
PALMYRA SELECT BOARD MINUTES

4-22-2026

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

Citizens: Road Commissioner Corey Collins, Rec Committee Member Amy Fair, Rick Preble, Planning Board Chair Dave Leavitt, Kristy Butler, Kasey Fair, Claude Thornton, Lorna Rowe, Chad Turner, JoAnn Brown, Kyle Halford, Pat White, Sandy Cooper, Garth Norris, Isaac Sargent, Jack Iby, Mae Baxter, Norman Moody, Phil Hendrix, Robert Worster.

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

Announcements: White Goods Day Saturday 8:00 to 3:30 at the Town Garage

Veterans Committee is accepting donations for a Yard Sale Fund Raiser to be held May 29, 30 & 31.

Notice from RSU concerning Budget meetings. There will be 2 meetings on Monday April 27th for Town Officials. Priscilla and Ron will attend at 1:00 pm and Herb and Scott will attend meeting at 5:00.

District Budget meeting will be held on Tuesday May 19th and Referendum Vote on June 9th.

Public Access: Kasey Fair had concerns about renting excavator for ditching. Also asked about discount on taxes, if this would bring money in so would not have to borrow to make school payments. Would still have to wait for taxes to be committed.

Rick Preble had questions about hiring Northeast Technologies (Brian) for IT and how he got paid. Brian has been in to do some work. Charges by the hour.

Claude Thornton asked if we had agreements for Fire Protection from Hartland and Pittsfield. We do.

Mae Baxter was upset with call received from the ACO regarding unlicensed dogs. Thought it could have been handled kinder. Joe Glidden (ACO) has been contacting residents who have not licensed their dogs per request of the Town and per the law. According to Joe he sent letters and when received no response followed up with a phone call. He has been checking in regularly with the Town to see who has been in.

Chad Turner had concerns regarding estimates on damaged Truck. Corey and Claims Adjuster both worked on getting estimates for repairs. Chad also mentioned that students at Nokomis do IT work.

Dave Leavitt had concerns regarding Surveillance Cameras and Licensing Fees.

Jack Iby asked when weight limits on roads would be lifted. May 1st according to Road Commissioner

Reports:

Rec Committee – Amy reported, work is to begin soon on the Soccer Fields. Need 3 more Goals for soccer fields. Has price of \$8709.87. Asked if \$7500 from Rec funds could be designated for this. Rec Committee would pay the balance. This would leave funds in Rec account for the Porta Potty. Soccer will begin in August. Use of Ball Fields discussed. Field behind Town Garage not usable right now. Field at the Park would be easier to get ready for use this summer. Phil Hendrix was present to present argument for Cal Ripkin League. Funds are available for dugouts and repairs to field to get a Rec level program started for kids in our district. Suggested that Phil get together with Rec Committee and work out details.

Public Works – Corey reported – The New Backhoe arrived this week. Have been working with CMP clearing trees out of right of ways. Have also been cleaning up intersections.

Fire Chief – Report Submitted, Negotiations still in process for coverage. Corinna, Pittsfield, Hartland and St Albans providing coverage in the meantime.

Planning Board – Dave Leavitt reported that three permits are being worked on at this time, for a Saw Mill, renovation for a Credit Union inside Wal-Mart and a for a Sign.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer – Treasurers Statement to date submitted. A plan is in place to take down old trees in the Warren Hill Cemetery as soon as the ground is firm enough to go on with equipment.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Herb to accept minutes of previous meeting as written, Charlie seconded. AIF

New Business:

- Charlie made a motion to approve application for Road Closure on December 19th for a Christmas Light Parade, Ron second. Palmyra Village Events presented a plan for closing down Rt.2 for Light Parade. Since it will be for less than 20 minutes notification of other entities is required but only need approval from the Select Board. Vote – 4 in Favor, Ron abstained since he is involved with putting on the event.

Select Board Concerns:

Herb had some questions: Have we received a bill from the Town of Corinna ? No Can any Board Member contact Town Attorney ? There is no set policy. Should Ron be taking metals collected at White Goods now that he is Select Board Member. Did when he was on the Board before. Metals are compensation for tending to this event for the Town. Has the Truck Body been ordered ? Yes Do we have written agreement with Pittsfield for Fire Protection ? No

Mike had concerns with Town Officials or anyone reaching out to other Towns to discuss issues especially when we are in the middle of negotiating agreements. Contact should be made by a designated representative and reported back to the rest of the Board at the appropriate time. Makes it hard to negotiate with information and opinions coming from different directions.

7:20 motion by Charlie to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) – Employee Review with Norm, Ron second. AIF

Priscilla left.

Return from executive session.

Motion by Scott to give Norm a raise of \$2 per hour, Charlie second. 3 in Favor. Herb and Ron abstained due to family relation to Norm.

More discussion on baseball fields. Decision to allow Cal Ripkin League use of field behind Garage.

Payroll & AP Warrants signed

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Jones with input from Mike Cray