

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 5, 2017

Palestine Board of Trustees met on October 5, 2017, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Tim McDaniel, George Harrison, J.R. Dunlap, Mary Michael, Brian Nethery, and Gene Purcell.

Staff Members present: Police Chief Jeff Besing, Pat Schofield, Village Consultant, Shirley Adams, Village clerk, Margaret Littlejohn, Utilities Clerk, and Kathy Clark, DPW Supervisor.

Visitors present: Carol Holbert, Francis Murphy, Chris DeWitt (WTYE), and Tom Osborne (Robinson Daily News).

Meeting called to order by Mayor Rob Byrley

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were taken by the Village Clerk.

The Minutes of September 7, 2017, were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) UPDATE: Discussion of Abandoned Swimming Pools. It was agreed that regulations concerning abandoned swimming pools would come under the 'nuisance' ordinance. Pat will work on getting the nuisance ordinance amended in order to add abandoned swimming pools.

2) UPDATE: Condemnation Proceedings - Matteson Building.

At the last court appearance Mr. Matteson surrendered the south building to us to tear down. He was given an extension of 45 days to clean it out along with the garage. He has until the next court appearance on January 16th, 2018, to complete repairs to the north building in order to save it.

3) Radar Speed – Grant has been submitted. We've not heard anything yet. We should be hearing from Claypool by the middle of October.

4) Reminder: Fall clean-up – October 18, 19, & 20, 2017. REMEMBER: They only come around one time, so have everything outside ready for pick up by the 18th. This is for paid up customers only.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Annual Audit Report-Fiscal Year 2016-2017 - Carol Holbert - Holbert & Phipps, LLC.

Carol reported that the audit was complete for FY 2017 and that is was, once again, a clean audit.

2) Discussion and approval of new Ordinance to Amend Chapter 34 - Liquor-to add Section 34.34 - License/regulation of Nano-Breweries. J.R. Dunlap moved that we approve a new ordinance to amend Chapter 34 to add Section 34.34. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Discussion and approval of a new quote/pickup for DPW. Our 2003 Ford Truck has had many issues the past couple of years costing the Village several thousand dollars. Kathy has found a 2013 Chevy Silverado, 4 wheel drive, with low mileage and in very good condition. They are asking \$27,000. If we purchased this, we could then sell the 2003 Ford and put that money toward the loan. J.R. Dunlap made a motion that we approve the purchase of the Silverado. Brian Nethery seconded motion. It was then suggested that we check into getting quotes on a new truck. J.R. then rescinded his

motion and Brian rescinded his second.

J.R. made a motion to approve getting quotes for a new state bid truck for the DPW. Brian Nethery seconded motion. There were five 'no's' and one 'yes' by George Harrison. Motion failed.

4) Schedule for Abe unveiling – during Wine and Arts Festival. The unveiling will be on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017, at 1:00 PM, during the Wine and Arts Festival.

5) Approve date for Trunk or Treat – Main Street Halloween Gathering. What? Where? When?

J.R. Dunlap made a motion that the Trunk or Treat, held on Main Street, be held on Oct. 31st from 5-7 PM and the regular Trick or Treat be from 5-8 PM, at homes with porch lights on. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

As we have in the past, we will have hot dogs, drinks, popcorn and snacks available at the Community Facility available from 5-7 PM or as long as they last.

6) Discussion and approval of purchasing extended warranty on Generac Generator – 10 years extended warranty \$895.00. The warranty is from Generac and has some very good benefits. Our generator is very important as it used in the building used as a 'storm/emergency shelter' for the Village. George Harrison moved that we approve the purchase of the extended warranty of the Generac Generator and Gene Purcell seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark, Superintendent.

Storm sewers on Rt. 33 have been added to the current open permit, effective until March 1, 2018. The two on W. Franklin are complete and one remaining on N. Main, under current permit.

Kathy requested she be allowed to replace the remainder of the railroad crossing signs (N. Pike). They are faded and don't catch motorist's attention. The consensus was to go ahead and replace them.

The DPW got the new impellers installed yesterday.

POLICE REPORT: Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing. The Chief handed out the Palestine Police Dept. Departmental Statistics for Sept. 2017.

PIONEER ROOM/MAIN STREET PARK – OCTOBER – MARY MICHAEL.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. Carol Holbert presented the audit results as previously reported. We also had an audit on our Revolving Loan Fund by Dan Jansen. It too was a clean audit with no findings. Our Annual Treasurer's Report is due by the end of October. Financials for Sept. were distributed.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman.

Employee Relations Committee: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman.

FOIA Officers: Shirley Adams, Chairman.

Ordinance Committee: Pat Schofield.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Tim McDaniel, Chairman. We've had several sidewalks

repaired/replaced.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: George Harrison, Chairman. There was a new sewer tap put on this month.

With no further business to discuss Gene Purcell moved to adjourn. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

PRESIDENT

CLERK