

## MINUTES

### PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 4, 2018

Palestine Board of Trustees met on January 4, 2018, 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 and Kathy Clark were absent.

Visitors present: Janice Fuller, Lloyd Dunlap, Robert York, Peg Waggoner, Kiley Goodwine, Scott Creed, Sherry Creed, Amy Beckes, and Chris DeWitt (WTYE).

#### 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 December 7, 2017, were accepted as presented.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1) UPDATE REPORT: Condemnation Proceedings. Matteson has been working some on the building. It certainly won't be done by the next court date, January 16<sup>th</sup>. We'll get an update after that.

2) Received \$10,000 Grant from Mary Heath Foundation on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Ordered the new Mosquito Sprayer. Scheduled to be delivered late in January.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1) Ordered appraisal for 307 W. Market St. – For possible offer. The neighbor next to this property is interested in purchasing it.

2) School Consolidation Discussion – Group Representation. The group gave a presentation outlining their issues over the upcoming school consolidation with Hutsonville. They brought up issues as student safety, loss of employment and loss of community businesses. They also raised concerns over property tax rates. They are seeking community support so that everyone is well educated about the proposed consolidation.

3) Sexual Harassment Prohibition Mandate. Although we have a policy in place in our Employee Handbook, the State requires we adopt the new policy by Ordinance.

#### **DPW REPORT:** Kathy Clark, Superintendent.

Ameren will be installing a 6' LED street light on the N/E corner of North Main & East Franklin, at a cost of \$89.00.

The quote on bubble covers for lamp post bases (extra duty) is \$215.20. These are necessary according to the 2017 National Electric Code.

The spreader/blade problems have been repaired and they are back in the barn.

Dee Everingham quoted \$1200 for removing 2 trees and overhang at the lagoon.

The DPW crew built wall storage for both ULV sprayers.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing.

Chief Besing said the “spread the Christmas Spirit” project was a success. They handed out a total of (7) \$20 gift certificates to Pioneer Meat Market on vehicle stops for minor traffic infractions. They also passed out candy canes as well. The Chief thanked Ron Brock for helping with this project.

The Police Dept. took a less aggressive traffic approach throughout the month of December, in that we issued 32 written warnings for non-serious traffic offenses. By issuing written warnings, it allowed them to still enforce traffic violations but help the traffic violator save money for the Christmas holidays. We did issue 13 traffic citations for violations that were on the more serious level.

New Year’s Eve was pretty much uneventful, except for one late night call. The Chief feels the below zero temps helped keep the criminal/DUI activity down.

**PIONEER ROOM/MAIN STREET PARK – JANUARY – GEORGE HARRISON**

FYI: Trustee Volunteers for New Year – 2018.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Budget Committee:** Shirley Adams, Chairman.

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

**Employee Relations Committee:** Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman.

**FOIA Officers:** Shirley Adams, Chairman. FOMA & FOIA training should be completed by March 1, 2018.

**Ordinance Committee:** Pat Schofield.

**Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee:** Tim McDaniel, Chairman.

**Sewer/Lagoon Committee:** George Harrison, Chairman.

Mayor asked for motion to convene into Executive Session under Section 2(C)(21) to review 6 months Executive Session Minutes. Village Clerk reported there were no executive meetings held in the past six months, so no motion was made.

With no further business to discuss Tim McDaniel moved to adjourn. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

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PRESIDENT

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CLERK

