

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

February 5, 2015

Palestine Board of Trustees met on February 5, 2015, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were George Harrison, Ricky Stork, J.R. Dunlap, and Rob Byrley. Larry Miller and Gene Purcell were absent.

Staff Members present: Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk, and Shirley Adams, Village Clerk.

Visitors present: Brian Nethery, Len Daugherty, Camelia Kessel Garrett from Republic Services, Larry Tedford, and Bob Taylor.

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 January 8, 2015, were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Update on Matteson Properties. Court date scheduled for February 10th on the Main St. properties. Trustees are encouraged to attend.

2) Streetscape Discussion. We will be discussing this in full during the March Board Meeting. The Mayor expected a new set of blue prints to be available but we have not received them to date. Maureen Kastl, from IDOT, emailed the Mayor asking if we wanted another meeting. Instead of scheduling another meeting, Mayor Schofield suggested we have Main Street business owners and interested parties attend our next Board meeting for further input before a vote is taken.

3) Camelia Kessel Garrett/Republic: Presentation, discussion and approval of bid for trash hauling contract. Camelia presented a proposal extending our current waste removal agreement. Residential rates for homes within the Village would be \$11.30 per home per month during the 1st year. Years 2-5 would include 2% increases consecutively. This would include curbside waste and recycle removal and the annual cleanups and pickups provided to the Village. Ricky Stork moved to accept the bid as presented for 5 years. Rob Byrley seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Update on the completion of the Lagoon fencing. The fencing is very close to being completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Motor fuel Tax – Discussion and approval. J.R. Dunlap moved to accept the 2015 Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways and Municipal Estimate of Maintenance costs as presented. Ricky Stork seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Final Approval Phone/Email-Sale of old pumps for \$300.00. J.R. Dunlap made a motion for final approval for the sale of the old pumps to Lester Stork for \$300.00. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Final Approval Phone/Email-Release Lis Pendens Notice on Matteson property at 205 N. Rush St., Palestine, IL. Rob Byrley moved to release Lis Pendens Notice on this property. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously. With the release of the lien, the property can be sold.

4) Larry Tedford – Update on approval to put in an RV park on 3 of his lots in Village. A complete set of the lots layout has to be presented and approved by the Board before a vote can be taken. Larry said he might have a feasibility study done before going forward.

5) Budget Workday – Approval for day; March 21 or March 28. It was the consensus of the board to have the budget workday on Saturday, March 28th at 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Breakfast will be provided by the Mayor.

6) Spring Clean-up – Scheduled for 3 days; April 29, 30, and May 1. Folks need to be reminded that the earliest items can be out is Monday, April 27th.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark, Superintendent.

The Village and State Inspector have received complaints of repeated sewer blockages from behind Llama's. Donna Milam, from C.C. Health Dept., notified Kathy that Llama's has been informed that they are required to install a trap or interceptor.

REPORT: Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing.

Officer Carpenter's surgery was successful and he has been going through physical therapy. As of Feb. 4th, he has been cleared for light duty work,

Gene Purcell and Chief Besing served an "Order to Show Cause" to Mr. Matteson in reference to his properties on January 30th, giving him a mandatory court date of February 10 at 8:45 AM.

The Chief wrote letters this week to our political representatives, for help in expediting the release of funds for the new squad car grant. As of yesterday, he received a phone call from Rep. Reggie Phillips and she told him that our funding should be released in mid to late February, at which time we can order the new squad car. It will take approx. 12 weeks to receive it once it is ordered.

PIONEER ROOM/MAIN STREET PARK – FEBRUARY 2015 – ROB BYRLEY

FYI... The annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner will be held on Wednesday, February 18th. Please let Shirley know if you plan to attend in order that she can get tickets ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. December financials were distributed.

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

Employee Relations Committee: Patricia Schofield, Chairman.

FOIA Officers: Shirley Adams, Chairman. Trustees were reminded to complete their annual OMA training.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: J.R. Dunlap, Chairman. Dee Everingham is taking down

some damaged trees in the Village, as finances allow.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Ricky Stork, Chairman. Trustees are invited to be at the test run of the lagoon generator on Tuesday at 10:00 AM.

The old “no trespassing” signs will be put back up at the lagoon until we get new ones.

Other business:

Len Daugherty addressed the Board concerning “RE-NEW”. The Re-New Group brought the drug court to Crawford County. As a fund raiser for the group, Monicals’ Pizza is going to donate 20% of their sales on Tuesday, February 10th.

With no further business to discuss, Ricky Stork moved to adjourn. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

MAYOR

CLERK