

## MINUTES

### PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 7, 2016

Palestine Board of Trustees met on April 7, 2016, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Rob Byrley, Gene Purcell, Tim McDaniel, George Harrison, Rick Stork and J.R. Dunlap.

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

Visitors present: Alex Pleasant, CCDA Director, Brandon Carpenter, 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 March 3, 2016, were accepted as presented.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1) Update on the Groups to gather on March 18<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>. We had 42 people that participated. It was a little disappointing as we were hoping to have at least 50. Hopefully, they won't need to come back for more.

2) Charles Moorhead-Introduction to Inkphoria Art Gallery and Custom Tattoos. Mr. Moorhead did not attend. They are open now.

3) New Homefield Energy Contract-Accepted by Board of Trustees on Dec. 3, 2015.

Signed into effect on December 10, 2015; New contract will begin June 1, 2016; term is for 3 years; new rate will be \$0.105850/kwh. We did receive the new contract; it was approved last month.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1) Discussion and Formal Approval of Budget. There was one minor change made since we had our budget meeting. Tim McDaniel moved to approve the Budget for FY 2016-2017. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Reminder – Spring Clean-up – April 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Although the town wide clean- up is for three days, they will only pick up at an individual's place one time only.

3) Mediacom Discussion. Apparently the State adopted a law authorizing a cable tv provider to secure a State issued Authorization to operate in a municipality, rather than requiring them to enter into separate franchise agreements with municipalities. Frank Weber has reviewed this and says he can prepare an ordinance that will require Mediacom to give a 5% provider fee to the Municipality.

However, if it requires us to pass on a fee to our residents, then we will have to reconsider it.

**DPW REPORT:** Kathy Clark, Superintendent. Jack passed his General Standards testing to become certified to spray adulticide and herbicides. He and Kathy will share the duties.

We had a complaint of a "children playing" sign installed in a terrace area row. After some discussion, it was the consensus to leave the sign where it is.

Kathy has been in contact with Mark Kintner and are slated for chip and seal in late June or early July.

The Chevy bed has been ordered. It will most likely be in June when it is installed.

The emergency contact information is now on display at all of the lift stations.

By request of the Palestine Development Assoc., Kathy is creating a fund raising sign for the Food Bank Building. The sign will be placed on the Chamber's corner property by Casey's.

**REPORT:** Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing. We are finalizing the basketball fundraiser set for April 9<sup>th</sup>. There are four teams signed up and we are hoping to raise a lot of money for the food pantry.

Chief Besing has issued another letter to the occupants in the 400 block of E. Franklin Street. They have been cleaning up the frontage of their property but, invariably, that trash and debris makes its way to the back side. They have until April 11 to completely remove all of the trash, etc. If not done so by that date, Jeff will meet with the C. C. Health Dept. and call the Lawrence county EPA representative to see what they can do to help us.

The south Pike Street property (mobile home) trailer frame has been removed. There is some insulation debris left over which I will make sure they remove as well.

They are getting ready to check the neighborhoods for abandoned vehicles and tall grasses for ordinance violations since spring is here.

**PIONEER ROOM/MAIN STREET PARK – APRIL – RICK STORK**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Budget Committee:** Shirley Adams, Chairman. March financials were handed out. The Village will be receiving a donation of \$5,000 from Marathon to be used for upkeep and painting.

**Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance:** Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman. Gene said we had one request for a building permit for a fence.

**Employee Relations Committee:** Patricia Schofield, Chairman.

**FOIA Officers:** Shirley Adams, Chairman.

**Ordinance Committee:** Larry Miller, Chairman.

**Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee:** Rob Byrley, Chairman. Rob said the DPW will start on some sidewalks soon. They will concentrate on repairing the worst ones first.

**Sewer/Lagoon Committee:** Ricky Stork, Chairman. The roof of the barn will have to be replaced. Kathy will get some bids. The salt shed needs repaired also.

With no further business to discuss J.R. Dunlap moved to adjourn. Tim McDaniel seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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PRESIDENT

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CLERK