

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 2, 2014

The Palestine Board of Trustees met on January 2, 2014, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Gene Purcell, Greta Dennison, George Harrison, Ricky Stork and J.D. Kimberlin. J.R. Dunlap was absent.

Staff Members present: Police Chief Jeff Besing, Kathy Clark, DPW Superintendent; Tanner Miller, Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk and Shirley Adams, Village Clerk.

Visitors present: Tim and Linda McDaniel, Chris Forde (WTYE), Tom Osborne (Robinson Daily News).

Meeting called to order by Mayor Patricia Schofield.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes were taken by the Village Clerk.

The Minutes of December 5, 2013, were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Dollar General – Site plan w/sewer line and proposed building design. The plans were very well done and approved by the Building Committee.

2. Update on apartment complex on Pike St. Blvd. – Stephanie Bond, Owner. Chief Besing did follow-up on this. An Ordinance Citation was sent and signed for.

3. Update on Perrine Property – Discuss cash assistance for purchase of old trailer. Chief Besing has sent Ordinance Citations to two addresses for Ms. Perrine and they were both undeliverable.

Tom Woodward recently purchased the property that the trailer sits on. He is requesting that we help him with the cost of the purchase of the trailer, which is being sold for taxes. He will then tear the trailer down and clean up the property. Ricky Stork made a motion to assist Tom Woodward with the purchase of up to \$650.00. Gene Purcell seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and Approval – Ordinance to Amend and cover the new State Law for Concealed Carry Law – as recommended by our Village Attorney. Greta Dennison made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-O-01 as written. Ricky Stork seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Update – Streetscape Project. Mayor Schofield received an update from Prairie Engineers. The preliminary plan was submitted to IDOT for the Illinois Historic

Preservation Agency review. They have also been submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office and expect to receive SHPO's comments by the end of January.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Trustees Schedule for opening Pioneer Room for 2014. The new schedule was handed out to the Trustees.

2. Posting of all General Meetings of the Village Board of Trustees, including approved Holidays for Calendar Year 2014. Gene Purcell moved to approve the General Meeting schedule and the approved holidays for 2014. Greta Dennison seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Formal approval of Phone Poll to purchase a new sand spreader. J.D. Kimberlin made a motion to formally approve the purchase of a new sand spreader. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark, Superintendent. Our leaf vac broke down. DPW has ordered a new piece for it but it is still in for repair. A resident's vehicle was damaged from running over a manhole cover, which broke and caused the damage. The vehicle has been repaired. A new winch had to be purchased for the Honda 4-wheeler and we had to get a new power cord for the generator. Tom is now back to full-time and Tanner is full-time/part-time.

POLICE REPORT: Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing. Chief Besing handed out the monthly Police Activity Report for December.

The Sex Offender Registration program has been implemented. Registrations will be conducted on Thursday from 8 am to 12 noon, with appointment only. We are authorized to collect \$100 registration fee from each registrant each calendar year. These fees are distributed to various state agencies with the Village receiving \$35 from the amount collected to be used to purchase necessary supplies to facilitate our registration process.

The repair bill for the Crown Vic patrol vehicle was reimbursed to the Village by the Ford Corporation since it was still under warranty.

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PIONEER ROOM – JANUARY – GEORGE HARRISON

FYI: Mediacom notice of rate increase. Rate adjustments (increases) will be effective January 1, 2014.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. The Village received the final disbursement of the property tax distributions.

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

Employee Relations Committee: Greta Dennison, Chairman.

FOIA Officers: Shirley Adams, Chairman. Greta Dennison, Secondary. The 2014 FOIA modules need to be completed by the end of March.

Ordinance Committee:

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: J.R. Dunlap, Chairman.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Ricky Stork, Chairman.

Greta Dennison moved to go into Executive Session at 5:28 PM for the purpose of:

- 1) 2(C)(1) – Personnel
- 2) 2(C)(21) – Semi-annual review of Executive Session Minutes.

Regular session resumed at 6:45 PM.

On the issue of 2(C)(1) Personnel – Greta Dennison recommend that the Trustees approve a wage increase to Kathy Clark, our DPW Super indent. Greta Dennison moved to approve a \$1.00 an hour increase for Kathy. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

On the issue of 2(C)(21) Semi-annual review of Executive Session Minutes. The following minutes were reviewed and approved to be included in the regular Minute Book for public viewing: January 3, 2013; March 7, 2013; March 18, 2013 and March 26, 2013.

The following Executive Minutes were reviewed: February 7, 2013 and February 14, 2013. Greta Dennison made a motion that they not be allowed to go into the regular Minute Book. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss Ricky Stork moved to adjourn. J.D. Kimberlin seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

MAYOR

CLERK