball batting practice interfering with cross country. Baseball Coach unwilling to adjust practice. Have met with Committees again concerning future plans for the Park. Left proposal for the Board to consider.

RSU – 26-27 Budget Passed

Public Works – Corey has been emptying out the sand shed so can address the water issue. Left Quote from Allied for new body for Ton Truck. They will give us \$10,000 for the body from the Western Star, leaving cost \$2500 for new body. We are able to get a good deal on winter sand from K & F Construction who are going out of business. Ron was put in charge of overseeing Public Works.

Planning Board – Report Submitted. Dave Leavitt stated that there will be a Public Hearing on July 14th, 6:00 pm for a Wal-Mart expansion project. Gale Jones would like to change to an Alternate to the Planning Board and Bill Freudenberger is willing to become a regular member.

Scott made a motion to change appointment of Gale Jones to an Alternate Member of the Planning Board and change William Freudenberger to a Regular Member, Herb second. AIF

Dave brought up issues with Solar Project. Fencing cover is being worked on. Dead trees have not been replaced and Company that was planning to do so has pulled out of the project. Ordinance lists fines for noncompliance, suggested looking into.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Had a request from a resident to remove stop signs on Spring Hill Road (4 way stop at intersection of Wiers and Miller Corner). 4 way stop is due to an accident at that intersection. Plan on borrowing funds from investment account to cover warrants.

Veterans Committee – Did well on Yard Sale. There will be a Flag Burning ceremony at the Newport American Legion, Sunday June 14th at 7:00 am. Wifi being installed at Modular Building in the Park.

Unfinished Business:

➤ Motion by Herb to accept minutes of previous meeting as written, Ron seconded. AIF

- The Board met with St Albans Select Board to discuss changes in Fire Protection coverage. The cost will remain as was agreed upon for this year. Will meet in the fall to possibly renegotiate for 2027. Mike composed a letter explaining change in coverage areas due to coming to an agreement with Newport. Newport will cover same area as before and St Albans will also go back to 4 Roads that were covered in the past. Ron made a motion to send the Letter, Charlie second. AIF Letter will be sent to St Albans Select Board and copies to Newport Select Board and Somerset County Dispatch.

New Business:

- New Hire Public Works - Charlie made a motion to hire Matt Lary at \$25 per hour, Ron second. Discussion on pay rate. Some would rather start at \$24 per hour. Vote – Charlie and Ron in favor, Mike, Herb and Scott opposed. Motion failed. Herb made a motion to hire Matt Lary at \$24 per hour, Scott second. Vote – 3 in favor, Ron and Charlie opposed. Matt will put in 2 week notice at current job before beginning work here.
- New Hire Office – Scott made a motion to hire Samantha Spencer at \$25 per hour, Herb second. Probation period was extended to 180 days with possible extension due to range of duties involved. Vote – 4 in favor, Ron opposed, did not get to meet with candidate beforehand. Samantha will begin work July 7th.

Both were present and agreed to terms.

- Motion by Ron to issue Quit Claim Deed to Charlotte Jones, Scott second. Delinquent taxes have been paid in full. Vote – AIF
- Motion by Ron to accept Supplemental for Farm Use Penalty for Map 3 Lot 38B, Charlie second. Property in Farm Use was deeded to abutting land owner and no longer qualifies for program. Vote – AIF
- Agreed to put Community Center Parking Lot Repair out to bid.

Select Board Concerns: Herb asked if Mike had received answer on prorated figure for the Fire Protection Agreement with Newport. Not yet. Asked if we knew what Herb Pearl's plans were regarding leaving Town Hall. He is still paying rent, working on moving out. Wants to leave building in good condition, plans to paint walls. Receipts were brought in for 3 appliances. Herb would still like to hire person to prepare for Grant Writing.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned 7:15

Respectfully Submitted,
Priscilla Jones