

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 3, 2013

The Palestine Board of Trustees met on December 6, 2012, 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Gene Purcell, J.R. Dunlap, Larry Miller, Larry Surrells, J.D. Kimberlin and Greta Dennison.

Other Staff Members present: Police Chief Jim Clark, Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk and Shirley Adams, Village Clerk.

Visitors present: George Harrison, Rick Stork, Chris Forde (WTYE), and 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 6, 2013, were accepted as presented.

NOTE: Just as the meeting began, the recorder failed; therefore, there will be no recording of this Board Meeting or the Executive Meeting that followed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Update of Matteson property-205 S. Rush St. No change to date.

2) Report from Personnel Committee- Re: Interview of a candidate for Police Chief. Greta said Mr. Besing is scheduled for an interview by the Personnel Committee this evening after the Board Meeting. She said they have plans to interview another candidate at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Update – Muni-Ag Bid Day – December 11, 2012. Mayor Schofield attended the meeting and said there were 25 to 30 municipalities represented. She said it was exciting to see how the process worked. Homefield Energy won the bid for our area.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark, Superintendent. Kathy was not present. The DPW have worked hard on snow removal. Larry Surrells said they've done a good job.

POLICE REPORT: Chief of Police, Jim Clark. The annual police report, including 5 year statistics, was handed out along with the monthly police report. Jim said he's been busy and working a split shift since Ed is no longer working. In addition to our traffic stops, the Sheriff's Dept. also had about a half dozen.

PIONEER ROOM – JANUARY – LARRY SURRELLS

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. Financial reports are not available at this time.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Larry Miller, Chairman. The outside door to the Pioneer Room is in the process of being repaired.

Employee Relations: Greta Dennison, Chairman.

Finance: Gene Purcell, Chairman.

FOIA OFFICERS: Shirley Adams, Preliminary: Greta Dennison, Secondary.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Larry Surrells, Chairman. We've been working on some sidewalks.

Sewer Committee: Larry Surrells, Chairman. One of the lift pumps is need of repair. Kathy Clark has been in touch with Jason Swain. We are hopeful he will be able to help with the repair.

Other Business:

Mayor Schofield reported that we might be able to lower the amount we pay annually for Workman's Compensation by agreeing to pay a \$1,000 deductible per accident. This is something new to consider and we will discuss it later. Our policy doesn't renew until August so we have time to look into this idea.

Larry Surrells mentioned that some of the Robinson and Palestine Building Trades class will be working on our Main Street Park building. In addition, the PDA may contribute to this.

At 6:20 PM Larry Miller made a motion that we move to go into Executive Session to discuss:

- 1) 2(C)(21) – Review 6 months of Executive Session Minutes (Section 2.06).
- 2) 2(C)(1) - (Possibly for) Personnel – Specifically: Discussion re Possible Candidate for Police Chief.

J.R. Dunlap seconded motion.

Regular Session resumed at 6:35 PM.

Motion was made by Larry Miller to release the following Executive Minutes: July 7, 2011; August 4, 2011; January 5, 2012, April 5, 2012; May 3, 2012. Larry Surrells seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously. Copies of these minutes will be put into the Regular Session Minute Book.

Larry Miller made a motion that our new Police Chief will be required to live within the confines of the Village of Palestine. If that is not possible, a maximum of no more than 3 miles circumference would be acceptable. They would be given six months to relocate with an option that if suitable housing is not found in that time, or the sale of the previous owner's property cannot be consummated, that we could extend the time with Board approval. Larry Surrells seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Larry Surrells moved to adjourn. Greta Dennison seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

MAYOR

CLERK