

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 3, 2016

Palestine Board of Trustees met on March 3, 2016, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Rob Byrley, Gene Purcell, Tim McDaniel, and J.R. Dunlap. George Harrison and Rick Stork were absent.

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

Visitors present: Jim Clark, Larry Miller, Lamara Shultz and Chris DeWitte (WTYE).

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 February 4, 2016, were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Report/update on the Palestine Community involvement in a Diversity Impact for Cancer – Groups to gather on March 18th and March 19th. At this time our focus has been to find 70 people in the area to participate. The Friday, March 18th gathering will be from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. The Saturday, March 19th gathering will be from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Trustees were encouraged to speak with folks and encourage them to participate. It only takes approximately one hour of their time and it is a simple procedure; they just need to ‘spit in a tube’.

2) Update on meeting with INRD Train Officials – Held Friday, February 19th.

Joshua Sheehan, the new Trainmaster, and two other officials met with the Mayor and some Trustees to discuss the concerns of the Village residents. It was a very productive meeting and they were very willing to listen to our concerns and try and resolve them, if possible. Joshua said that beginning on March 1st he was ordering his people that all trains with any size to be built on the east end of the yard. They all assured us they want to be ‘good neighbors’.

3) Budget Work Day – March 26th – Breakfast served at 8:30/Budget work at 9:00 AM.

4) Charles Moorhead – Introduction to Inkphoria Art Gallery and Custom Tattoos. Mr. Moorhead was unable to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Update on 307 W. Market St. – See attached. After the Trustees reviewed the history of this property, it was their feeling that if we could recoup any of our losses, it would be to our advantage to purchase this lot at a minimal cost and then resell it.

Gene Purcell made a motion that we purchase the lot on 307 W. Market St. and then sell it to an interested party. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark, Superintendent. Received responses from truck equipment suppliers, with only one that met our specifications. It was from Midwest Truck Equipment, Inc. and their bid was for \$8,000. After further discussion, J.R. Dunlap made a motion that the Village purchase the truck bed from Midwest. Tim McDaniel seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jack Murphy has completed the series of Hep A immunizations. He will be going for General Standards testing on March 15th, and after he passes, he will be able to help Kathy with the mosquito spraying this summer.

The DPW installed parking boundaries at the Community Building.

Kathy has made files concerning operating procedures and filing of Net DMRs. She has taught Jack how to monitor and will begin teaching him net filing with the EPA, as the monthly report is ready to file.

REPORT: Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing. The Departmental Statistics for February were distributed.

The owners of the property on S. Pike Street have cleaned up some of the debris and will be making efforts to clean up the remaining debris and haul off the trailer frame.

The basketball fundraiser for the Food Pantry Building, to be held on April 9th, is coming together with 4-5 teams already formed and 2-3 teams giving it consideration.

PIONEER ROOM/MAIN STREET PARK – MARCH 2016 – ROB BYRLEY

FYI: Reminder: Freedom of Information Updates – March 2016.

FYI: Spring Cleanup Schedules – April 20, 21 and 22.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. January and February financials were handed out. Starting work on the budget for FY 2016-2017.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman. One tree was taken down in February; the owner of the property paid half of the cost.

Employee Relations Committee: Patricia Schofield, Chairman.

FOIA Officers: Shirley Adams, Chairman.

Ordinance Committee: Larry Miller, Chairman.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Rob Byrley, Chairman. Waiting on better weather conditions.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Ricky Stork, Chairman.

Other Business:

James Caldwell, from Steak House Supply Co., made a request to get an annual permit to sell meat and gourmet foods in the Village. He is here once every three or four months. Our ordinance is for a “daily” permit. After discussing the issues, Gene Purcell made a motion that the Village ‘not’ issue an annual permit and to keep the ordinance as is. Tim McDaniel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Schofield has received an estimate from Adams Memorials in the amount of \$500.00, to re-set the stone at the Community Building. They will re-set the stone on the existing foundation and clean & cover up the scratches with an auger. The consensus was to have this done.

J.R. has been in touch with Jim Fuller and Jim will change fuel filters as needed.

J.R. asked if emergency contact numbers could be put at lift stations. Although Kathy has given these numbers to the nearest neighbor in case of an emergency, she thought this was a good idea and will follow up on it.

With no further business to discuss Tim McDaniel moved to adjourn. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

PRESIDENT

CLERK